
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make amendments to secondary legislation as a consequence of the coming into force of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (2014 anaw 4) (“SSWBWA 2014”).

Regulations 2 to 5 amend the following sets of regulations to include reference to the SSWBWA 2014 in provisions which refer to the Children Act 1989 (1989 c. 41).

- the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987;
- the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996;
- the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006; and
- the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Regulation 4 also amends the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 to correct an error in paragraph 17(2)(b)(iv) of Schedule 5 so that it is clear that, where the claimant is a member of a couple and one of them is engaged in remunerative work for on average not less than 16 hours a week, it is the member of the couple who is working who must meet the other qualifying conditions for the disregard.