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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 270**

**WELFARE REFORM**

The Discretionary Support Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

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THE DISCRETIONARY SUPPORT  
REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2016

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  - 3. Work related expenses.
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  - 5. Domestic assistance and respite care.
  - 6. Medical items or services including surgical, optical, aural and dental...
  - 7. Mobility needs.
  - 8. Funeral and maternity expenses.
  - 9. Any expenses which the Trusts or Local Councils have a...
  - 10. Housing costs, including repairs modifications and improvements to the dwelling...
  - 11. Removal or storage charges where a claimant is re-housed following...

12. Costs associated with home or personal security measures including locks,...
  13. A television or radio and licence, aerial, cable, satellite or...
  14. Costs of purchasing, renting, installing or maintaining a computer, telephone,...
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  16. Holidays.
  17. Debts to government departments.
  18. Investments.
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1. Any need which occurs outside Northern Ireland.
  2. An educational or training need including clothing, tools, school uniforms...
  3. Work related expenses.
  4. Expenses in connection with court or legal proceedings (including community...
  5. Domestic assistance and respite care.
  6. Medical items or services including surgical, optical, aural and dental....
  7. Mobility needs.
  8. Funeral and maternity expenses.
  9. Any expenses which the Trusts or Local Government have a...
  10. Housing costs, including repairs modifications and improvements to the dwelling...
  11. Removal or storage charges where a claimant is re-housed following...
  12. Costs associated with home or personal security measures including locks,...
  13. A television or radio and licence, aerial, cable, satellite or...
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  4. Any payments under article 15(1) or article 29(1) of the...
  5. Access to Work payments.
  6. Any reimbursements for hospital travel or prescription charges under the...
  7. Northern Ireland Single Assessment Tool (NISAT).
  8. Any payments made in respect of Fostering Allowance and other...
  9. Expenses paid to jurors or witnesses in court cases (excluding...
  10. In the case of employment as an employed earner, any...
  11. In the case of a payment of statutory sick pay...

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12. Any payment to the claimant as a holder of the...
13. Any payment to the claimant of a War Disablement Pension...
14. Any payment to the claimant under the Civilian War Pension...
15. Except where regulation 17 applies, income in kind.
16. Attendance Allowance under Section 64 Social Security Contributions and Benefits...
17. Disability Living Allowance under Section 71 Social Security Contributions and...
18. Guardians Allowance under Section 77 Social Security Contributions and Benefits...
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29. Discharge grants paid on release from prison.
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32. Any earnings or income derived from employment, or otherwise, which...
33. Where a payment, to which paragraph 32 applies, is made...
34. Adoption allowance, paid in respect of maintenance for a child...
35. Any payment arising as a result of the Welfare Supplementary...
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1. Any sum— (a) paid to the claimant in consequence of...
2. Any capital which is by virtue of regulation 16 to...
3. Where funds of a trust are derived from a payment...
4. Any payment made by the Victims and Survivors Service.
5. Any payment to the claimant of a War Disablement Pension...
6. Any payment to the claimant under the Civilian War Pension...
7. Any payments under article 15(1) or article 29(1) of the...
8. Any social fund payment.
9. Any discretionary support payment.
10. The surrender value of any policy of life insurance.
11. The value of the right to receive any income under...
12. Any capital of a child or young person who is...
13. Personal Independence Payments under Part 5 of the Welfare Reform...
14. Any payment arising as a result of the Welfare Supplementary...

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