
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend regulation 5 of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987.

Regulation 2 provides that a person who is required by a court to reside in a dwelling which is a hostel shall not be treated as occupying that dwelling as his home. The effect is that a person will not be entitled to housing benefit in respect of that dwelling.

These 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.