STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 207

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made - - - -	*29th April 1999*
Coming into operation	*31st May 1999*

Whereas the Secretary of State for Social Security has made an Order(**1**) under sections 148(3) and (4) and 189(5) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**2**):

Now, therefore, the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 130 and 165(5) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**3**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 31st May 1999.

Revaluation of earnings factors

2. The earnings factors(**4**) for tax years specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Order, in so far as they are relevant(**5**)—

(a) to the calculation—

(i) of the additional pension in the rate of any long-term benefit, or

(ii) of any guaranteed minimum pension, or

(**1**) S.I. 1999/1235
(**2**) 1992 c. 5
(**3**) 1992 c. 8; section 130 was amended by paragraph 40 of Schedule 7 to the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 (c. 49) and by Article 125(3) of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22)) subject to paragraphs (4) to (6) of that Article
(**4**) *See* sections 22 and 23 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7). Section 22(2)(a) and (5) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15)), and section 22(4) was amended by paragraph 43 of Schedule 6 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10))
(**5**) Earnings factors for any tax year after the tax year 1996-97 are not relevant to the calculation of any guaranteed minimum. See section 10(8) of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 (c. 49) as amended by paragraph 20(b) of Schedule 3 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

(b) to any other calculation required under Part III of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 (including that Part as modified by or under any other enactment),

are directed to be increased for those tax years by the percentage of their amount shown opposite those tax years in the second column of that Schedule.

Rounding of fractional amounts

3. Where any earnings factor relevant to the calculation specified in Article 2(a)(i) of this Order, as increased in accordance with this Order, would not but for this Article be expressed as a whole number of pounds, it shall be so expressed by the rounding down of any fraction of a pound less than one half and the rounding up of any other fraction of a pound.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on

29th April 1999.

John O'Neill
Assistant Secretary