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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Supplementary Benefit Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made . . . . . *23rd August 1983*

Coming into operation . . . *21st November 1983*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 5 of, and paragraphs 1(2) and (3) and 2(1) and (4) of Schedule 1 to, the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**b**), hereby makes the following regulations which correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to Great Britain and which accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 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 Supplementary Benefit Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 21st November 1983.

(2) In these regulations—

"Requirements Regulations" means the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983(**d**);

"Resources Regulations" means the Supplementary Benefit (Resources) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**e**);

"Single Payments Regulations" means the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**f**).

Increase of amounts specified in the Requirements Regulations

2.—(1) Amounts specified in the Requirements Regulations (which provide for the calculation of a person's normal, additional and housing requirements for the purposes of supplementary benefit) are increased in accordance with the following paragraphs and the Table of normal requirements of relevant persons and householders set out in paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 shall have effect as modified by the Requirements Regulations as amended by paragraph (2).

(a) S.I. 1977/2156 (N.I. 27): provisions of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, as amended by Article 7 of, and Part I of Schedule 2 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)), are set out in Part II of that Schedule

(b) Formerly the Department of Finance: *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6), Article 3. *See also* Article 41(1) of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, as amended by the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980

(c) 1980 c.30

(d) S.R. 1983 No. 61, to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations

(e) S.R. 1981 No. 370; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1982 No. 242

(f) S.R. 1981 No. 369; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1982 No. 242

(2) In regulation 5 (normal requirements of relevant persons and householders) for paragraphs (1) to (4) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

"(1) Paragraph 1 of the Table (long-term rate for couples) shall have effect as if in the second column—

(*a*) after "aggregate of the" there were inserted "higher of the";

(*b*) after "Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 and" there were inserted "the sum for the time being specified in"; and

(*c*) at the end there were added "increased by £0·05".

(2) Paragraph 2 of the Table (ordinary rate for couples) shall have effect as if in the second column—

(*a*) after "specified" there were inserted "in relation to sickness benefit";

(*b*) for "paragraph 1(*a*)" there were substituted "paragraph 1(*c*)";

(*c*) "unemployment or" were omitted; and

(*d*) at the end there were added "increased by £1·55".

(3) Paragraph 3 of the Table (long-term rate for householders) shall have effect as if in the second column—

(*a*) for "The sum" there were substituted "The higher of the sums"; and

(*b*) at the end there were added "increased by £0·05".

(3A) Paragraph 4 of the Table (ordinary rate for householders) shall have effect as if in the second column—

(*a*) after "specified" there were inserted "in relation to sickness benefit"; and

(*b*) at the end there were added "increased by £0·85".

(4) The amounts in the second column of paragraphs 1 to 4 of the Table as modified by paragraphs (1) to (3A) are shown in paragraphs A and B of Schedule 1.".

(3) In regulation 9 (modification of normal requirements of boarders)—

(*a*) in paragraph (4)(*b*) (increase where charge is not inclusive of all meals)—

(i) in head (i) (breakfast) for "£0·95" there shall be substituted "£1·00",

(ii) in head (ii) (midday meals) for "£1·35" there shall be substituted "£1·45",

(iii) in head (iii) (evening meals) for "£1·35" there shall be substituted "£1·45";

(*b*) in paragraph (9) (personal expenses)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (*a*) (relevant persons) for "£18·90" (long-term rate) and "£17·00" (ordinary rate) there shall be substituted "£19·70" and "£17·70" respectively,

(ii) in sub-paragraph (*b*) (other claimants) for "£9·45" (long-term rate) and "£8·50" (ordinary rate) there shall be substituted "£9·85" and "£8·85" respectively,

(iii) in sub-paragraph (*c*) (dependants) for "£8·50" (not less than 18), "£5·10" (less than 18, not less than 16), "£4·35" (less than 16, not less than 11) and "£2·85" (less than 11) there shall be substituted "£8·85", "£5·30", "£4·55" and "£2·95" respectively.

(4) In regulation 18 (interest on loans for repairs and improvements) in paragraph (2) (available capital threshold) for "£300" there shall be substituted "£500".

