STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Fund (Child Funeral Fund) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025

Made - - - -	*28th October 2025*
Coming into operation -	*1st December 2025*

The Department for Communities makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 134(1)(a) and (4), 171(1) and (3) to (5) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**a**) and sections 1(1) and (1C), 5(1)(a), (j), and (k) and 165(1), (4) and (5) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund (Child Funeral Fund) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025 and shall come into operation on 1st December 2025.

Amendment of the Social Fund (Child Funeral Fund) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022

2.—(1) The Social Fund (Child Funeral Fund) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022(**d**) are amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In regulation 2 (Interpretation), for the definition of "Child Funeral Fund payment" substitute—

"Child Funeral Fund payment means—

(a) for funerals taking place on or before 30th November 2025 a one-off lump sum payment of £3,056.00, or

(b) for funerals taking place on or after 1st December 2025 a one-off lump sum payment of £3,441.00;".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 28th October 2025.

(L.S.)

David Tarr

(**a**) 1992 c. 7; section 134(1)(a) was amended by Part 7 of Schedule 12 to the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1)) and section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21)

(**b**) 1992 c. 8; section 1(1C) was inserted by Article 18 of S.I. 1997/1182 (N.I. 11), section 165(1) was amended by paragraph 49(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/671) and section 18(5) of the National Insurance Contributions Act 2014 (c. 7)

(**c**) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481 and section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5)

(**d**) S.R. 2022 No. 179

A senior officer of the Department for Communities

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the amount paid under the Child Funeral Fund as part of the social fund.

Regulation 1 provides that the Regulations shall come into operation on 1st December 2025.

Regulation 2 amends the Social Fund (Child Funeral Fund) (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022 to allow for funerals that take place on or after 1st December 2025 to be eligible for the increased Child Funeral Fund payment amount of £3,441.00. Funerals that take place on or before 30th November 2025 will remain eligible for the Child Funeral Fund payment amount of £3,056.00.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for these Regulations as they have no impact on the costs of business.

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