
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Social Security (Fines) (Deduction from Benefits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021

Circumstances, time of making and termination of deductions

4.—(1) The Department may make deductions from universal credit under regulation 3(1) only if—

- (a) the debtor is entitled to universal credit throughout any assessment period; and
- (b) no deductions are being made in respect of the offender under any other application.

(2) The Department shall make deductions from universal credit by reference to the times at which payment of universal credit is made to the debtor.

(3) The Department shall cease to making deductions from universal credit if—

- (a) there is no longer sufficient entitlement to universal credit to enable it to make the deduction;
- (b) entitlement to universal credit ceases;
- (c) a collection officer withdraws the application for deductions to be made; or
- (d) the liability to make payment of the outstanding amount has ceased.

(4) Payments of sums deducted from universal credit under these Regulations shall be made to the court at intervals of 13 weeks.

(5) The Department shall notify the debtor in writing of the total of sums deducted under any application—

- (a) on receipt of a written request for such information from the debtor; or
- (b) on the termination of deductions made under any such application.