
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2022 No. 172

The Income-Related Benefits (Local Welfare Provision Disregard) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022

Amendment of the State Pension Credit Regulations

4.—(1) The State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003⁽¹⁾ are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 1(2) (citation, commencement and interpretation) after the definition of “the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations” insert—

““local welfare provision” means occasional financial or other assistance given by a Northern Ireland Department, or a person authorised to exercise any function of, or provide a service to, it, to or in respect of individuals for the purpose of—

- (a) meeting, or helping to meet, an immediate short term need—
 - (i) arising out of an exceptional event, or exceptional circumstances; and
 - (ii) that requires to be met in order to avoid a risk to the well-being of an individual; or
- (b) enabling individuals to establish or maintain a settled home, where those individuals have been or, without the assistance, might otherwise be—
 - (i) in prison, hospital, a residential care establishment or other institution; or
 - (ii) homeless or otherwise living an unsettled way of life;”.”

(3) In Schedule 5 (income from capital) after paragraph 20(1)(d)⁽²⁾ insert—

“(da) by way of local welfare provision including arrears and payments in lieu of local welfare provision, or”.”

(1) S.R. 2003 No. 28; relevant amending Regulation is S.R. 2003 No. 421

(2) Paragraph 20(1)(d) was substituted by regulation 2(11)(d) of S.R. 2003 No. 421