
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations reverse the amendments introduced in Schedule 1 to the Personal Independence Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 ([S.R. 2016 No. 217](#)) by regulation 2(4) of the Personal Independence Payment (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 ([S.R. 2017 No. 69](#)). The corresponding amendments made in Great Britain to the Social Security (Personal Independence Payment) Regulations 2013 ([S.I. 2013/377](#)) by regulation 2(4) of the Social Security (Personal Independence Payment) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 ([S.I. 2017/194](#)) were found to be ultra vires by a decision of the High Court handed down on 21 December 2017 ([2017] EWHC 3375 (Admin)).

Regulation 2 removes wording relating to the exclusion of psychological distress from descriptors c, d and f (planning or following the route of a journey) in the activity “planning and following journeys” in Part 3 of Schedule 1 (mobility activities).

Regulation 3 makes a consequential revocation to the Personal Independence Payment (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 ([S.R. 2017 No. 69](#)).

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.