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HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made . . . . . 30th April 1991

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 21(1)(*c*), 22(7), 30 and 52(1)(*b*) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of the Environment(**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 and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991.

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

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 2(1) of the principal regulations (interpretation) after the definition of ''non-dependant deduction'' there shall be inserted the following definition—

'' ''the normal regional rate'' has the meaning assigned to it by Article 27(6) of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**e**);''.

Amendment of regulation 72 of the principal regulations

3. In regulation 72 of the principal regulations (time and manner in which claims are to be made)—

(*a*) in paragraph (5) after ''paragraphs'' there shall be inserted ''(5A),'';

(*b*) after paragraph (5) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

(**a**) S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18); Article 81(1) provides for section 155(1) to (3A) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 (c. 15) (extent of powers) to apply to the enabling provisions under which these regulations are made; section 155(3A) was inserted by Article 63(1)
(**b**) *See* Article 81(5) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986
(**c**) *See* Article 62(1)(*b*) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986
(**d**) S.R. 1987 No. 461; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1990 No. 137 and S.R. 1991 No. 47
(**e**) S.I. 1977/2157 (N.I. 28)