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HOUSING

Housing Renovation etc. Grants (Reduction of Grant) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

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The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 2(2) and 47 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel, hereby makes the following Regulations:

(a) S.I. 1992/1725 (N.I. 15). *See* Article 2(2) for the definition of "the Department"

PART I

GENERAL

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Renovation etc. Grants (Reduction of Grant) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 31st October 1992.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the Order" means the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992;

"the Contributions and Benefits Act" means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**a**);

"application" means an application within Article 47(1) of the Order;

"assessment period" means such period as is prescribed in regulations 17 to 19 over which income falls to be determined;

"attendance allowance" means—

(*a*) an attendance allowance under section 64 of the Contributions and Benefits Act;

(*b*) an increase of disablement pension under section 104 of that Act;

(*c*) a payment under regulations made in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 4(2)(*b*) of Schedule 8 to that Act;

(*d*) a payment analogous to a payment by way of an increase of an allowance payable in respect of constant attendance under paragraph 4 of Schedule 8 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(**b**);

(*e*) a payment by virtue of Article 14, 15, 16, 43 or 44 of the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983(**c**) or any analogous payment;

(*f*) any payment based on need for attendance which is paid as part of a war disablement pension;

"boarder" means a person who pays a charge for his accommodation and at least some cooked or prepared meals which are both prepared and consumed in that accommodation or associated premises;

"child" means a person under the age of 16;

"child benefit" means child benefit under Part IX of the Contributions and Benefits Act;

"close relative" means a parent, parent-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, step-parent, step-son, step-daughter, brother, sister, or the spouse of any of the preceding persons or, if that person is one of an unmarried couple, the other member of that couple;

(a) 1992 c. 7
(b) 1992 c. 4
(c) S.I. 1983/686; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1984/1675

"community charge benefits" means community charge benefits under Part VII of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;

"community charge rebate" means a rebate under the provisions of section 24(*a*) of the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc. (Scotland) Act 1987(**a**);

"concessionary payment" means a payment made under arrangements made by the Department of Health and Social Services, with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel, which is charged either to the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund or to a Departmental Expenditure Vote to which payments of benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act are charged;

"disability living allowance" means a disability living allowance under section 71 of the Contributions and Benefits Act;

"disability working allowance" means a disability working allowance under section 128 of the Contributions and Benefits Act;

"earnings" has the meaning assigned by regulation 21 or, as the case may be, 23;

"employed earner" means a person who is gainfully employed in Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland either under a contract of service, or in an office (including elective office) with emoluments chargeable to income tax under Schedule E or, as the case may be, chargeable under the legislation of the Republic of Ireland which is analogous to income tax under Schedule E;

"family" means—

(*a*) a married or unmarried couple;

(*b*) a married or unmarried couple and a member of the same household for whom one of them is, or both are, responsible and who is a child or a young person;

(*c*) a person who is not a member of a married or unmarried couple and a member of the same household for whom that person is responsible and who is a child or a young person;

"the Fund" means moneys made available from time to time by the Secretary of State for the benefit of persons eligible for payment in accordance with the provisions of a scheme established by him on 24th April 1992, or in Scotland, on 10th April 1992;

"Health and Social Services Board" means a Board established under Article 16 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**b**);

"housing benefit" means housing benefit under Part VII of the Contributions and Benefits Act;

"income-related benefit" means any benefit to which section 122(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act refers;

(**a**) 1987 c. 47; section 24 was amended by paragraph 32 of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 c. 41

(**b**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)