
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 105

**The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014**

Amendment of the State Pension Credit Regulations

5.—(1) The State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(1) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (6).

(2) In regulation 1 (citation, commencement and interpretation)—

(a) in paragraph (2) omit the definition of “service user group”(2); and

(b) after paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) References in these Regulations to a claimant participating as a service user are to—

(a) a person who is being consulted by or on behalf of—

(i) a body which has a statutory duty to provide services in the field of health, social care or social housing, or

(ii) a body which conducts research or undertakes monitoring for the purpose of planning or improving such services,

in their capacity as a user, potential user, carer of a user or person otherwise affected by the provision of those services; or

(b) the carer of a person consulted under sub-paragraph (a).”.

(3) In regulation 17A(3)(f)(3) (earnings of employed earners) for “claimant’s participation in a service user group” substitute “claimant participating as a service user”.

(4) In regulation 18(7A)(4) (notional income) for “claimant’s participation in a service user group” substitute “claimant participating as a service user”.

(5) In regulation 24(3)(5) (income paid to third parties) for “claimant’s participation in a service user group” substitute “claimant participating as a service user”.

(6) In paragraph 9(2B)(6) (the standard rate) of Schedule 2 (housing costs) for “0.5%” substitute “0.5 percentage points”.

(1) [S.R. 2003 No. 28](#); relevant amending Regulations are [S.I. 2003/2175](#), [S.R. 2004 No. 461](#), [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#), [S.R. 2010 No. 340](#) and [S.R. 2011 No. 357](#)

(2) The definition of “service user group” was inserted by regulation 5(2)(b) of [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#)

(3) Regulation 17A was inserted by regulation 5 of [S.I. 2003/2175](#) and paragraph (3)(f) was inserted by regulation 5(3) of [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#)

(4) Paragraph (7A) was added by regulation 5(4)(b) of [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#)

(5) Paragraph (3) was inserted by regulation 14(4)(b) of [S.R. 2011 No. 357](#)

(6) Paragraph 9 was substituted by regulation 4(c) of [S.R. 2004 No. 461](#) and amended by regulation 5 of [S.R. 2007 No. 475](#). Sub-paragraph (2B) was inserted by regulation 2(2) of [S.R. 2010 No. 340](#)