
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 (S.R. 1987 No. 459), the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R. 1996 No. 198), the State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. 2003 No. 28), the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006 No. 405), the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006 No. 406), the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008 No. 280), Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016 No. 216) and Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016 No. 226).

The amendments provide for the payment of arrears of an armed forces independence payment or a payment made to compensate a person for the non-payment of an armed forces independence payment to be disregarded in the calculation of that person's capital for the purposes of assessing that person's entitlement to income support, jobseeker's allowance, employment and support allowance or universal credit in accordance with the rules relating to the calculation of those benefits.

The amendments also provide for the payment of arrears of maternity allowance or a payment made to compensate a person for the non-payment of maternity allowance to be disregarded in the calculation of that person's capital for the purposes of assessing that person's entitlement to income support, jobseeker's allowance, state pension credit, housing benefit, employment and support allowance or universal credit in accordance with the rules relating to the calculation of those benefits.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.