
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Social Security (Overpayments and
Recovery) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

PART 4

Calculation of recoverable amount of an overpayment

Diminution of capital

7.—(1) Paragraph (2) applies where—

- (a) there is an overpayment of universal credit which occurred as a consequence of an error relating to the amount of a person's capital; and
- (b) the overpayment period is 3 months or more.

(2) Where this paragraph applies, the Department must, for the purpose only of calculating the recoverable amount of that overpayment—

- (a) at the end of the first 3 months of the overpayment period, treat the amount of that capital as having been reduced by the amount of universal credit overpaid during those 3 months;
- (b) at the end of each subsequent period of 3 months, if any, of the overpayment period, treat the amount of that capital as having been further reduced by the amount of universal credit overpaid during the immediately preceding 3 months.

(3) Capital is not to be treated as reduced over any period other than 3 months in any circumstances other than those for which paragraph (2) provides.