STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Universal Credit (Childcare Costs and Minimum Income Floor) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019

Made - - - -	*at 11.43 a.m. on 9th September 2019*
Laid before Parliament	*9th September 2019*
Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(2) and (3)	

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 5, 13(3)(a) and (4), 17(1) and (3) and 48(1) of, and paragraph 4(1), (3)(a) and (4) of Schedule 1 to, the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015(**1**).

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

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Universal Credit (Childcare Costs and Minimum Income Floor) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019.

(2) This regulation and regulation 3 come into operation on 3rd October 2019.

(3) Regulation 2 comes into operation on 16th October 2019.

Childcare Costs

2. In regulation 34 of the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**2**)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(a) (the childcare costs condition) for "before the end of that assessment period" substitute "before the end of the assessment period that follows the assessment period in which they are paid";

(b) after paragraph (2) insert—

"(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), "the relevant notification period" in regulation 36 of the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Decisions and Appeals)

(**1**) S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1). Regulation 5 is cited for the meaning of "prescribed".
(**2**) S.R. 2016 No. 216.