

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2023 No. 67

**The Social Security Benefits (Claims and Payments)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023**

Amendment of the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payment) Regulations

3.—(1) The Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 are amended in accordance with paragraphs 2 to 5.

(2) In paragraph 8 (Fuel Costs) of Schedule 5 (deductions from benefits and direct payments to third parties)

(3) In sub-paragraph (3), for “(5) and (6)” substitute “(4A), (5) and (6)”.

(4) In sub-paragraph (4)(b), for “equal to” substitute “not more than”.

(5) After sub-paragraph (4), insert—

“(4A) The Department may only make deductions under sub-paragraph (4)(b) if—

- (a) an application for deductions is made by the person to whom the payment is due; and
- (b) except where the application is for a reduction in the amount of a deduction, the claimant consents to the application.”.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 3 in operation at 10.5.2023, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Social Security Benefits (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023, Section 3.