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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations set the weekly sum which local authorities are to assume, in the absence of special circumstances, that residents who are in accommodation arranged under Part 3 of the National Assistance Act 1948, will need for their personal requirements. From the 10th April 2006 all such residents will be assumed to need £20.00 per week.

Secondly, these regulations make further amendments to the National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Regulations 1992 (“the Principal Regulations”).

The Principal Regulations determine the way that local authorities assess the ability of a person to pay for accommodation arranged for him or her under Part 3 of the National Assistance Act 1948.

The amendments provide for civil partners to be treated in the same way as spouses and for adoption support payments under the Adoption and Children Act 2002, to be disregarded both as capital and income.

There are also annual increases to the capital limits and the disregard for those in receipt of pension credit.