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The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015

PART 2

Universal credit

CHAPTER 1

Entitlement and awards

Elements of an award

Other particular needs or circumstances

17.—(1) The calculation of an award of universal credit is to include amounts in respect of such particular needs or circumstances of a claimant as may be prescribed.

(2) The needs or circumstances prescribed under paragraph (1) may include—

- (a) the fact that a claimant has limited capability for work;
- (b) the fact that a claimant has limited capability for work and work-related activity;
- (c) the fact that a claimant has regular and substantial caring responsibilities for a severely disabled person.

(3) Regulations are to specify, or provide for the determination or calculation of, any amount to be included under paragraph (1).

(4) Regulations may—

- (a) provide for inclusion of an amount under this Article in the calculation of an award of universal credit—
 - (i) to end at a prescribed time, or
 - (ii) not to start until a prescribed time;
- (b) provide for the manner in which a claimant's needs or circumstances are to be determined.