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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987

Made	*21st January 1987*
Coming into operation . .	*7th April 1987*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 2(1), 3(1) and (1A) and 10(1) and (2B) of the Family Income Supplements Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 7th April 1987.

Prescribed amount

2.—(1) The prescribed amount for any family for the purposes of section 1(2) of the Family Income Supplements Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 shall be the amount specified in paragraph (2) or (3) as the case may be.

(2) Where the family includes only one child the prescribed amount shall be—

(*a*) £100·70, if the child is aged under 11;

(*b*) £101·75, if the child is aged under 16 but not less than 11;

(*c*) £102·80, if the child is aged 16 or over.

(3) Where the family includes more than one child the prescribed amount shall be the aggregate of whatever would be applicable under paragraph (2) if the first child were the only child, plus, for each additional child—

(*a*) aged under 11, £11·90;

(*b*) aged under 16 but not less than 11, £12·95;

(*c*) aged 16 or over, £14·00.

Maximum amount of family income supplement

3.—(1) The weekly rate of family income supplement shall not exceed the amount specified in paragraph (2) or (3) as the case may be.

(a) 1971 c. 8 (N.I.); sections 2 and 3(1) and (1A) were substituted by paragraphs 5 and 6 of Schedule 4 to the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16)). Section 10(2B) was inserted by Article 8(5)(*b*) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8))

(2) Where the family includes only one child the weekly rate of family income supplement shall not exceed—

(*a*) £25·85, if the child is aged under 11;

(*b*) £26·40, if the child is aged under 16 but not less than 11;

(*c*) £26·90, if the child is aged 16 or over.

(3) Where the family includes more than one child the weekly rate of family income supplement shall not exceed the aggregate of whatever would be applicable under paragraph (2) if the first child were the only child, plus, for each additional child—

(*a*) aged under 11, £2·60;

(*b*) aged under 16 but not less than 11, £3·15;

(*c*) aged 16 or over, £3·65.

Revocation

4. The Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(**a**) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 21st January 1987.

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(a) S.R. 1986 No. 202

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

Sections 2 and 3 of the Family Income Supplements Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 provide for a family income supplement of one half of the difference between a family's weekly resources and an amount prescribed by regulations, but subject to a prescribed maximum. These regulations increase the amounts prescribed and also raise the maximum weekly rates with effect from 7th April 1987.

The amounts currently prescribed for a family with one child are £98·60, where the child is under 11; £99·60, where the child is between 11 and 16; and £100·60 where the child is 16 or over. Where the family includes more than one child those amounts are increased by £11·65, £12·65 or £13·65 for each additional child according to its age. In place of these amounts regulation 2 now specifies—

(*a*) £100·70 as the prescribed amount for a family whose first or only child is under 11, plus £11·90 for every other child under that age;

(*b*) £101·75 as the prescribed amount for a family whose first or only child is between 11 and 16, plus £12·95 for every other child between those ages, and £11·90 for every child under 11;

(*c*) £102·80 as the prescribed amount for a family whose first or only child is 16 or over, plus £14·00 for every other child aged 16 or over, £12·95 for every child between 11 and 16, and £11·90 for every child under 11.

The current maximum weekly rates for a family with one child are £25·30 where the child is under 11; £25·80 where the child is between 11 and 16; and £26·30 where the child is 16 or over. Where there is more than one child the maximum is increased by £2·55, £3·05 or £3·55 for each child according to its age. In place of these amounts regulation 3 now specifies as the maximum weekly rates for a family in group (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) above, £25·85, £26·40 and £26·90 respectively, plus, for every child after the first, £2·60 if the child is under 11, £3·15 if the child is between 11 and 16, and £3·65 if the child is 16 or over.

Regulation 4 revokes the Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986.