STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2020 No. 61

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Coronavirus) (Further Measures) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

Made - - - -	*at 1.45 p.m. on 3rd April 2020*
Laid before Parliament	*at 3.00 p.m. on 3rd April 2020*
Coming into force - -	*6th April 2020*

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 5, 14(2), 16, 38(1) and 48(1) and (2) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015(**1**).

Those powers are exercisable by the Secretary of State by virtue of Article 4(1)(a) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015(**2**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Coronavirus) (Further Measures) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and shall come into operation on 6th April 2020.

Universal credit – standard allowance and local housing allowance modifications

2.—(1) In regulation 3(2) of the Social Security (Coronavirus) (Further Measures) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020(**3**) (universal credit – standard allowance modification), for "from the day specified in Article 1(1)(o) of the 2020 Up-rating Order" substitute "in the first assessment period that ends on or after 6th April 2020".

(2) In relation to any determination of local housing allowance made on 31st March 2020 in accordance with paragraph (1) of regulation 4 of the Universal Credit Housing Costs (Executive Determinations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**4**) (local housing allowance determinations), that regulation has effect as if—

(a) for paragraph (3) of that regulation there were substituted—

(**1**) S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1); Article 5 is cited for the meaning of "prescribed".
(**2**) Article 4 was amended by Article 4 of the Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/999 (N.I. 1).
(**3**) S.R. 2020 No. 53.
(**4**) S.R. 2016 No. 222.