## STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

## 2017 No. 148

## The Employment and Support Allowance (Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional and Savings Provision) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

## Amendment of the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

**4.**—(1) The Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(1) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5).

- (2) In regulation 2(1)(interpretation)—
  - (a) in the definition of "main phase employment and support allowance" after "Welfare Reform Act" insert "or the claimant is a member of the work-related activity group,"; and
  - (b) in the definition of "member of the work-related activity group" for "claimant" substitute "person".

(3) In regulation 7(8)(c)(ii) (circumstances in which a person is or is not to be treated as occupying a dwelling as his home)—

- (a) omit "23 or"; and
- (b) after "of that Schedule" insert "or the claimant or the claimant's partner is a member of the work-related activity group".

(4) In regulation 72(8)(a) (non-dependant deductions) for "or where the non-dependant is not a member of the work-related activity group" substitute "and where the non-dependant is not a member of the work-related activity group".

(5) In paragraph 1A(a) of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts) after "personally" insert "or the claimant is personally a member of the work-related activity group".

S.R. 2006 No. 405; relevant amending Regulations are; S.R. 2008 Nos.179 and 378, S.R. 2009 No. 92, S.R. 2010 No. 312, S.R. 2013 No. 67 and S.R. 2017 No. 51