

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 (“the Act”), will need for their personal requirements. From 9 April 2007 all such residents will be assumed to need £20.88 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 the Act.

The amendments provide for an increase in the capital limits, an increase in the amount of savings credit to be disregarded and for an amendment to the exemption which applies in relation to child benefit.