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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2003 No. 294**

**The Housing Benefit (State Pension Credit)  
(Abolition of Benefit Periods Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

**PART 4**

**Consequential and Transitional Provisions**

**Amendment of regulation 2 of the Housing Benefit Regulations**

7. In regulation 2(1) of the Housing Benefit Regulations (interpretation) –
- (a) the definition of “benefit period” shall be omitted,
  - (b) after the definition of “Preparation for Employment Programme for 50 plus”(1) there shall be inserted the following definition –
    - ““the qualifying age for state pension credit” means (in accordance with section 1(2) (b) and (6) of the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 –
    - (a) in the case of a woman, pensionable age, or
    - (b) in the case of a man, the age which is pensionable age in the case of a woman born on the same day as the man;”.

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(1) Definition of “Preparation for Employment Programme for 50 plus” was inserted by regulation 13(2)(a) and (3)(a) of [S.R. 2001 No. 151](#)