
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2023 No. 97

**The Social Security (Income and Capital Disregards)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023**

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) to (4).

(2) In regulation 1(2) (citation, commencement and interpretation)—

(a) for the definition of “Grenfell Tower payment”(2) substitute—

““Grenfell Tower payment” means a payment made for the purpose of providing compensation or support in respect of the fire on 14th June 2017 at Grenfell Tower;”;

(b) at the appropriate places insert—

““the Horizon system” means any version of the computer system used by the Post Office known as Horizon, Horizon Legacy, Horizon Online or HNG-X;”;

““the Post Office” means Post Office Limited (registered number 02154540);”;

““Post Office compensation payment” means a payment made by the Post Office or the Secretary of State for the purpose of providing compensation or support which is—

(a) in connection with the failings of the Horizon system, or

(b) otherwise payable following the judgment in *Bates and Others v Post Office Limited* ((No. 3) “Common Issues”)(3)

““vaccine damage payment” means a payment made under the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979(4);”;

(c) in the definition of “qualifying person”(5), for “or a Windrush payment” substitute “, a Windrush payment, a Post Office compensation payment or a vaccine damage payment”.

(3) In paragraph 14(8) (persons residing with the claimant) of Schedule 2 (housing costs), after head (bc)(6) insert—

“(bd) any Post Office compensation payment;”.

(4) In Schedule 5 (income from capital), in paragraph 15 (capital disregarded for the purpose of calculating income)—

(1) S.R. 2003 No. 28; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2004 No. 213, S.R. 2005 Nos. 536 and 550, S.R. 2010 No. 69, S.R. 2011 No. 357, S.R. 2017 Nos. 205 and 219, S.R. 2020 No. 108 and S.R. 2021 No. 345

(2) The definition of “Grenfell Tower payment” was inserted by regulation 4(2)(a) of S.R. 2020 No. 108

(3) [2019] EWHC 606 (QB)

(4) 1979 c. 17

(5) The definition of “qualifying person” was amended by regulation 2 of S.R. 2004 No. 213, regulation 6(2)(b) of S.R. 2005 No. 550, regulation 6(3)(a) of S.R. 2010 No. 69, regulation 14(2)(b) of S.R. 2011 No. 357, regulation 4(2)(b) of S.R. 2017 No. 205, regulation 5(2)(c) of S.R. 2017 No. 219, regulation 4(2)(b) of S.R. 2020 No. 108 and regulation 4(2)(b) of S.R. 2021 No. 345

(6) Head (bc) was inserted by regulation 4(3) of S.R. 2021 No. 345

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- (a) in sub-paragraph (1A)(7), after “Windrush payment” insert “, Post Office compensation payment or vaccine damage payment”;
- (b) in each of sub-paragraphs (2) to (6)(8), for “or a Windrush payment” substitute “, a Windrush payment, a Post Office compensation payment or a vaccine damage payment”.

Commencement Information

- II** Reg. 4 in operation at 9.7.2023, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

(7) Sub-paragraph (1A) was inserted by regulation 4(4)(a)(ii) of [S.R. 2020 No. 108](#) and amended by regulation 4(4)(a) of [S.R. 2021 No. 345](#)

(8) Sub-paragraphs (2) to (6) were amended by regulation 4(4)(b) of [S.R. 2021 No. 345](#). Sub-paragraphs (2) to (5) were also amended by Article 2(3) and paragraph 30(5)(e) of Schedule 3 to [S.R. 2005 No. 536](#), regulation 6(7) of [S.R. 2010 No. 69](#) and regulation 4(4)(a)(iii) of [S.R. 2020 No. 108](#). Sub-paragraph (6) was amended by regulation 4(4)(a)(iv) of [S.R. 2020 No. 108](#)

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