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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2021 No. 289

HOUSING; RATES; SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Information-sharing in relation to Welfare Services etc.) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021

Made - - - - *27th October 2021*
Coming into operation - *8th November 2021*

The Department for Communities^(a) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 121(3) and 123(2) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015^(b)

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Information-sharing in relation to Welfare Services etc.) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 and come into operation on 8th November 2021.

Amendment of the Social Security (Information-sharing in relation to Welfare Services etc.) Regulations

2.—(1) The Social Security (Information-sharing in relation to Welfare Services etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016^(c) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In the heading to Part 3 after “IN RELATION TO WELFARE SERVICES” insert “OR HOUSING BENEFIT”.

(3) In regulation 6(1) (holding purposes) after “in relation to welfare services” insert “or housing benefit”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 27th October 2021

(a) The Department for Social Development was renamed the Department for Communities in accordance with section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.))
(b) S. I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1); These powers are exercisable by the Department for Communities by virtue of Article 2 of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (Cessation of Transitory Provision) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/927)
(c) S.R. 2016 No. 56

(L.S.)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Social Security (Information-sharing in relation to Welfare Services etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016 No. 56). They are being issued free of charge as they rectify errors in those Regulations.

Regulation 2(2) and (3) make amendments to the heading to Part 3 and regulation 6(1) (holding purposes) so that the purposes for which information must be held by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive or other ‘qualifying person’, in order for those persons to use or supply it, encompass those relating to both ‘welfare services’ and housing benefit. See Articles 121(7) and (8) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006) for the definitions of ‘qualifying person’ and ‘welfare services’.

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