STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 84

HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*8th March 1996*
Coming into operation	*1st April 1996*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(*d*), 129(4), 131(1) and 132(3) and (4)(*b*) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland(**2**) in so far as its consent is required, and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals to make 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 Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1996.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**4**).

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

Amendment of regulation 18 of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 18(1) of the principal Regulations (patients)—

(a) in sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) and (*d*)(ii) for "£14·70" there shall be substituted "£15·30";

(b) in sub-paragraphs (*c*)(i) and (*d*)(i) for "£11·75" there shall be substituted "£12·25";

(c) in sub-paragraph (*c*)(ii) for "£29·40" there shall be substituted "£30·60".

(**1**) 1992 c. 7

(**2**) *See* section 171(6A) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 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. 461; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1989 Nos. 125 and 260, S.R. 1990 Nos. 136 and 345, S.R. 1992 Nos. 85, 404 and 549, S.R. 1993 Nos. 145, 195 and 233, S.R. 1994 Nos. 81 and 88, S.R. 1995 No. 84 and S.R. 1996 No. 73

(**5**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

Amendment of regulation 63 of the principal Regulations

3. In regulation 63 of the principal Regulations (non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (*a*)(ii) for "£2·30" there shall be substituted "£2·60";

(ii) in sub-paragraph (*b*)(ii) for "£1·15" there shall be substituted "£1·30";

(b) in paragraph 2(*d*) for "£111·00" there shall be substituted "£114·00".

Amendment of Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations

4. In Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations (applicable amounts)—

(a) for Part I (personal allowances) there shall be substituted the Part set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations;

(b) in Part II (family premium) in paragraph 3 for "£10·25" there shall be substituted "£10·55";

(c) for Part IV (amounts of premiums specified in Part III) there shall be substituted the Part set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

Amendment of Schedule 4 to the principal Regulations

5. In Schedule 4 to the principal Regulations (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) in paragraph 22(*b*) for "£9·20" there shall be substituted "£9·25".

Revocations

6. Regulations 3(*a*) and 5 of the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994(**6**) and regulations 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(**7**) are hereby revoked.

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

8th March 1996.

W. G. Purdy
Assistant Secretary

(**6**) S.R. 1994 No. 81
(**7**) S.R. 1995 No. 84

The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland hereby consents to the foregoing Regulations.
Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on

8th March 1996.

R. E. Aiken
Assistant Secretary