1975 No. 34

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

The Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made . . . . . *24th February* 1975

Coming into operation . . . . *7th April* 1975

The Department of Health and Social Services, with the consent of the Department of Finance, in exercise of powers conferred by section 4 of the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 7th April 1975.

Amendment of provisions for calculating requirements

2.—(1) Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 shall be varied in accordance with the following provisions.

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

"**9.** Requirements of persons other than blind persons—

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(*a*) husband and wife or other persons falling within paragraph 3(1)	(*a*)	15·65
	(*b*)	18·85
	(*c*)	19·10
(*b*) person living alone or householder not falling within sub-paragraph (*a*) who is directly responsible for household necessities and rent (if any) .	(*a*)	9·60
	(*b*)	12·00
	(*c*)	12·25
(*c*) any other person aged—		
(i) not less than 18 years	(*a*)	7·65
	(*b*)	9·65
	(*c*)	9·90
(ii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years .		5·90
(iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years .		4·95
(iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years .		4·05
(v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years .		3·30
(vi) less than 5 years		2·75

(a) 1966 c. 28 (N.I.)

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

		£
(*a*) husband and wife or other persons falling within paragraph 3(1)—		
(i) if one of them blind	(*a*)	16·90
	(*b*)	20·10
	(*c*)	20·35
(ii) if both of them blind	(*a*)	17·70
	(*b*)	20·90
	(*c*)	21·15
(*b*) any other blind person aged—		
(i) not less than 18 years	(*a*)	10·85
	(*b*)	13·25
	(*c*)	13·50
(ii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years		6·80
(iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years		4·95
(iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years		4·05
(v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years		3·30
(vi) less than 5 years		2·75"

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

(*a*) for each reference to £8·00 a reference to £9·20;

(*b*) for each reference to £5·35 a reference to £6·20; and

(*c*) for the reference to £0·90 a reference to £0·95.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 24th February 1975.

(L.S.) *C. G. Oakes*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby consents to the foregoing regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 24th February 1975.

(L.S.) *D. Clement*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.*)

These regulations provide for increases in the weekly sums allowed in calculating requirements for the purpose of determining entitlement to, and the amount of, supplementary pension or allowance.

They also increase the present weekly amount for attendance requirements and the rent addition for non-householders.