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HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made . . . . . *11th March 1991*

Coming into operation . . *1st April 1991*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 21(1)(*c*), 22(6)(*b*) and 23(1), (8) and (9)(*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, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1991.

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

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 "£11·75" there shall be substituted "£13·00";

(*b*) in sub-paragraphs (*c*)(i) and (*d*)(i) for "£9·40" there shall be substituted "£10·40";

(*c*) in sub-paragraph (c)(ii) for "£23·50" there shall be substituted "£26·00".

Amendment of regulation 63 of the principal regulations

3. In regulation 63(1) of the principal regulations (non-dependant deductions) in sub-paragraphs (*a*)(ii) and (*b*)(ii) for "£3·75" there shall be substituted "£4·15".

(**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 rules are S.R. 1989 Nos. 18, 125 and 260 and S.R. 1990 Nos. 72, 136 and 345

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 "£7·35" there shall be substituted "£7·95";

(*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 "£7·00" there shall be substituted "£8·05".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 11th March 1991.

(L.S.) *A. N. Burns*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of the Environment hereby consents to the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 11th March 1991.

(L.S.) *W. N. Campbell*
Assistant Secretary