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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Credits) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988

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Coming into operation . .	*2nd October 1988*

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 No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 2nd October 1988.

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

Amendment of the principal regulations

2.—(1) The principal regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation) in the appropriate places in alphabetical order there shall be inserted the following definitions—

" "relevant benefit year" has the meaning assigned to it in paragraph 1(4)(*c*) of Schedule 3 to the Act in relation to the benefit in question;

"year" means tax year,".

(3) In regulation 8 (credits on termination of full-time education, training or apprenticeship)—

(*a*) in paragraph (1)—

(i) for ", sickness benefit or maternity allowance" there shall be substituted "or sickness benefit",

(ii) for the words from "during any part of the relevant past year" to the end there shall be substituted "during any part of the last 2 complete years before the beginning of the relevant benefit year, shall, subject to paragraph (2), be entitled to be credited with earnings equal to the lower earnings limit then in force, for either of those years, provided that the other year is, in his case, a

(**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; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1978 No. 77 and S.R. 1987 No. 153