STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2017 No. 144

HOUSING

The Universal Credit Housing Costs (Executive Determinations) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

Made - - - -	*6th July 2017*
Laid before Parliament	*10th July 2017*
Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1	

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 16, 38(1) and 48(2)(b) 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.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Universal Credit Housing Costs (Executive Determinations) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 and shall come into operation immediately after the coming into operation of the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**2**)

Amendment to the Universal Credit Housing Costs (Executive Determinations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

(2) In regulation 3 (broad rental market area determinations) after paragraph (2) insert—

"(2A) The power in paragraph (2) is not limited by paragraph 2(1A) or (1B) of Schedule 1.".

(3) In Schedule 1 (local housing allowance determinations)—

(a) in paragraph 2 (local housing allowance for category of dwelling in paragraph 1)—

(i) after sub-paragraph (1) insert—

(**1**) S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1)
(**2**) S.R. 2016 No. 216
(**3**) S.R. 2016 No. 222

"(1A) For a broad rental market area not listed in column 1 in the table in paragraph 5 the local housing allowance for any category of dwelling is the lower of the amounts in sub-paragraphs (2)(a) and (b).

(1B) For a broad market area listed in column 1 of the table in paragraph 5, the local housing allowance—

(a) for a category of dwelling listed in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that table, is the lower of the amounts set out in sub-paragraph (2A)(a) and (b);

(b) for a category of dwelling not so listed, is the lower of the amounts set out in sub-paragraph (2)(a) and (b).";

(ii) in sub-paragraph (2)—

(aa) for the words before paragraph (a) substitute "The amounts referred to in sub-paragraph (1A) and (1B)(b) are—";

(bb) at the end of paragraph (a) for "or" substitute "and";

(cc) in paragraph (b) omit ", where that rent is lower than the allowance referred to in head (a)";

(iii) after sub-paragraph (2) insert—

"(2A) The amounts referred to in sub-paragraph (1B)(a) are—

(a) the local housing allowance determined for that category of dwelling on 30th January 2015, plus 3%; and

(b) the maximum local housing allowance listed in column (2) of the following table for the category of dwelling—

(1) Category of dwelling as defined in the following paragraphs of this Schedule	*(2) Maximum local housing allowance for that category of dwelling*
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Paragraph 1(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation)	£1129.42
Paragraph 1(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use)	£1129.42
Paragraph 1(c) (two bedrooms)	£1310.13
Paragraph 1(d) (three bedrooms)	£1536.01
Paragraph 1(e) (four bedrooms)	£1807.07"

(b) after paragraph 4 add—

"**5.** The table referred to in paragraph 2(1A) and (1B) is—

(1) Broad rental market area	*(2) Category of dwelling as defined in the following paragraphs of this Schedule*
BRMA1 – South	Paragraph 1(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation)
BRMA1 – South	Paragraph 1(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use)