STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 220

The Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

PART 2

Claims

Advance claim for and award of universal credit

- **31.**—(1) This regulation applies where—
 - (a) although a person does not satisfy the conditions of entitlement to universal credit on the date on which a claim is made, the Department is of the opinion that unless there is a change of circumstances that person will satisfy those conditions for a period beginning on a day not more than one month after the date on which the claim is made; and
 - (b) the case falls within a class for which the Department accepts advance claims or is a case where it is otherwise willing to do so.
- (2) The Department is to treat the claim as if made on the first day of that period.
- (3) The Department may award universal credit accordingly, subject to the requirement that the person satisfies the conditions for entitlement on the first day of that period.