STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 245

HOUSING; RATES; SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Personal Allowances for Children Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made - - - -	*26th July 2000*
Coming into operation	*23rd October 2000*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(*a*) and (*d*), 131(1) and 171(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and Article 6(5) 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 regulation 2(1) and (2)(*a*) is concerned, and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of that regulation 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 (Personal Allowances for Children Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), come into operation on 23rd October 2000.

(2) Regulation 2 shall, in relation to a claimant for income support, have effect from the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that claimant on or after 23rd October 2000 and in this paragraph "benefit week"(**6**) and "claimant" shall have the same meanings as in regulation 2(1) of the Income Support Regulations.

(3) Regulation 2 shall, in relation to a claimant for a jobseeker's allowance, have effect from the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that claimant on or after 23rd October 2000

(**1**) 1992 c. 7
(**2**) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15)
(**3**) *See* Article 8(*b*) of, and Part II of Schedule 6 to, the Departments (Transfer and Assignment of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (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)); consent function transferred from the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland to the Department of Finance and Personnel; *see* Article 6(*b*) of, and Part II of Schedule 4 to, the Departments (Transfer and Assignment of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999
(**5**) *See* section 150(1)(*b*) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)
(**6**) The definition of "benefit week" was amended by regulation 2(*a*) of S.R. 1988 No. 318

and in this paragraph "benefit week"(**7**) shall have the same meaning as in regulation 1(2) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations.

(4) In these Regulations—

"the Income Support Regulations" means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**8**);

"the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations" means the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**9**).

(5) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**10**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Housing benefit, income support and jobseeker's allowance: personal allowances in respect of children

2.—(1) In each of the provisions specified in paragraph (2) (which specify the personal allowances to be applied in respect of children when calculating applicable amounts) in column (2) of the table in entry (*a*) for "£26·60" there shall be substituted "£30·95".

(2) The provisions specified for the purposes of paragraph (1) are—

(a) paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts) to the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**11**);

(b) paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts) to the Income Support Regulations;

(c) paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts) to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 26th July 2000.

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(**7**) The definition of "benefit week" was amended by regulation 2(2) of S.R. 1996 No. 358 and regulation 2(2)(*a*) of S.R. 1996 No. 503
(**8**) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1988 No. 318, S.R. 1999 No. 382 and S.R. 2000 No. 38
(**9**) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1996 Nos. 358 and 503, S.R. 1999 No. 382 and S.R. 2000 No. 38
(**10**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**11**) S.R. 1987 No. 461; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1999 No. 382 and S.R. 2000 No. 38