
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 464

HOUSING

**The Home Repair Assistance Grant
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

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Coming into operation *1st December 2003*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 109 and 148(1) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003⁽¹⁾ and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Home Repair Assistance Grant Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 1st December 2003.

(2) In these Regulations –

“the 2003 Order” means the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003;

“associated equipment” includes any plumbing fittings which are within the pipe work or are necessary to connect the pipe to the tap or main and includes, where the supply of water is indirect, the storage tank;

“assistance” means home repair assistance;

“housing benefit” means housing benefit under Part VII of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992⁽²⁾;

“income-based jobseeker’s allowance” means an income-based jobseeker’s allowance under Article 3(4) of the Jobseeker’s (Northern Ireland) Order 1995⁽³⁾;

“pension credit” means state pension credit under section 2 of the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002⁽⁴⁾;

“property” means a dwelling or mobile home;

“income support” means income support under Part VII of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

(1) S.I.2003/412 (N.I. 2); see Article 2(2) for the definitions of “the Department” and “the Executive”

(2) 1992 c. 7

(3) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15); the definition of “an income-based jobseeker’s allowance” was amended by paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 7 to S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11)

(4) 2002 c. 14 (N.I.)

“working tax credit” means a working tax credit under section 10 of the Tax Credits Act 2002(5).

Applications for assistance

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Executive shall not entertain an application for assistance unless it is satisfied that the applicant or his partner is in receipt of income support, income-based jobseeker’s allowance, housing benefit or working tax credit.

(2) The condition in paragraph (1) does not apply –

- (a) to an applicant who is elderly, disabled or infirm, or
- (b) in respect of works to adapt a property to enable an elderly or infirm person, who lives or proposes to live in the property, to be cared for.

Making an application for assistance

3. All applications for assistance shall be in writing and shall contain the information specified in Schedule 1.

Works qualifying for assistance

4. The works specified in Schedule 2 may qualify for assistance in the form of grant or the provision of materials or both subject to the total amount or value specified in regulation 3 of the Housing Renovation etc. Grants (Grant Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003(6).

Dealing with applications for assistance

5. Applications for assistance shall be dealt with in accordance with Schedule 3.

Effect

6. These Regulations shall not have effect in relation to applications for grant under Article 69 of the Order of 1992 made before 1st December 2003.

Revocation and Savings

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) the Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(7), the Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings (Lead Pipes) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992(8), the Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(9) and the Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000(10) are hereby revoked.

(2) The Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992, the Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings (Lead Pipes) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992, the Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and the Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 shall continue to apply to an application for a grant made before 1st December 2003.

(5) 2002 c. 21
(6) S.R. 2003 No. 463
(7) S.R. 1992 No. 377
(8) S.R. 1992 No. 376
(9) S.R. 1997 No. 79
(10) S.R. 2000 No. 61

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