
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2022 No. 172

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

Amendment of the Housing Benefit Regulations

5.—(1) The Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006⁽¹⁾ are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation) after the definition of “local housing allowance”⁽²⁾ 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 6 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) after paragraph 32 insert—

“**32A.** Any local welfare provision.”.

(4) In Schedule 7 (capital to be disregarded) after paragraph 21 insert—

“**21A.** Any local welfare provision.”.

(1) S.R. 2006 No. 405; relevant amending Regulation is S.R. 2008 No. 101

(2) The definition of “local housing allowance” was inserted by regulation 2(2)(e) of S.R. 2008 No. 101