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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Credits) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made . . . . . 10th December 1991

Coming into operation . . 6th April 1992

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 13(4) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Credits) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1992.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Social Security (Credits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(**b**).

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 2(1) of the principal regulations (interpretation) after the definition of "credits" there shall be inserted the following definition—

" "disability working allowance" has the meaning assigned to it in Article 21 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(**c**);".

Insertion of regulation 7B in the principal regulations

3. After regulation 7A of the principal regulations(**d**) (credits for invalid care allowance) there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"*Credits for disability working allowance*

7B.—(1) For the purposes of entitlement to any benefit by virtue of a person's earnings or contributions he shall, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), be credited with earnings equal to the lower earnings limit then in force in respect of each week for any part of which a disability working allowance is paid to him.

(**a**) 1975 c. 15; section 13(4) was amended by the Schedule to the Social Security (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/1087 (N.I. 13)) and paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18))

(**b**) S.R. 1975 No. 113, to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations

(**c**) S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18); paragraphs (1)(*bb*) and (6A) are inserted into Article 21 by Article 8(2) and (4) of the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/1712 (N.I. 17))

(**d**) Inserted by regulation 19 of S.R. 1976 No. 99