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DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2022 No.**

**The Welfare Supplementary Payment  
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022**

**Amendments to the Welfare Supplementary Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

**3.—(1)** The Welfare Supplementary Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016<sup>(1)</sup> are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5).

(2) In regulation 4 (benefit cap) –

- (a) omit paragraph (2);
- (b) in paragraph (6), omit the words “commences on the first occasion on which the amount of housing benefit to which the person is entitled is reduced in accordance with regulation 73D of the Housing Benefit Regulations and”;
- (c) omit paragraph (10).

(3) In regulation 4A<sup>(2)</sup> (amount of welfare supplementary payment payable in respect of benefit cap)-

- (a) for paragraph (2) substitute-  
“(2) Welfare supplementary payment is equal to the amount by which a person’s award of housing benefit is reduced in accordance with regulation 73D of the Housing Benefit Regulations.”;
- (b) omit paragraph (3); and
- (c) after paragraph (2) add -  
“(2A) At times after the revocation of paragraph (3), paragraph (2) has effect in relation to a person even if there is a time before revocation when paragraph (3) had effect to reduce an entitlement under paragraph (2) in the person’s case.”.

(4) In regulation 4D<sup>(3)</sup> (termination of welfare supplementary payment if person ceases to be entitled to housing benefit), omit paragraph (3).

(5) In regulation 4H<sup>(4)</sup> (information sharing)-

- (a) after paragraph (2) insert-  
“(2A) The Department may supply information which relates to the payment and administration of welfare supplementary payments and is held by the Department-
  - (a) to a registered housing association, for use by the association in connection with the management of tenants’ accounts; or
  - (b) to a body which appears to the Department to represent housing associations in Northern Ireland, for use by those associations in that connection.”; and
- (b) at the end of paragraph (3)(b) insert “or (2A)”.

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(1) [S.R. 2016 No. 178](#); relevant amending Regulations are [S.R. 2016 No. 389](#), [S.R. 2017 No.28](#) and [S.R. 2022 No. 25](#)

(2) Regulation 4A was inserted by regulation 2(3) of [S.R. 2016 No.389](#)

(3) Regulation 4D was inserted by regulation 19 of [S.R. 2017 No. 28](#) and amended by regulations 2 and 3 of [S.R.2022 No.25](#)

(4) Regulation 4H was inserted by regulation 23 of [S.R. 2017 No. 28](#)

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