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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Coronavirus) (Electronic Communications) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020

Made - - - -	*26 May 2020*
Coming into operation	*27 May 2020*

The Department for Communities makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1 and 2 of the Electronic Communications Act (Northern Ireland) Act 2001(**1**).

In accordance with section 1(3) of that Act it considers that the authorisation of the use of electronic communications by this Order for any purpose is such that the extent (if any) to which records of things done for that purpose will be available will be no less satisfactory in cases where use is made of electronic communications than in other cases.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Social Security (Coronavirus) (Electronic Communications) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020 and comes into operation on27th May 2020.

Amendment of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987

2.—(1) The Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**2**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 4ZC(2)(**3**) (electronic claims for benefit) after "state pension under Part 1 of the 2015 Act" insert ", state pension credit".

(3) In paragraph 2 of Schedule 8D(**4**) (conditions for the use of electronic communication)—

(i) after "state pension under Part 1 of the 2015 Act" insert ", state pension credit";

(ii) at the end omit "and state pension credit".

(**1**) 2001 c.9 (N.I.).
(**2**) S.R. 1987 No. 465.
(**3**) Regulation 4ZC was inserted by Article 2(3) of S.R. 2006 No. 203 and amended by Article 2(2) of S.R. 2011 No. 298, regulation 9(5) of S.R. 2015 No. 411 and regulation 10(5) of S.R. 2017 No. 66.
(**4**) Schedule 8D was inserted by Article 2(4) of S.R. 2006 No. 203 and amended by Article 2(4) of S.R. 2011 No. 298, Article 2(3) of S.R. 2011 No. 431, regulation 9(21) of S.R. 2015 No. 411 and regulation 10(14) of S.R. 2017 No. 66.