

2004 No. 344

ENERGY CONSERVATION

**The Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants (Amendment No. 3)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004**

Made - - - - - *4th August 2004*

Coming into operation *27th September 2004*

The Department for Social Development(a), in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 17(1), (2) and (4) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990(b), and now vested in it(c), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 27th September 2004.

Amendments

2. The Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002(d) are amended in accordance with regulation 3.

3. In paragraph (1) of regulation 4, sub-paragraph (d) for the words “and has a relevant income of less than £14,200; and for these purposes “relevant income” has the same meaning as in Part I of the Tax Credits Act 2002.” substitute “and holds a valid NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate and for these purposes NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate means the certificate which is automatically issued by the Prescription Pricing Authority on behalf of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety where the claimant receives tax credits and is entitled to help with health costs.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 4th August 2004.

(L.S.)

D. M. Crothers

A senior officer of the Department for Social Development

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby consents to the foregoing Regulations.

(a) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)

(b) S.I. 1990/1511 (N.I. 15) Article 17 was amended by S.I. 1996/2879 (N.I. 21), Article 3

(c) See S.R. 1997 No. 391 and S.R. 1999 No. 481, Article 6(e) and Schedule 4 Part V

(d) S.R. 2002 No. 56; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2003 No. 385 and S.R. 2003 No. 503

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 11th August 2004.

(L.S.)

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A senior officer of the Department of Finance and Personnel

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

The Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (“the 2002 Regulations”) enable the Department for Social Development to make or arrange for the making of grant for the improvement of energy efficiency in dwellings occupied by persons on low incomes with children, elderly persons on low incomes and persons in receipt of benefit relating to ill health or disability.

These Regulations amend the 2002 Regulations to ensure that persons who apply for a grant and are in receipt of child tax credit or working tax credit which includes a disability element hold a valid NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate.

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