

UC - RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH NI

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INTRODUCTION

- 1 This memo gives guidance on the UC (NI Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations 2020¹. The regulations come into force on 24.07.2020.

1 The Universal Credit (Northern Ireland Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations 2020

THE RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 2 These are reciprocal arrangements for UC between GB and NI (known as territories) and cover claimants moving from one territory to another. Parallel regulations are in place for NI¹.

1 The UC (GB Reciprocal Arrangements) regulations (NI) 2020

- 3 Acts omissions or events having effect in GB or NI for the purposes of the relevant legislation are to have corresponding effect in the other territory and in particular—
 1. a claim for universal credit made in GB or NI has effect as if made in the other territory;
 2. residence, presence or employment in GB or NI will have effect as if it were residence, presence or employment in the other territory;
 3. any period time served for any purpose in GB or NI has effect as if it were served for a corresponding purpose in the other territory¹.

1 The UC (NI Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations 2020 sch, para 2

- 4 A decision made in GB or NI can be revised, superseded or heard on appeal in whichever of the two territories the claimant is¹.

1 The UC (NI Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations 2020 sch, para 3



Example

A person claims UC whilst in GB but is disallowed. That person moves to NI and appeals that decision the appeal can be heard in Northern Ireland.

- 5 For a revision, supersession or appeal to take place in the other territory, the person must be "in" that territory. A casual presence is not enough¹.

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- 6 If the person is not "in" that territory, the revision, supersession or appeal must be decided in the territory where the original decision was made.

- 7 None of the above shall confer a right to double benefit¹.

1 The UC (NI Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations 2020 sch, para 4

ANNOTATIONS

Please annotate the number of this memo (ADM Memo 18/20) against the following ADM paragraph:

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CONTACTS

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