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**2010 No.**

**The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2010**

**Amendment of regulation 57 of the 2008 Regulations**

**6.—**(1) Amend regulation 57 of the 2008 Regulations (additional requirements for applications on grounds of blindness or other disability) as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2) after “signed by” insert “a person who is registered in the register and who is”.

(3) After paragraph (2)(b) insert—

“(ba) a social worker registered under the principal part of the register maintained by the Northern Ireland Social Care Council under section 3 of the Health and Personal Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2001<sup>(1)</sup>,”.

(4) After paragraph (3)(a) insert—

“(ab) that he is registered in the register;”.

(5) In paragraph (4)(a) for “a Health and Social Services Board” substitute “a Health and Social Care trust”.

(6) For paragraph (4)(b) substitute—

“(b) the application states that the applicant is in receipt of—

(i) the higher rate of attendance allowance (payable under section 65 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992<sup>(2)</sup>); or

(ii) the highest rate of the care component or the higher rate of the mobility component (or both) of the disability living allowance (payable under section 72 and section 73 of that Act),

because of the disability specified in the application.”.

(7) In paragraph (5) for “a Health and Social Services Board” substitute “a Health and Social Care trust”.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 2001 c. 3 (N.I.); section 3 was amended by S.I. 2007/3101.

<sup>(2)</sup> 1992 c.7 (N.I.); sections 72 and 73 (referred to in paragraph (ii)) were amended by section 48 of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 (c. 2).