STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 154

HOUSING; RATES; SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*10th March 2003*
Coming into operation	*1st April 2003*

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**), Articles 6(5), 14(1), (2), (3) and (4)(b) and 36(2) of the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**2**), Article 74(4) to (6) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(**3**), and now vested in it(**4**), and section 60(1) to (4) of the Child Support Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000(**5**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**6**) in so far as regulation 4 is concerned, and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of that regulation should not be referred to it(**7**), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2003.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**8**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Amendment of the Income Support (General) Regulations

2.—(1) The Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**9**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(**1**) 1992 c. 7
(**2**) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15)
(**3**) S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10)
(**4**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**5**) 2000 c. 4 (N.I.)
(**6**) *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
(**7**) *See* section 150(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)
(**8**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**9**) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1988 No. 193 and S.R. 2001 Nos. 261 and 392

(2) In Schedule 9 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) after paragraph 71(**10**) the following paragraph shall be added –

"**72.** Any payment made by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to the claimant or his partner, or to another person on their behalf, relating to housing support services under Article 4 of the Housing Support Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2002(**11**), where the claimant or his partner qualified for that payment.".

(3) In Schedule 10 (capital to be disregarded) –

(a) at the end of paragraph 25(**12**) there shall be added "or, where that dwelling is occupied as the home by the former partner who is a lone parent, for as long as it is so occupied";

(b) after paragraph 61(**13**) the following paragraph shall be added –

"**62.** Any payment made by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to the claimant or his partner, or to another person on their behalf, relating to housing support services under Article 4 of the Housing Support Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, where the claimant or his partner qualified for that payment.".

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations

3.—(1) The Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**14**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 5A(**15**) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of earnings of members of joint-claim couples) for "an invalid care allowance" in each place where those words occur there shall be substituted "a carer's allowance".

(3) In Schedule 6 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) after paragraph 67(**16**) the following paragraph shall be added –

"**68.** Any payment made by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to the claimant or his partner, or to another person on their behalf, relating to housing support services under Article 4 of the Housing Support Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, where the claimant or his partner qualified for that payment.".

(4) In Schedule 7 (capital to be disregarded) –

(a) at the end of paragraph 5 there shall be added "or, where that dwelling is occupied as the home by the former partner who is a lone parent, for as long as it is so occupied";

(b) after paragraph 54(**17**) the following paragraph shall be added –

"**55.** Any payment made by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to the claimant or his partner, or to another person on their behalf, relating to housing support services under Article 4 of the Housing Support Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, where the claimant or his partner qualified for that payment.".

(**10**) Paragraph 71 was added by regulation 2(b) of S.R. 2001 No. 261
(**11**) S.I. 2002/3154 (N.I. 8)
(**12**) Paragraph 25 was added by regulation 3(b) of S.R. 1988 No. 193
(**13**) Paragraph 61 was added by regulation 2(a) of S.R. 2001 No. 392
(**14**) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2000 Nos. 350 and 366 and S.R. 2001 Nos. 261 and 392
(**15**) Schedule 5A was inserted by regulation 2(5) of and paragraph 58 of Schedule 2 to S.R. 2000 No. 350 and paragraph 2(1) was amended by regulation 3, and paragraph 3 of the Schedule to, S.R. 2000 No. 366
(**16**) Paragraph 67 was added by regulation 2(c) of S.R. 2001 No. 261
(**17**) Paragraph 54 was added by regulation 2(c) of S.R. 2001 No. 392