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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2020 No. 116**

**The Census Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

**Duties in relation to the making of returns**

7.—(1) A prescribed person in making a return in accordance with the Census Order must submit electronically an online questionnaire or return to the Registrar General a completed paper questionnaire, being the relevant questionnaire identified in paragraph 7(3).

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, a questionnaire shall be treated as submitted or returned to the Registrar General when it has been received by the Registrar General.

(3) The questionnaire to be completed and submitted or returned by a prescribed person is the online questionnaire or the paper questionnaire that has the title specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the table in Schedule 1.

(4) Nothing in this regulation shall prevent a prescribed person from making a return by completing a paper questionnaire and also making a return by completing an online questionnaire.

(5) Each prescribed person must comply with the instructions contained in the online questionnaire or paper questionnaire to be submitted or returned by them and provide such information as is requested in that questionnaire and which they are required to provide by the Census Order.

(6) A prescribed person who satisfies the conditions prescribed in article 5(5) of the Census Order and who elects under that article to make an individual return may make that individual return by completing the online questionnaire I4 or the paper questionnaire I4.

(7) Each elector who submits the online questionnaire I4 or returns the paper questionnaire I4 must comply with the instructions contained in, and provide all such information as is requested in, that questionnaire.