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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 2968**

**The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit  
(Electronic Communications) Order 2006**

**Amendment of the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006**

**3.—**(1) The Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006<sup>(1)</sup> are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of “the 1973 Act” insert—

““the 2000 Act” means the Electronic Communications Act 2000;” and

(b) after the definition of “the Eileen Trust” insert—

““electronic communication” has the same meaning as in section 15(1) of the 2000 Act;”.

(3) After regulation 64 (time and manner in which claims are to be made) insert—

**“Electronic claims for benefit**

**64A.** A claim for housing benefit may be made by means of an electronic communication in accordance with Schedule 10.”.

(4) After regulation 69 (duty to notify changes of circumstances) insert—

**“Notice of changes of circumstances given electronically**

**69A.** A person may give notice of a change of circumstances required to be notified under regulation 69 by means of an electronic communication in accordance with Schedule 10.”.

(5) After Schedule 9 (prescribed authorities) insert as Schedule 10 the Schedule set out in the Schedule to this Order.