



Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 7

PART VIII

THE SOCIAL FUND

134 Payments out of the social fund.

- [^{F1}(1) There may be made out of the social fund, in accordance with this Part of this Act—
- (a) payments of prescribed amounts, whether in respect of prescribed items or otherwise, to meet, in prescribed circumstances, maternity expenses and funeral expenses; and
 - (b) payments by way of community care grant, crisis loan or budgeting loan [^{F2}to meet—
 - (i) other needs, and
 - (ii) in the case of payments by way of budgeting loan, those needs for which provision is made by paragraph (a),]in accordance with directions given or guidance issued by the Department.]
- (2) Payments may also be made out of that fund, in accordance with this Part of this Act, of a prescribed amount or a number of prescribed amounts to prescribed descriptions of persons, in prescribed circumstances to meet expenses for heating which appear to the Department to have been or to be likely to be incurred in cold weather.
- (3) The power to make a payment out of the social fund such as is mentioned in subsection (1)(b) above may be exercised by making a payment to a third party with a view to the third party providing, or arranging for the provision of, goods or services for the applicant.
- (4) In this section “prescribed” means specified in or determined in accordance with regulations.
- [^{F3}(5) In this Part—

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“budgeting loan” means a loan awarded in circumstances specified in directions issued by the Department for the purpose of defraying an intermittent expense;

“community care grant” means a grant awarded in circumstances so specified for the purpose of meeting a need for community care;

“crisis loan” means a loan awarded in circumstances so specified for the purpose of meeting an immediate short term need,

and any reference in this subsection to meeting a need or defraying an expense includes a reference to helping to meet the need or to defray the expense.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 134(1) substituted (5.4.1999) by S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10), **art. 66(1)**; S.R. 1999/168, **art. 2(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 134(1)(b) substituted (17.2.2016) by The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006), arts. 2(2), 77; S.R. 2016/46, art. 3(3)
- F3** S. 134(5) added (5.4.1999) by S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10), **art. 66(2)**; S.R. 1999/168, **art. 2(a)**

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