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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Income Support (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

Made . . . . . 21st December 1995

Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(1) and (2)

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(*a*) and 131(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**a**), 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 Income Support (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 21st January 1996.

(2) These Regulations shall have effect in relation to any particular claimant—

(*a*) in a case where income support is paid to the claimant in arrears in accordance with paragraph 7(1)(*a*) of Schedule 7 to the Claims and Payments Regulations—

(i) from the first day of the benefit week which includes the 28th January 1996, or

(ii) if the claim for income support is for a period beginning after the 28th January 1996, from the first day of the first benefit week commencing after that date;

(*b*) in a case where income support is paid to the claimant in advance in accordance with paragraph 7(1)(*b*) of Schedule 7 to the Claims and Payments Regulations, from the first day of the first benefit week commencing after 28th January 1996,

and for this purpose the expressions "claimant" and "benefit week" have the same meanings as in regulation 2(1) of the Income Support Regulations (interpretation).

(3) In these Regulations—

(**a**) 1992 c. 7

"the Claims and Payments Regulations" means the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**a**);

"the Income Support Regulations" means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**b**).

(4) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**c**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of Schedule 3 to the Income Support Regulations

2. In Schedule 3 to the Income Support Regulations(**d**) (housing costs), in paragraph 12(1)(*a*) (standard rate of interest on qualifying loans) for "8·39 per cent." there shall be substituted "8·00 per cent.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 21st December 1995.

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Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.R. 1987 No. 465; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1990 No. 398, S.R. 1992 No. 83 and S.R. 1993 No. 149
(**b**) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1988 No. 318 and S.R. 1995 Nos. 301, 350 and 434
(**c**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**d**) Schedule 3 was substituted by Schedule 1 to S.R. 1995 No. 301 and amended by regulation 2 of S.R. 1995 No. 350 and regulation 2 of S.R. 1995 No. 434

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend Schedule 3 to the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987, as substituted by the Social Security (Income Support and Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995, with respect to the standard rate of interest applicable to a loan which qualifies for income supportr, the new rate being 8·00 per cent.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8), are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.