STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Universal Credit (Reduction of the Earnings Taper Rate) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

Made - - - -	*6th July 2017*
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Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1	

The Secretary of State makes the following regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 5 and 13(3)(a) of, and paragraphs 4(1) and (3)(a) of Schedule 1 to, 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.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Universal Credit (Reduction of the Earnings Taper Rate) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017.

(2) This regulation and regulation 2(1) and (2) come into operation immediately after the coming into operation of the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**2**).

(3) Regulation 2(3) come into operation immediately after the coming into operation of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017(**3**).

Changes to calculation of deductions in respect of earned income

2.—(1) The Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 23(1)(b)(i) and (ii) (deduction of income and work allowance) for "65%" substitute "63%" in both places it occurs.

(3) In regulation 54(6) (surplus earnings) in the formula in the definition of "the nil UC threshold"(**4**) for "65" substitute "63".

(**1**) S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1). Article 5 is an interpretation provision and is cited for the meaning of "prescribed" and "regulations"
(**2**) S.R. 2016 No. 216
(**3**) S.R. 2017 No. 116
(**4**) The formula in the definition of "the nil UC threshold" was substituted by regulation 8(5) of S.R. 2017 No. 116