STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 351

HOUSING; RATES; SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Students and Income-Related Benefits Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - - 23rd July 2003
Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(1)

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(a) and (d), 132(3) and (4)(b) and 171(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and Article 14(1) and (4)(b) of the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**2**), and now vested in it(**3**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**4**), in so far as regulations 2(1) and (2)(a) and 3 are concerned, and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of those regulations should not be referred to it(**5**), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Students and Income-Related Benefits Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation –

(a) for the purposes of this regulation and regulation 3, on 31st July 2003;

(b) for the purposes of regulation 2 –

(i) in the case of a student whose period of study begins on or after 1st August 2003 but before 1st September 2003, on the day the period of study begins;

(ii) in any other case, on 1st September 2003.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**6**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(**1**) 1992 c. 7
(**2**) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15)
(**3**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**4**) *See* section 171(6A) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 as inserted by Article 3(3) of the Social Security (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1579 (N.I. 8)); *see also* Article 6(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**5**) *See* section 150(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)
(**6**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

Disregards

2.—(1) In sub-paragraph (b) of each of the provisions specified in paragraph (2) for the sum "£327" there shall be substituted the sum "£335".

(2) The provisions specified for the purposes of paragraph (1) (which relate respectively to sums to be disregarded from the calculation of grant income and from student loans) are –

(a) regulations 53(2A) and 57A(5) of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**7**);

(b) regulations 62(2A) and 66A(5) of the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**8**);

(c) regulations 131(3) and 136(5) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**9**).

Amendment of the Social Security Amendment (Students and Income-Related Benefits Amendment) Regulations

3. Regulation 2(2) of the Social Security (Students and Income-Related Benefits Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(**10**) (disregards) shall be omitted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 23rd July 2003.

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(**7**) S.R. 1987 No. 461; regulation 53(2A) was substituted by regulation 4(4)(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 317 and amended by regulation 3 of S.R. 2001 No. 278 and regulation 3 of S.R. 2002 No. 222; regulation 57A was inserted by regulation 3(9) of S.R. 1990 No. 297 and paragraph (5) was added by regulation 4(6)(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 317 and amended by regulation 3 of S.R. 2001 No. 278, regulation 3 of S.R. 2002 No. 222 and regulation 2 of S.R. 2003 No. 329

(**8**) S.R. 1987 No. 459; regulation 62(2A) was substituted by regulation 3(3)(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 317 and amended by regulation 3 of S.R. 2001 No. 278 and regulation 3 of S.R. 2002 No. 222; regulation 66A was inserted by regulation 4(7) of S.R. 1990 No. 297 and paragraph (5) was added by regulation 3(5)(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 317 and amended by regulation 3 of S.R. 2001 No. 278, regulation 3 of S.R. 2002 No. 222 and regulation 2 of S.R. 2003 No. 329

(**9**) S.R. 1996 No. 198; regulation 131(3) was substituted by regulation 2(3)(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 317 and amended by regulation 3 of S.R. 2001 No. 278 and regulation 3 of S.R. 2002 No. 222; regulation 136(5) was added by regulation 2(5)(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 317 and amended by regulation 3 of S.R. 2001 No. 278, regulation 3 of S.R. 2002 No. 222 and regulation 2 of S.R. 2003 No. 329

(**10**) S.R. 2003 No. 329