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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 222**

**The Universal Credit Housing Costs (Executive Determinations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the Universal Credit Regulations” means the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016;

“the Welfare Reform Order” means the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015;

“assessment period” has the same meaning as in Article 46 of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015;

“broad rental market area” has the meaning given in regulation 3(3);

“broad rental market area determination” means a determination made in accordance with regulation 3;

“the Department” means the Department for Social Development;

“dwelling” means any residential accommodation whether or not consisting of the whole or part of a building and whether or not comprising separate and self-contained premises;

“the Executive” means the Northern Ireland Housing Executive;

“service charge payments” has the meaning specified in paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 (meaning of payments in respect of accommodation) to the Universal Credit Regulations;

“tenancy” includes—

(a) a licence; and

(b) a prospective tenancy or licence, and

references to a tenant or any other expression appropriate to a tenancy shall be construed accordingly;

“tenant” includes, where the tenant is a member of a couple within the meaning of Article 45 of the Welfare Reform Order, the other member of the couple;

“uncontrolled tenancy” means a secure tenancy within the meaning of Article 25 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1983<sup>(1)</sup> or a tenancy which is not controlled within the meaning of Article 40(4) of the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006<sup>(2)</sup>;

“working day” means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day which is a public holiday in Northern Ireland.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations and notwithstanding section 39(2) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>(3)</sup>, where a period of time is expressed to begin on, or to be reckoned from, a particular day, that day shall be included in the period.

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(1) S.I. 1983/1118 (N.I. 15).

(2) S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10).

(3) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

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