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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 1992**

**JUSTICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2016**

**THE UNIVERSAL CREDIT, PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENT,  
JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE AND EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE  
(CLAIMS AND PAYMENTS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN  
IRELAND) 2026**

**MADE – 27 MARCH 2026 S.R. 2026 No. 65**

**DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I enclose for laying before the Assembly an electronic copy of the above-named Statutory Rule and Explanatory Memorandum.

The Rule is subject to the negative resolution procedure before the Assembly.

I understand you will send electronic copies of those documents to the Departmental Committee, the Examiner of Statutory Rules and the Assembly Library.

There has been no change in policy content since the SL1 was submitted to the Communities Committee on 13 March 2026 and considered at its meeting on 26 March 2026.

The Great Britain comparable Instrument is the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (S.I. 2026/322).

Yours faithfully



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