STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 52

ENERGY CONSERVATION

The Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

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Coming into operation-	*21st March 2014*

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 17 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990(**1**) and now vested in it (**2**)and with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and shall come into operation on 21st March 2014.

(2) In these Regulations "the Principle Regulations" means The Domestic Energy Efficiency Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009(**3**).

Amendments to the Principal Regulations

2. The Principal Regulations are amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 8.

3. In regulation 2 (interpretation) after the definition of "the Department" insert:—

> ""affordable warmth survey" means a survey of homes identified by the University of Ulster as most at risk of fuel poverty by Census Output Area;".

4.—(1) In regulation 4(1) (purposes for which grant may be approved) after sub paragraph (a) insert:—

> "(aa) to provide insulation in any accessible roof space in a dwelling surveyed in the affordable warmth survey including the insulation of any cold water tank and any water supply, overflow and expansion pipes in such a space;".

(2) In regulation 4(2) after sub-paragraph (f) insert:—

(**1**) S.I. 1990/1511 (N.I. 15) Article 17 was amended by S.I. 1996/2879 (N.I. 21) Article 3.
(**2**) See S.R. 1997 No. 391 and S.R. 1999 No. 481, Article 6(e) and Schedule 4 Part V.
(**3**) See S.R. 2009 No.195

"(g) to replace an inefficient boiler that is over 15 years old;

(h) to service a boiler in a dwelling surveyed in the affordable warmth survey.".

5. In regulation 5 (persons to whom a grant may be made) after paragraph (5) insert:—

"(5A) This regulation applies to a householder of a dwelling surveyed as part of the fuel poverty survey as if paragraphs (3) and (4) were omitted."

6. In regulation 6 (maximum amount of grant):—

(a) after paragraph (1) insert:—

"(1A) The Department or its administering agency shall not pay a total amount of warm homes grant in respect of an application qualifying under regulation 4(1)(aa) exceeding £1,500.";

(b) after paragraph (2) insert:—

"(2A) The Department or its administering agency shall not pay a total amount of warm homes plus grant in respect of an application qualifying under regulation 4(2)(g) exceeding:—

(a) £1,000 where the householder's income is less than £20,000;

(b) £500 where the householder's income is between £20,000 and £39,999.

(2B) The Department or its administering agency shall not pay a total amount of warm homes plus grant in respect of an application qualifying under regulation 4(2)(h) exceeding £50.";

(c) in paragraph (2) for "£4,300" substitute "£6,500";

(d) in paragraph (3) for "£6,000" substitute "£8,200".

7.—(1) In regulation 7 (applications for grant):—

(a) in paragraph (3) for "The application shall contain" substitute "An application qualifying under regulation 4(1) or 4(2) shall contain";

(b) after paragraph (3) insert:—

"(4) An application qualifying under regulation 4(2)(g) shall contain:—

(a) a quotation for the works;

(b) proof of age of the existing boiler; and

(c) a building control certificate.".

(2) This regulation shall not have effect in relation to grants approved under regulations (4)(1)(aa) and 4(2)(h).

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8.—(1) Regulation 6 of the Principal Regulations, as that regulation had effect immediately before the relevant date, shall continue to apply to an application for a Warm Homes grant or a Warm Homes Plus grant made before the relevant date.

(2) In paragraph (1) the relevant date means the date of coming into operation of these Regulations.