
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2024 No. 58

**The Benefit Cap (Annual Limit) (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024**

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Benefit Cap (Annual Limit) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024.

(2) These Regulations come into operation on 21st March 2024.

(3) The amendments made by regulations 2 and 3 apply in relation to an award of universal credit whenever made but only in relation to each assessment period⁽¹⁾ in respect of that award which begins on or after 10th April 2023.

(4) The amendments made by regulations 2 and 4 apply only on and after 3rd April 2023 in relation to housing benefit in respect of rent payable at intervals of a week or any multiple of a week.

(5) In this regulation “housing benefit” means housing benefit under section 129 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992⁽²⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Assessment period has the same meaning as in Article 12(2) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015.

⁽²⁾ 1992 (c. 7); section 129 (2A) and preceding words inserted (1.4.2003) by The Housing Support Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 S.I 2002/3154, (NI 8) Article 8(2).