1990 No. 72

HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

Made	*28th February 1990*
Coming into operation—	
for the purposes of regulation 1	*1st April 1990*
for the purposes of regulations 2 to 4	
to the extent that they relate to cases referred to in regulation 1(2)	*1st April 1990*
to the extent that they relate to any other case	*2nd April 1990*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 22(6)(*b*) and 23(1) 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) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation as follows—

(*a*) regulation 1 on 1st April 1990;

(*b*) regulations 2 to 4 in any case to which paragraph (2) applies, on 1st April 1990 and in any other case, on 2nd April 1990.

(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.

(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

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

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 "£8·70" there shall be substituted "£11·75";

(*b*) in sub-paragraphs (*c*)(i) and (*d*)(i) for "£8·70" there shall be substituted "£9·40";

(*c*) in sub-paragraph (*c*)(ii) for "£17·40" there shall be substituted "£23·50".

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 "£3·35" there shall be substituted "£3·75".

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 "£6·50" there shall be substituted "£7·35";

(*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.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 28th February 1990.

(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 28th February 1990.

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

(a) S.R. 1987 No. 461; the relevant amending rules are S.R. 1989 Nos. 18, 125 and 260