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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These regulations amend regulation 3 (universal credit – standard allowance modification) of the Social Security (Coronavirus) (Further Measures) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 ([S.R. 2020 No. 53](#)). By virtue of the amendment the modified rates specified in that regulation are to take effect in relation to each award of universal credit in the first assessment period that ends on or after 6th April 2020.

These Regulations also modify the effect of the amendments made by regulation 4 (local housing allowance) of the Social Security (Coronavirus) (Further Measures) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020, so that determinations of local housing allowance made on 31st March 2020 under regulation 4 of the Universal Credit Housing Costs (Executive Determinations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 ([S.R. 2016 No. 222](#)) take effect in the first assessment period that ends on or after 6th April 2020.

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