STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 331

SOCIAL SECURITY

The State Pension Credit (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

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Coming into operation 6th April 2016

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3ZA, 9(5) and 19(1) to (3) of the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002(**1**) and section 27(3) of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015(**2**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the State Pension Credit (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 6th April 2016.

Amendment of the State Pension Credit Regulations

2.—(1) The State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(**3**) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) After regulation 7 (savings credit) insert—

"**Limitation of savings credit for certain mixed-age couples**

7A. A person who is a member of a mixed-age couple, is not entitled to a savings credit unless one of the members of the couple—

(a) has been awarded a savings credit with effect from a day before 6th April 2016 and was entitled to a savings credit immediately before 6th April 2016, and

(b) remained entitled to a savings credit at all times since the beginning of 6th April 2016.".

(3) In regulation 12 (end of assessed income period)—

(a) omit "at such time as";

(**1**) 2002 c. 14 (N.I.); section 3ZA was inserted by paragraph 74 of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5 (N.I.))

(**2**) 2015 c. 5 (N.I.)

(**3**) S.R. 2003 No. 28; relevant amending Regulation is S.R. 2005 No. 458

(b) at the start of sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)(**4**) insert "at such time as";

(c) in sub-paragraph (c) for "temporary basis." substitute "temporary basis;"; and

(d) after sub-paragraph (c) add—

"(d) if, apart from this sub-paragraph, it would have ended on a date falling within the period specified in column 1 of the table in Schedule 3A, on the corresponding date shown against that period in column 2 of that table.".

(4) After Schedule 3 (special groups) insert —

"SCHEDULE 3A Regulation 12

Date on which certain fixed length assessed income periods end

Table

Column 1 *Period in which the assessed income period would end apart from regulation 12(d)*	*Column 2* *Date on which assessed income period is to end*
1st April 2019 to 14th April 2019	14th July 2016
15th April 2019 to 30th April 2019	28th July 2016
1st May 2019 to 14th May 2019	14th August 2016
15th May 2019 to 31st May 2019	28th August 2016
1st June 2019 to 14th June 2019	14th October 2016
15th June 2019 to 30th June 2019	28th October 2016
1st July 2019 to 14th July 2019	14th November 2016
15th July 2019 to 31st July 2019	28th November 2016
1st August 2019 to 14th August 2019	14th December 2016
15th August 2019 to 31st August 2019	28th December 2016
1st September 2019 to 14th September 2019	14th February 2017
15th September 2019 to 30th September 2019	28th February 2017
1st October 2019 to 14th October 2019	14th March 2017
15th October 2019 to 31st October 2019	28th March 2017
1st November 2019 to 14th November 2019	14th April 2017
15th November 2019 to 30th November 2019	28th April 2017
1st December 2019 to 14th December 2019	14th June 2017
15th December 2019 to 31st December 2019	28th June 2017
1st January 2020 to 14th January 2020	14th July 2017
15th January 2020 to 31st January 2020	28th July 2017
1st February 2020 to 14th February 2020	14th September 2017

(**4**) Sub-paragraph (c) was amended by regulation 12 and paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to S.R. 2005 No. 458