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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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2000 No. 268

HOUSING

**The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 2000**

*Made* . . . . . 8th September 2000

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 9th October 2000

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(d), 129(2), 171(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(a), and now vested in it(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 9th October 2000.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(c) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

*Amendment of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations*

2. At the end of regulation 51(2) of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 (eligible rent)(d) there shall be added the following sub-paragraph—

“(e) to whom regulation 48A(5) (full-time students to be treated as not liable to make payments in respect of a dwelling) applies.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 8th September 2000.

(L.S.)

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Social Development

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(a) 1992 c. 7  
(b) See Article 8(b) of, and Part II of Schedule 6 to, the Departments (Transfer and Assignment of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (S.R. 1999 No. 481)  
(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)  
(d) S.R. 1987 No. 461; regulation 51(2) was amended by regulation 7(a) of S.R. 1995 No. 129, regulation 2 of S.R. 1997 No. 127 and regulation 4 of S.R. 1998 No. 112

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations further amend the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987.

Regulation 2 provides that students who were engaged in caring for another person or who were ill and who were unable to resume their course will not be subject to a reduction in their eligible rent for the purpose of determining their entitlement to housing benefit for the period before they resume their course.

The Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

These Regulations do not impose any charge on business.

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