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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2010

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The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of powers conferred by sections 5(1)(a) and 189(1), (4) and (6) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**a**).

In accordance with section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992, the Secretary of State has obtained the agreement of the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2010 and come into force on 29th July 2010.

Amendment of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987

2. In regulation 4(11) (making a claim for benefit) of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987(**b**)—

(a) for "or retirement pension" substitute ", a retirement pension, a bereavement benefit or a social fund payment for funeral expenses"; and

(b) for "the telephone number specified by the Secretary of State" substitute "a telephone number specified by the Secretary of State for the purpose of the benefit for which the claim is made".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

Steve Webb
Minister of State,
23rd June 2010 Department for Work and Pensions

(**a**) 1992 c. 5. Section 189(1) was amended by the Social Security Act 1998 (c.14), Schedule 7, paragraph 109(a) and Schedule 8, by the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c.2), Schedule 3, paragraph 57(1) and (2) and by the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c.21), Schedule 6. Section 189(4) and (6) were amended by the Social Security Act 1998, Schedule 7, paragraph 109(c) and (e) and Schedule 8.

(**b**) S.I. 1987/1968. Regulation 4(11) was inserted by S.I. 2005/34 and amended by S.I. 2005/1551. The definition of "bereavement benefit" in regulation 2(1) was inserted by S.I. 2000/1483.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987 ("the Claims and Payments Regulations") (S.I. 1987/1968).

Regulation 2 amends regulation 4(11) of the Claims and Payments Regulations to allow a claim for a bereavement benefit or a social fund payment for funeral expenses to be made by telephone call to a number specified by the Secretary of State. Regulation 2(1) of the Claims and Payments Regulations has the effect that the reference to a bereavement benefit covers bereavement payment, widowed parent's allowance, and bereavement allowance.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the private or voluntary sectors.

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