STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (National Insurance Number Information: Exemption) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

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Coming into operation	*1st December 1997*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 1(1C), 165(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, by this statutory rule which contains only regulations made consequential upon Article 18 of the Social Security Administration (Fraud) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**2**), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (National Insurance Number Information: Exemption) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1997.

(2) For the purposes of any regulation introduced by regulations 2 to 9, 12 and 14 of these Regulations, "the Administration Act" means the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Assembly.

Amendment of the Social Security (Guardian's Allowances) Regulations

2. In the Social Security (Guardian's Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(**4**) after regulation 1 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

(**1**) 1992 c. 8; sub-sections (1A) to (1C) of section 1 were inserted by Article 18 of the Social Security Administration (Fraud) (Nothern Ireland) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/1182 (N.I. 11))
(**2**) S.I. 1997/1182 (N.I. 11)
(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**4**) S.R. 1975 No. 98

"**Disapplication of section 1(1A) of the Administration Act**

1A. Section 1(1A) of the Administration Act (requirement to state national insurance number) shall not apply to guardian's allowance.".

Amendment of the Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) Regulations

3. In the Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**5**) after regulation 2 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"**Disapplication of section 1(1A) of the Administration Act**

2A. Section 1(1A) of the Administration Act (requirement to state national insurance number) shall not apply—

(a) to a child in respect of whom an increase of invalid care allowance is claimed;

(b) to any claim for invalid care allowance made or treated as made before 9th February 1998;

(c) to an adult dependant in respect of whom a claim for an increase of invalid care allowance is made or treated as made before 5th October 1998.".

Amendment of the Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations

4.—(1) The Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(**6**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) After regulation 1 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"**Disapplication of section 1(1A) of the Administration Act for the purposes of retirement pension**

1A. Section 1(1A) of the Administration Act (requirement to state national insurance number) shall not apply—

(a) to a child in respect of whom an increase of retirement pension is claimed;

(b) to an adult dependant in respect of whom a claim for an increase of retirement pension is made or treated as made before 5th October 1998.".

(3) After regulation 16 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"**Disapplication of section 1(1A) of the Administration Act for the purposes of widowed mother's allowance**

16A. Section 1(1A) of the Administration Act (requirement to state national insurance number) shall not apply to a child in respect of whom an increase of widowed mother's allowance is claimed.".

Amendment of the Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Regulations

5. In the Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(**7**) after regulation 2 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

(**5**) S.R. 1976 No. 99
(**6**) S.R. 1979 No. 243
(**7**) S.R. 1984 No. 317

"**Disapplication of section 1(1A) of the Administration Act**

2A. Section 1(1A) of the Administration Act (requirement to state national insurance number) shall not apply—

(a) to a child in respect of whom an increase of severe disablement allowance is claimed;

(b) to an adult dependant in respect of whom a claim for an increase of severe disablement allowance is made or treated as made before 5th October 1998.".

Amendment of the Social Security (Maternity Allowance) Regulations

6. In the Social Security (Maternity Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**8**) after regulation 1 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"**Disapplication of section 1(1A) of the Administration Act**

1A. Section 1(1A) of the Administration Act (requirement to state national insurance number) shall not apply in relation to an adult dependant in respect of whom a claim for an increase of maternity allowance is made or treated as made before 5th October 1998.".

Amendment of the Income Support (General) Regulations

7. In the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**9**) after regulation 2 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"**Disapplication of section 1(1A) of the Administration Act**

2A. Section 1(1A) of the Administration Act (requirement to state national insurance number) shall not apply—

(a) to a child or young person in respect of whom income support is claimed;

(b) to a partner in respect of whom a claim for income support is made or treated as made before 5th October 1998.".

Amendment of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations

8. In the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**10**) after regulation 2 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"**Disapplication of section 1(1A) of the Administration Act**

2A. Section 1(1A) of the Administration Act (requirement to state national insurance number) shall not apply to housing benefit.".

Amendment of the Family Credit (General) Regulations

9. In the Family Credit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**11**) after regulation 2 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

(**8**) S.R. 1987 No. 170
(**9**) S.R. 1987 No. 459
(**10**) S.R. 1987 No. 461
(**11**) S.R. 1987 No. 463