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HOUSING, NORTHERN IRELAND

**The Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>18th March 2022</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>21st March 2022</i>
<i>Coming into operation-</i> -	<i>22nd March 2022</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 22A(3) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and Article 7A(2) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1988(b).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022 and come into operation on 22nd March 2022.

Amendment of the Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

2.—(1) The Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) Regulations 2006 (Northern Ireland)(c) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 3(2) (persons from abroad who are ineligible for an allocation of housing accommodation), after sub-paragraph (k) insert—

“(1) a person who was residing in Ukraine immediately before 1st January 2022 and who left Ukraine in connection with the Russian invasion which took place on 24th February 2022.”.

(3) In regulation 4(2) (persons from abroad who are ineligible for housing assistance), after sub-paragraph (k) insert—

“(1) a person who was residing in Ukraine immediately before 1st January 2022 and who left Ukraine in connection with the Russian invasion which took place on 24th February 2022.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Eddie Hughes

Minister for Housing and Rough Sleeping

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

18th March 2022

(a) S.I. 1981/156 (N.I. 3). Article 22A was inserted by Article 124 of S.I. 2003/412 (N.I. 2).
(b) S.I. 1988/1990 (N.I. 23). Article 7A was inserted by Article 137 of S.I. 2003/412 (N.I. 2).
(c) S.R. 2006/397. Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2020/1309 and S.R. 2021 No. 254.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Regulation 2 of these Regulations amends the Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/397). This is to ensure that persons who were residing in Ukraine immediately before 1st January 2022 and who left Ukraine in connection with the Russian invasion which took place on 24th February 2022, are exempt from the habitual residence test otherwise applicable in relation to eligibility for an allocation of housing accommodation and for housing assistance.

A full Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument because the impact on business is not likely to be significant.

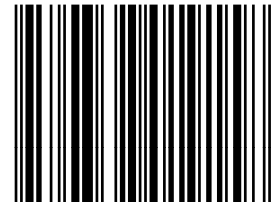
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