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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made . . . . . *10th December 1992*

Coming into operation . . *1st April 1993*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 13A(2)(*b*) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations representing qualifying lenders likely to be affected by the regulations as it considers appropriate(**b**), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1993.

(2) 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 the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations

2. In paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**d**) (deductions of mortgage interest from benefit and payment to qualifying lenders) for "£2·50" there shall be substituted "£1".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 10th December 1992.

(L.S.) *A. N. Burns*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) 1992 c. 8; section 13A was inserted by the Schedule to the Social Security (Mortgage Interest Payments) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/1309 (N.I. 9))
(**b**) *See* section 13A(2) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992
(**c**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**d**) S.R. 1987 No. 465; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1992 No. 271

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 by reducing from £2·50 to £1 the fee which qualifying lenders pay to the Department for the purpose of defraying administrative expenses incurred in making payments in respect of mortgage interest direct to those lenders.

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.