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The Social Security (Credits) Amendment and (Earnings Factor) Transitional Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . 20*th March* 1978

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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**), Article 72(1) of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**b**), 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 and (Earnings Factor) Transitional Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1978.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Credits regulations" means the Social Security (Credits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(**c**), as amended(**d**);

"the normal percentage" and "the contracted-out percentage" have the meaning assigned to them in Article 29(2) of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975;

and other expressions have the same meaning as in the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975.

(3) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(**e**) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of these regulations as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendments to the Credits regulations

2.—(1) In regulation 2(1) of the Credits regulations (interpretation) in the definition of "reckonable year" for all the words after "contributor concerned" there shall be substituted "was sufficient to satisfy paragraph (*b*) of the second contribution condition specified in relation to that benefit in Schedule 3 to the Act;".

(2) In regulation 3(2)(*b*) of the Credits regulations (general provisions relating to the crediting of contributions) "standard" shall be omitted and in regulations 5(2), 7(3), 7A(2)(*b*), 8(2)(*b*) and 9(6) of those regulations for "under section 125(2)" there shall be substituted "under Article 5(2) of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975".

(a) 1975 c. 15
(b) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15)
(c) S.R. 1975 No. 113 (I, p. 760)
(d) The relevant amending regulation is S.R. 1976 No. 99 (I, p. 415)
(e) 1889 c. 63