1994 No. 81

HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made . . . . . 7th March 1994

Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(1)

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) and 131(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland(**b**) so far as relates to matters with regard to which such consent is required, and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals to make these regulations should not be referred to it(**c**), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation as follows—

(*a*) regulation 1 on 1st April 1994;

(*b*) regulations 2 to 5 in any case to which paragraph (2) applies, on 1st April 1994 and in any other case, on 4th April 1994.

(2) 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.

(3) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**d**).

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

(**a**) 1992 c. 7

(**b**) *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))

(**c**) *See* section 150(1)(*b*) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

(**d**) 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. 1991 No. 47, S.R. 1992 Nos. 35, 85, 404 and 549 and S.R. 1993 Nos. 145 and 154

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

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 "£14·05" there shall be substituted "£14·40";

(*b*) in sub-paragraphs (*c*)(i) and (*d*)(i) for "£11·20" there shall be substituted "£11·50";

(*c*) in sub-paragraph (*c*)(ii) for "£28·10" there shall be substituted "£28·80".

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 "£2·00" there shall be substituted "£2·30";

(ii) in sub-paragraph (*b*)(ii) for "£1·00" there shall be substituted "£1·15";

(*b*) in paragraph 2(*d*) for "£105·00" there shall be substituted "£108·00".

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 "£9·65" there shall be substituted "£10·05";

(*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.

Revocation

5. The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(**a**) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 7th March 1994.

(L.S.) *W. G. Purdy*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.R. 1993 No. 154

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 1994.

(L.S.) *R. E. Aiken*
Assistant Secretary