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I, ALAN KELLY, Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 4 and 43 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 2014 (No. 21 of 2014), and with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, hereby make the following regulations:

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Assistance Payment (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2015.

Commencement

2. (1) Regulation 4(1) comes into operation on 2 November 2015.

(2) Regulation 4(2) comes into operation on 16 November 2015.

Definition

3. In these Regulations “Principal Regulations” means the Housing Assistance Payment Regulations 2014 (S. I. No. 407 of 2014).

Maximum rent limits

4. (1) Regulation 10 (as amended by the Housing Assistance Payment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2015 (S.I. No. 304 of 2015)) of the Principal Regulations is amended by—

(a) substituting the following for the Table to that Regulation:

*Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in
“Iris Oifigiúil” of 3rd November, 2015.*

“TABLE

MAXIMUM MONTHLY RENT LIMITS

Local authority administrative area (1)	Household class						
	One adult in shared accommodation (2)	A couple in shared accommodation (3)	One adult (4)	A couple (5)	One adult, or a couple, with 1 child (6)	One adult, or a couple, with 2 children (7)	One adult, or a couple, with 3 children (8)
Carlow County Council	€ 230	€ 250	€ 375	€ 433	€ 520	€ 560	€ 590
Clare County Council	190	210	320	350	400	450	500
Cork City Council	250	270	485	575	700	725	750
Cork County Council	250	270	485	575	700	725	750
Donegal County Council	175	200	300	325	350	400	450
Dublin City Council	350	400	520	750	950	975	1,000
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	350	400	520	750	950	975	1,000
Fingal County Council	300	350	520	700	850	900	950
Kildare County Council	350	400	520	750	950	975	1,000
Kilkenny County Council	200	230	390	430	540	565	590
Limerick City and County Council	200	240	375	400	500	550	600
Louth County Council	215	250	390	400	550	575	600
Meath County Council	300	350	520	700	850	900	950
Monaghan County Council	180	190	300	350	400	433	450
Offaly County Council	200	220	360	400	450	475	500
South Dublin County Council	420	480	624	900	1,140	1,170	1,200
Tipperary County Council	195	220	370	400	485	500	525
Waterford City and County Council	220	240	375	390	475	500	525

”,

(b) substituting the following for paragraph (2):

“(2) (a) In the case of a qualified household that consists of a person or persons regarded by a housing authority as being homeless, within the meaning of section 2 of the Housing Act 1988 (No. 28 of 1988), the monthly amount set out for the appropriate household class in the Table to this Regulation may be increased by a sum that does not exceed—

(i) 50 per cent of the amount concerned, where this is necessary to source a suitable dwelling for the household concerned in the administrative area of Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council or Fingal County Council, and

(ii) 25 per cent of the amount concerned, where this is necessary to source a suitable dwelling for the household concerned in the administrative area of South Dublin County Council.

(b) The amount of housing assistance payable under subparagraph (a) in a particular case shall be reviewed every 6 months by the housing authority concerned.”,

and

(c) inserting the following after paragraph (2):

“(3) (a) The monthly amount set out for the appropriate household class in the Table to this Regulation may be increased by a sum that does not exceed 20 per cent of the amount concerned, where this is necessary to source a suitable dwelling for a qualified household in the administrative area of a housing authority referred to in subparagraph (b).

(b) The housing authorities for the purposes of subparagraph (a) are-

(i) Cork City Council,

(ii) Cork County Council,

(iii) Kildare County Council, and

(iv) Meath County Council.”.

4. (2) Regulation 10 (as amended by Regulation 4(1)(a) of these Regulations) of the Principal Regulations is amended by—

(a) substituting the following for the Table to that Regulation:

“TABLE
MAXIMUM MONTHLY RENT LIMITS

Local authority administrative area	Household class						
	One adult in shared accom- modation	A couple in shared accom- modation	One adult	A couple	One adult, or a couple, with 1 child	One adult, or a couple, with 2 children	One adult, or a couple, with 3 children
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Carlow County Council	€ 230	€ 250	€ 375	€ 433	€ 520	€ 560	€ 590
Clare County Council	190	210	320	350	400	450	500
Cork City Council	250	270	485	575	700	725	750
Cork County Council	250	270	485	575	700	725	750
Donegal County Council	175	200	300	325	350	400	450
Dublin City Council	350	400	520	750	950	975	1,000
Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council	350	400	520	750	950	975	1,000
Fingal County Council	300	350	520	700	850	900	950
Galway County Council	280	300	475	540	700	725	750
Kildare County Council	350	400	520	750	950	975	1,000

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Kilkenny County Council	€ 200	€ 230	€ 390	€ 430	€ 540	€ 565	€ 590
Limerick City and County Council	200	240	375	400	500	550	600
Louth County Council	215	250	390	400	550	575	600
Mayo County Council	195	215	375	390	433	465	500
Meath County Council	300	350	520	700	850	900	950
Monaghan County Council	180	190	300	350	400	433	450
Offaly County Council	200	220	360	400	450	475	500
Sligo County Council	195	220	400	425	520	540	550
South Dublin County Council	420	480	624	900	1,140	1,170	1,200
Tipperary County Council	195	220	370	400	485	500	525
Waterford City and County Council	220	240	375	390	475	500	525

”,

and

(b) substituting the following for paragraph (3)(b):

“(b) The housing authorities for the purposes of subparagraph
(a) are-

- (i) Cork City Council,
- (ii) Cork County Council,
- (iii) Galway County Council,
- (iv) Kildare County Council, and
- (v) Meath County Council.”.

The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform consents to the making of the foregoing Regulations.



GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for Public Expenditure
and Reform,
23 October 2015.

BRENDAN HOWLIN,
Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
28 October 2015.

ALAN KELLY,
Minister for the Environment, Community and Local
Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)

These Regulations amend the Housing Assistance Payment Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 407 of 2014) to prescribe the maximum rent limits that will apply for the purposes of the Housing Assistance Payment scheme in the administrative areas of Kildare and Meath County Councils (from 2 November 2015) and Galway, Mayo and Sligo County Councils (from 16 November 2015).

The Regulations also provide that, subject to review at 6-monthly intervals, the maximum rent limits set out in the Table may be exceeded by not more than—

- 50% in the administrative area of Dublin City Council, Dun-Laoghaire Rathdown County Council or Fingal County Council, where this is necessary to source suitable accommodation for a homeless household that is qualified for social housing support, and
- 25% in the administrative area of South Dublin County Council, where this is necessary to source suitable accommodation for a homeless household that is qualified for social housing support.

The Regulations also provide that the maximum rent limits set out in the Table may be exceeded by not more than 20% in the administrative area of Cork City Council, Cork County Council, Galway County Council, Kildare County Council or Meath County Council, where this is necessary to source suitable accommodation for a household that is qualified for social housing support.

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