
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1997 (“the 1997 Regulations”) which themselves amend the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1971) (“the Principal Regulations”).

The 1997 Regulations amend the Principal Regulations so as to make service charges for general counselling and support eligible for housing benefit where the claimant occupies supported accommodation (as defined).

Regulation 3 of the 1997 Regulations provides that those Regulations shall cease to have effect on 31st October 1998. These Regulations amend regulation 3 of the 1997 Regulations so as to extend the period during which they have effect until 31st October 1999.

These Regulations do not impose a charge on business.