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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984

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The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 17(1)(*a*), 58(3), 126 and 157(1) of, and paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 14 and Schedule 17 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations which contain only provisions in consequence of an order(**b**) under section 120 of the said Act of 1975 and which accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 12(2) of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980(**c**) are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 26th November 1984.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Act" means the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975;

"the Pensions Order" means the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**d**);

"the up-rating order" means the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 1984(**e**);

and any reference in a regulation to a numbered paragraph is a reference to the paragraph of that regulation bearing that number.

Conditions relating to payment of additional benefit under awards made before the appointed or prescribed day

2.—(1) This regulation applies to a case where—

(*a*) either—

(i) an award of any benefit under Chapters I to III of Part II of the Act has been made before the day appointed or prescribed for the payment of the benefit in question at a higher rate provided in or by virtue of the up-rating order, or

(ii) an award of any benefit under Part II of the Act has been made before the day appointed or prescribed for the payment of the benefit in question at a lower rate provided in or by virtue of the up-rating order;

(**a**) 1975 c. 15; *See* definitions of "prescribe" and "regulations" in Schedule 17

(**b**) S.R. 1984 No. 273

(**c**) 1980 c. 30; paragraph 12(2) of Schedule 3 was amended by section 42(2) of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982 (c. 24)

(**d**) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15)

(**e**) S.R. 1984 No. 273

(*b*) the period to which the award relates has not ended before that day; and

(*c*) the award does not, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 14 to the Act, provide for the payment of the benefit at the higher or lower rate (as the case may be) as from that day.

(2) In a case to which this regulation applies, paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 14 to the Act shall have effect subject to the condition that if a question arises as to either—

(*a*) the weekly rate at which the benefit is payable by virtue of the up-rating order; or

(*b*) whether the conditions for the receipt of the benefit at the altered rate are satisfied,

the benefit shall, until the question has been determined in accordance with the provisions of the Act, be or continue to be payable at the weekly rate specified in paragraph (3).

(3) The weekly rate referred to in paragraph (2) is the weekly rate specified in the award or the weekly rate at which the benefit would have been paid if the question had not arisen, whichever is the lower.

Persons not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland

3. Regulation 5 of the Social Security Benefit (Persons Abroad) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978(**a**) (application of disqualification in respect of up-rating of benefit) shall apply to any additional benefit payable by virtue of the up-rating order.

Amendment of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984

4. Regulation 3 of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(**b**) (persons deemed to be incapable of work) shall be amended by the substitution in paragraph (3) for "£22·50" of "£23·50".

Amendment of the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984

5. Regulation 14 of the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(**c**) (earnings level for the purpose of unemployability supplement) shall be amended by the substitution for "£1,170" of "£1,222".

Transitory provision

6.—(1) This regulation applies in a case where—

(*a*) a person is entitled to receive any of the benefits specified in paragraph (2) for both the day on which, in his case, an increase of that benefit takes effect under the up-rating order or would so take effect but for regulation 3 above ("the later day") and the day (not counting Sunday as a day where the benefit in question is not payable for Sundays) immediately before the later day ("the earlier day");

(*b*) on both days either or both of the following conditions is or are fulfilled, namely—

(i) he is entitled to receive with that benefit an increase or increases for one or more child dependants, with or without an increase for an adult dependant, and

(**a**) S.R. 1978 No. 114; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1979 No. 392
(**b**) S.R. 1984 No. 245
(**c**) S.R. 1984 No. 92