STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1978

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 2(2), as amended(a), and (3) of the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976(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 Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1978 and shall come into operation on 13th November 1978.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, "the Act"' means the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 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 1 to the Act (provisions for determining right to and amount of supplementary benefits) shall be varied in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(a) *See* section 14(4) of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1977 c. 5.
(b) 1976 c. 71. (c) 1889 c. 63.

(2) For paragraph 7 (normal requirements) and paragraph 8 (blind persons) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

"*Normal requirements*

7. Requirements of persons, other than blind persons—

		£
(*a*) husband and wife or other persons falling within paragraph 3(1) of this Schedule	A ...	25·25
	B ...	31·55
	C ...	31·80
(*b*) person living alone or householder not falling within sub-paragraph (*a*) above who is directly responsible for household necessities and rent (if any)		£
	A ...	15·55
	B ...	19·90
	C ...	20·15
(*c*) any other person aged—		
(i) not less than 18 years	A ...	12·45
	B ...	15·95
	C ...	16·20
(ii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years ...	...	9·55
(iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years ...	...	7·95
(iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years ...	...	6·55
(v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years ...	...	5·30
(vi) less than 5 years	...	4·40

Blind persons

8. 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 ...	26·50
	B ...	32·80
	C ...	33·05
(ii) if both of them are blind	A ...	27·30
	B ...	33·60
	C ...	33·85
(*b*) any other blind person aged—		
(i) not less than 18 years	A ...	16·80
	B ...	21·15
	C ...	21·40
(ii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years ...	...	10·45
(iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years ...	...	7·95
(iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years ...	...	6·55
(v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years ...	...	5·30
(vi) less than 5 years	...	4·40"

(3) In paragraph 10 (attendance requirements)—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (1)(*a*), for "£14·00" there shall be substituted "£15·60";

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (1)(*b*), for "£9·30" there shall be substituted "£10·40".

David Ennals,

Secretary of State for Social Services.

26th June 1978.

We consent.

T. E. Graham,

J. Dormand,

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

29th June 1978.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations vary the provisions of Part II (calculation of requirements) of Schedule 1 (determination of right to and amount of supplementary benefits) to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976. Regulation 2 increases certain weekly amounts allowed for requirements; paragraph (2) relates to normal and blind persons' requirements and paragraph (3) relates to the attendance requirements of severely disabled persons. These Regulations come into operation on 13th November 1978.

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