
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2017 No. 231

**The Rates (Unoccupied Hereditaments)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017**

Amendment of the Rates (Unoccupied Hereditaments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011

2. In the Schedule to the Rates (Unoccupied Hereditaments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011⁽¹⁾, after paragraph 19 there shall be added the following paragraph—

“**20.**—(1) Subject to the conditions in sub-paragraph (2), the hereditament is located in an area included within a scheme made under Article 26 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992⁽²⁾ and the person entitled to possession of the hereditament has qualified for payment from a council assisted under that scheme.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies only to a hereditament which—

- (a) is unoccupied due to flooding following heavy rain or tidal surge;
- (b) has been so unoccupied for a continuous period not less than four weeks; and
- (c) when last in occupation was the only or principle residence of the person now entitled to possession of the hereditament.

(3) Where sub-paragraph (2)(b) applies the exclusion for the unoccupied hereditament will be up to a maximum of six months per incident.”

⁽¹⁾ S.R. 2011 No. 36 as amended by S.R.2013 No. 47, S.R. 2013 No. 80 and S.R. 2014 No. 69.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1992/810 (N.I. 6)