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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

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The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 20(3) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a), being satisfied that such exercise is, having regard to special circumstances, necessary for the purpose of preventing inequalities, or injustice to the general body of employed earners, 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 (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 30th August 1979.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(b).

Insertion into the principal regulations of regulation 16A

2. After regulation 16 of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation:

"Additional condition with respect to the receipt of unemployment benefit by students

16A.—(1) Persons following a course of full-time education at an establishment recognised by the Department as being, or as comparable to, a university, college or school shall be a prescribed category of persons in respect of whom, under section 20(3) (additional conditions with respect to receipt of benefit), an additional condition is imposed with respect to the receipt by them of unemployment benefit.

(2) Subject to the following paragraphs, the additional condition referred to in paragraph (1) shall be that any person to whom this regulation applies (hereafter referred to as a "student") must have actually paid (except in a case to which paragraph (3) or paragraph (4) applies), in respect of either of the last two complete tax years immediately preceding the benefit year in which there falls the beginning of the period of interruption of employment which includes the day for which benefit is claimed (being a day in respect of which the additional condition applies), Class 1 contributions such that the earnings factor derived from them is not less than fifty times the lower earnings limit for the year in respect of which the contributions are paid.

(a) 1975 c. 15
(b) S.R. 1979 No. 211