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HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made	*8th April 1994*
Coming into operation . .	*1st May 1994*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(*d*), 129(4) and 131(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland(**b**) so far as relates to matters with regard to which such consent is required, and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals to make these regulations should not be referred to it(**c**), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1994.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**d**) shall apply to these regulations as it applies to a measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations

2. In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**e**) (ineligible service charges) for sub-paragraph (*f*) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

"(*f*) charges in respect of general counselling or of any other support services, whoever provides those services, except where those services—

(i) relate to the provision of adequate accommodation, or

(ii) are provided to tenants by either—

(*aa*) their landlord in person, or

(**a**) 1992 c. 7

(**b**) *See* section 171(6A) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 inserted by Article 3(3) of the Social Security (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1579 (N.I. 8))

(**c**) *See* section 150(1)(*b*) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

(**d**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(**e**) S.R. 1987 No. 461, to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations