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HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefit (Supply of Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988

Made	*31st March 1988*
Coming into operation . .	*1st April 1988*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 32(1) and (2) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations, which may be cited as the Housing Benefit (Supply of Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988, shall come into operation on 1st April 1988.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Order" means the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986;

"appropriate office" means an office of the Department which is normally open to the public for the receipt of claims for income support and unemployment benefit;

"benefit" means any benefit under the benefit Acts and any social fund payments such as are mentioned in Article 33(2) of the Order(**b**);

"claimant" means a person claiming housing benefit;

"the Executive" means the Northern Ireland Housing Executive;

"partner" means—

(*a*) where a claimant is a member of a married or unmarried couple, the other member of that couple; or

(*b*) where a claimant is polygamously married to 2 or more members of his household, any such member.

Information to be supplied by the Department to the Executive

2.—(1) For the purposes of Article 32(1) of the Order (information which may be supplied by the Department where required by the Executive in connection with the exercise of the Executive's functions relating to housing benefit), the information prescribed by this regulation is—

(**a**) S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18)

(**b**) Article 33(2) was amended by Article 3 of the Social Fund (Maternity and Funeral Expenses) (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (S.I. 1987/464 (N.I. 8))