(5) In regulation 22(2) (reduction where home is let) in sub-paragraph (*c*) (ii) (available capital threshold) for "£300" there shall be substituted "£500"

(6) In Schedule 1 (normal requirements)—

(*a*) in column (1)—

(i) in paragraph A for "regulation 5(2)" and "regulation 5(1)" there shall be substituted "regulation 5(1)" and "regulation 5(2)" respectively,

(ii) in paragraph B for "regulation 5(1)" there shall be substituted "regulation 5(3A)";

(*b*) in column (2) in each of the provisions of that Schedule 1 indicated in column 1 of Schedule 1 to these regulations, for the amount specified therein set out in column 3 of Schedule 1 to these regulations there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of Schedule 1 to these regulations.

(7) In Schedule 3 (additional requirements)—

(*a*) in column (1) in paragraph 15(*d*) (available capital threshold relating to hire purchase) for "£300" there shall be substituted "£500";

(*b*) in column (2) in each of the provisions of that Schedule 3 indicated in column 1 of Schedule 2 to these regulations, for the amount specified therein set out in column 3 of that Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of that Schedule 2.

Increase of amounts specified in the Resources Regulations

3. Amounts specified in the Resources Regulations (which provide for the calculation of a person's resources for the purposes of supplementary benefit) shall be increased as follows—

(*a*) in regulation 6(2) (capital resources to be disregarded) for "£2,500" there shall be substituted "£3,000";

(*b*) in regulation 7 (maximum capital resources for entitlement to pension or allowance) for "£2,500" there shall be substituted "£3,000".

Increase of amounts specified in the Single Payments Regulations

4.—(1) Amounts specified in the Single Payments Regulations (which provide for supplementary benefit to be paid by way of a single payment to meet an exceptional need) shall be increased in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) In regulation 5 (effect of resources on amounts payable) for "£300" there shall be substituted "£500".

(3) In Schedule 1 (bedclothes) for column 2 (which is set out in column 3 of Schedule 3 to these regulations) there shall be substituted the column 2 set out in column 2 of Schedule 3 to these regulations, the item to which each amount specified in that column relates being indicated in column 1 of that Schedule 3.

(4) In Schedule 2 (clothing and footwear), in each of Parts I (men's clothing and footwear), II (working clothes and footwear), III (women's clothing and footwear), IV (boys' clothing and footwear) and V (girls' clothing and footwear), for column 2 (which is set out in column 3 of the corresponding Part of Schedule 4 to these regulations) there shall be substituted the column 2 set out in column 2 of the corresponding Part of Schedule 4 to these regulations, the item to which each amount specified in that column relates being indicated in column 1 of that Schedule 4.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 23rd August 1983.

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

The Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland hereby consents to the foregoing regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland on 23rd August 1983.

(L.S.) *N. R. Cowling*
Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 2(6)(*b*)

Amounts substituted in Schedule 1 to the Requirements Regulations

Column 1	*Column 2*	*Column 3*
Provision of Schedule 1 to the Requirements Regulations	*Amount from 21st November 1983*	*Amount before 21st November 1983*
Paragraph A (Couples)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*) (long-term)	£54·55	£52·30
sub-paragraph (*b*) (ordinary)	£43·50	£41·70
Paragraph B (Householders)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*) (long-term)	£34·10	£32·70
sub-paragraph (*b*) (ordinary)	£26·80	£25·70
Paragraph 1 (Non-householders not less than 18, or less than 18 with dependant)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*) (long-term)	£27·25	£26·15
sub-paragraph (*b*) (ordinary)	£21·45	£20·55
Paragraph 2 (Non-householders less than 18 without dependant)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*) (long-term)	£20·90	£20·05
sub-paragraph (*b*) (ordinary)	£16·50	£15·80
Paragraph 3 (Dependants)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*) (not less than 18)	£21·45	£20·55
sub-paragraph (*b*) (less than 18 but not less than 16)	£16·50	£15·80
sub-paragraph (*c*) (less than 16 but not less than 11)	£13·70	£13·15
sub-paragraph (*d*) (less than 11)	£ 9·15	£ 8·75