STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2025 No. 59

WELFARE

The Welfare Supplementary Payment (Extension) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025

Laid before the Assembly in draft

Made - - - - 19th March 2025

Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1

The Department for Communities(**a**) makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 137 and 137A of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015(**b**).

In accordance with Article 137(5) and 137A(9) of that Order, a draft of these Regulations has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly.

Citation and commencement

1. —(1) These regulations may be cited as the Welfare Supplementary Payment (Extension) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025.

(2) They come into operation on the day after the day they are made.

Extension of welfare supplementary payments to 31 March 2028

2. In each of the following provisions, for "on 31st March 2025" substitute "on 31st March 2028"—

(a) in the Welfare Supplementary Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**c**), regulations 4(6) and 10(3)(b),

(b) in the Welfare Supplementary Payment (Loss of Carer Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**d**), regulations 6(3)(b), 10(3)(b), 14(3)(b), 18(3)(b) and 20(5)(b),

(c) In the Welfare Supplementary Payment (Loss of Disability Living Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**e**), regulations 6(3)(b) and 6(b), 11(3)(b) and 19(4)(b),

(d) in the Welfare Supplementary Payment (Loss of Disability-Related Premiums) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**a**),regulations 8(3)(b), 17(3)(b), 24(3)(b), 30(3)(b), 36(3)(b) and 39(5)(b).

(**a**) *See* section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.))
(**b**) S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1)
(**c**) S.R. 2016 No. 178; Regulations 4D and 4E were inserted by S.R. 2017 No. 28; amended by S.R 2022 No. 25 and S.R. 2022 No. 32
(**d**) S.R. 2016 No. 253; Regulations 2(1), 20(2) and 22(2) were amended, and regulations 21A and 22A were inserted, by S.R. 2017 No. 28; amended by S.R. 2022 No. 25
(**e**) S.R. 2016 No. 250; amended by S.R. 2022 No. 25

Removal of 31 March 2025 end date for certain conditions for payment

3. In the Welfare Supplementary Payment (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022(**b**), omit regulation 1(3).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 19th March 2025

(L.S.)

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A senior officer of the Department for Communities

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend laws made under Article 137 and Article 137A of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015. Those laws provided for welfare supplementary payment to be paid to individuals where certain entitlements to social security benefits had been terminated or reduced. The relevant common feature of those laws was that they provided for welfare supplementary payment to end on 31st March 2025.

Regulation 2 extends that end date to 31 March 2028.

Regulation 3 provides that certain conditions relating to the payment of welfare supplementary payments, which were due to expire on 31 March 2025, do not expire on that date.

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(**a**) S.R. 2016 No. 254; Regulation 2(1) was amended, and regulations 38A to 38D and 39(2A) were inserted, by S.R. 2017 No. 23

(**b**) S.R. 2022 No.32

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