

## 1976 No. 148

## FAMILY ALLOWANCES

## Consequential

Made . . . . .	7th May 1976
Coming into operation . . . . .	28th May 1976

The Department(a) of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 12 of the Family Allowances Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) as extended by Article 5 of the Social Security and Family Allowances (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(c), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Family Allowances (Social Security and Family Allowances (Northern Ireland) Order 1976) (Consequential) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 28th May 1976.

(2) In these regulations—

“the Act” means the Family Allowances Act (Northern Ireland) 1966;

“the Qualifications Regulations” means the Family Allowances (Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(d).

*Circumstances in which a person is to be treated for the purposes of the Act as under the upper limit of compulsory school age*

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person who falls to be regarded as having attained the upper limit of compulsory school age on or after the date on which these regulations come into operation and before attaining the age of 16 shall be treated for the purposes of the Act as being under that limit until immediately before the date on which he attains the age of 16.

(2) Where under the provisions of Article 36(2)(b) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(e) as amended by Article 2 of the Amendment of School Leaving Date Order (Northern Ireland) 1976(f) a person falls to be regarded as having attained the upper limit of compulsory school age on 28th May 1976 and is a person who attains the age of 16 on or before 31st July 1976, he shall be treated for the purposes of the Act as being under that limit until immediately before 1st August 1976.

*Amendment of regulation 15 of the Qualifications Regulations*

3. In regulation 15 of the Qualifications Regulations (circumstances in which a person is to be treated as undergoing full-time instruction) for the references to 4 weeks in heads (i) and (ii) of the proviso to paragraph (2)(g) of that regulation there shall be substituted references to 10 weeks.

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

(b) 1966 c. 8 (N.I.)

(c) S.I. 1976/427 (N.I. 9)

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 23 (p. 167)

(e) S.I. 1972/1263 (N.I. 12)

(f) S.R. 1976 No. 142

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 7th May 1976.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations, made under powers conferred by section 12 of the Family Allowances Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 ("the 1966 Act") as extended by Article 5 of the Social Security and Family Allowances (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, specify the circumstances in which a young person who has attained the upper limit of compulsory school age under legislation relating to education is to be treated for the purposes of the 1966 Act as being under that limit until a later date and thereby as eligible to count as a child of a person's family under section 2(1)(a) of the 1966 Act until that later date (regulation 2). The regulations (regulation 3) also amend regulation 15 of the Family Allowances (Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970 (circumstances in which a person is to be treated as undergoing full-time instruction) by extending from 4 weeks to 10 weeks the admissible period of absence from school (in addition to recognised holidays) during which title to family allowances may be preserved when a young person moves from one school to another.