STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 98

HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefit (Habitual Residence) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

Made - - - -	*26th March 2014*
Coming into operation	*1st April 2014*

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 122(1)(d), 133(2)(i) and 171(1), (3) and (4), of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and now vested in it(**2**).

The Regulations are made with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**3**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (Habitual Residence) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and come into operation on 1st April 2014.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**4**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Amendment of the Housing Benefit Regulations

2.—(1) In regulation 10 of the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(**5**) paragraph (5)(**6**) is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In sub-paragraph (j) omit the final "or".

(3) In sub-paragraph (l)(**7**) omit ", an income-based jobseeker's allowance".

(4) After sub-paragraph (l) add—

"; or

(**1**) 1992 c. 7; section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21)
(**2**) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) *See* section 171(6A) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 as inserted by Article 3(3) of the Social Security (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1579 (N.I. 8)); *see also* Article 6(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**4**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**5**) S.R. 2006 No. 405; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2008 No. 378, S.R. 2013 No. 167 and S.R. 2013 No. 246
(**6**) Paragraph (5) was amended by regulation. 5 of S.R. 2013 No. 167 and regulation 9(2) of S.R. 2013 No. 246
(**7**) Sub-paragraph (l). was amended by regulation 3(6) of S.R. 2008 No. 378