STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1976

Laid before Parliament in draft

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Whereas a draft of the following regulations was laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, with the consent of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Supplementary Benefit Act 1966**(a)** and now vested in him **(b)**, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 15th November 1976.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, "the Act" means the Supplementary Benefit Act 1966**(a)** and other expressions have the same meaning as in the Act.

(3) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889**(c)** shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these regulations as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of provisions for calculating requirements

2.—(1) Part II (calculation of requirements) of Schedule 2 to the Act (provisions for determining the right to and amount of benefit) as varied **(d)** shall be further varied in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) For paragraph 9 (normal requirements) and paragraph 10 (blind persons' requirements) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

(a) 1966 c. 20.

(b) *See* Article 2 of the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585)).

(c) 1889 c. 63.

(d) Amounts specified for requirements were last varied by S.I. 1975/1097 (1975 II, p. 3852).

"*Normal requirements*

9. Requirements of persons other than blind persons—

		£
(*a*) husband and wife or other persons falling within paragraph 3(1) of this Schedule	*a*)	20·65
	b)	24·85
	(*c*)	25·10
(*b*) person living alone or householder not falling within sub-paragraph (*a*) of this paragraph who is directly responsible for household necessities and rent (if any)...	(*a*)	12·70
	(*b*)	15·70
	(*c*)	15·95
(*c*) any other person aged—		
(i) not less than 18 years	(*a*)	10·15
	(*b*)	12·60
	(*c*)	12·85
(ii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years		7·80
(iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years		6·50
(iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years		5·35
(v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years		4·35
(vi) less than 5 years		3·60

Blind persons

10. Requirements of persons who are or include blind persons—

		£
(*a*) husband and wife or other persons falling within paragraph 3(1) of this schedule—		
(i) if one of them is blind	(*a*)	21·90
	(*b*)	26·10
	(*c*)	26·35
(ii) if both of them are blind	(*a*)	22·70
	(*b*)	26·90
	(*c*)	27·15
(*b*) any other blind person aged—		
(i) not less than 18 years	(*a*)	13·95
	(*b*	16·95
	(*c*)	17·20
(ii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years		8·70
(iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years		6·50
(iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years		5·35
(v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years		4·35
(vi) less than 5 years		3·60"

(3) In paragraph 12 (attendance requirements) and paragraph 13 (rent) there shall be substituted—

(*a*) for each reference to £10·60 a reference to £12·20;

(*b*) for each reference to £7·10 a reference to £8·15; and
(*c*) for the reference to £1·00 a reference to £1·20.

David Ennals,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

28th June 1976.

We consent.

David Stoddart,
J. Dormand,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

1st July 1976.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations vary the provisions of Part II (calculation of requirements) of Schedule 2 (determination of right to and amount of benefit) to the Supplementary Benefit Act 1966 (enacted as the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966). Regulation 2 increases certain weekly amounts allowed for requirements; paragraph (2) relates to normal and blind persons requirements and paragraph (3) to the attendance requirements of severely disabled persons and to the rent addition for non-householders. These Regulations come into operation on 15th November 1976.

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