STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2001 No. 156

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

Made - - - -	*6th April 2001*
Coming into operation	*25th April 2001*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 30A(2A) and (6) and 171(2) to (4) of, and paragraph 2(8) of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**), and now vested in it(**2**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, by this statutory rule, which contains only regulations made by virtue of, or consequential upon, Articles 59 and 61 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999(**3**), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 25th April 2001.

Amendment of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) Regulations

2.—(1) The Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994(**4**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4) of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 1B(2)(*a*) (relaxation of the first contribution condition in certain cases) for "relevant tax year" there shall be substituted "last complete tax year".

(3) In regulation 14(3) (age exception — persons aged 20 and under 25) for sub-paragraph (*b*) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

> "(b) ended no earlier than the beginning of the last two complete tax years before the benefit year which would have governed a claim for incapacity benefit under

(**1**) 1992 c. 7; section 30A was inserted by Article 3(1) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I.1994/1898 (N.I. 12)) and amended by Article 61 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11)); section 171(2) was amended by paragraph 28(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/671) and paragraph 2(8) of Schedule 3 was added by Article 59(4) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999

(**2**) *See* Article 8(*b*) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

(**3**) S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11)

(**4**) S.R. 1994 No. 461; regulation 1B was inserted and regulations 14 and 17 were added by regulation 2 of S.R. 2000 No. 404