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HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made	*16th October 1992*
Coming into operation . .	*23rd November 1992*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(*d*) and 129(2) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 23rd November 1992.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**b**) 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 regulation 8 of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**c**) (eligible housing costs)—

(*a*) in paragraph (1) for "paragraph (2)" there shall be substituted "paragraphs (2) and (2A)";

(*b*) after paragraph (2) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

"(2A) Where any payment for which a person is liable in respect of a dwelling and which is specified in regulation 10(1) (rent), is increased on account of—

(*a*) outstanding arrears of any payment or charge; or

(*b*) any other unpaid payment or charge,

to which paragraphs (1) to (3) of that regulation or Schedule 1 (ineligible service charges) refer and which is or was formerly owed by him in respect of that or another dwelling, a rent rebate or, as the case may be, a rent allowance shall not be payable in respect of that increase.".

(**a**) 1992 c. 7
(**b**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**c**) S.R. 1987 No. 461; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1988 Nos. 314 and 424, S.R. 1989 No. 408 and S.R. 1992 No. 404