STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 152

HOUSING; RATES; SOCIAL SECURITY

The Income-Related Benefits (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - - 13th March 1997

Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*), 127(5), 128(8), 133(2)(*d*) and 171(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the consent of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland(**2**) in so far as relates to regulation 5(1) and (2)(*a*) of these Regulations, and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(**3**), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Income-Related Benefits (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation as follows—

(a) for the purposes of this regulation and regulation 5(1) and (2)(*a*) on 31st March 1997;

(b) for the purposes of regulations 2 to 4 and 5(2)(*b*) and (3) on 7th October 1997.

(2) In relation to any particular claimant for either family credit or disability working allowance, regulations 2, 3 and 4 shall have effect, where a claimant has an award of either of those benefits—

(a) which expires on 6th October 1997, on 7th October 1997;

(b) which expires after 6th October 1997, on the day following the expiration of that award.

(3) In these Regulations "the Family Credit Regulations" means the Family Credit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**4**).

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

(**1**) 1992 c. 7; section 133(2)(*d*) was substituted by paragraph 18(3) of Schedule 2 to the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15))
(**2**) *See* section 171(6A) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992; subsection (6A) was inserted by Article 3(3) of the Social Security (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1579 (N.I. 8))
(**3**) *See* section 150(1)(*b*) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)
(**4**) S.R. 1987 No. 463; relevant amending rules are S.R. 1992 No. 148, S.R. 1995 No. 86, S.R. 1996 No. 476 and S.R. 1997 No. 113
(**5**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

Family credit: remunerative work

2. In regulation 4(4)(*c*)(ii)(*bb*) of the Family Credit Regulations(**6**) (remunerative work) after "the date of claim," there shall be inserted "or he has, in the 5 weeks immediately preceding the week of claim, increased the number of hours that he works from below 16 hours to 16 hours or more per week,".

Family credit: determination of maximum credit

3. For the entries in column (2) of Schedule 4 to the Family Credit Regulations(**7**) against paragraph 3 (maximum credits in respect of young persons) there shall be substituted the entry "£24·80.".

Disability working allowance: determination of maximum allowance

4. For paragraph 4 in column (2) of Schedule 5 to the Disability Working Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(**8**) (maximum allowances in respect of young persons) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"**4.** £24·80.".

Amendment of the Income-Related Benefits and Jobseeker's Allowance (Personal Allowances for Children and Young Persons) (Amendment) Regulations

5.—(1) The Income-Related Benefits and Jobseeker's Allowance (Personal Allowances for Children and Young Persons) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**9**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 1 (citation, commencement and interpretation)—

(a) for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

"(3) In so far as these Regulations amend provisions relating to housing benefit—

(a) in any case to which paragraph (3A) applies, they shall come into operation on 1st April 1997, and

(b) in any other case, they shall come into operation on 7th April 1997.

(3A) This paragraph applies in any case where—

(a) rent is payable at intervals of one month or any other interval which is not a week or a multiple thereof, or

(b) payments by way of rates are not made together with payments of rent at weekly intervals or multiples thereof.".

(b) in paragraph (4) for the words from "which is current" to the end of the paragraph there shall be substituted—

"—

(a) which expires on 6th October 1997, on 7th October 1997;

(b) which expires after 6th October 1997, on the day following the expiration of that award.".

(**6**) Regulation 4 was substituted by S.R. 1992 No. 148 and paragraph (4) was amended by S.R. 1995 No. 86
(**7**) Relevant amending rules are S.R. 1996 No. 476 and S.R. 1997 No. 113
(**8**) S.R. 1992 No. 72; relevant amending rules are S.R. 1996 No. 476 and S.R. 1997 No. 113
(**9**) S.R. 1996 No. 476