

1977 No. 231

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

**The Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977**

Made 28th July 1977

Coming into operation 14th November 1977

The Department of Health and Social Services(a), with the consent of the Department of Finance(a), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 4 of the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b), 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) 1977 and shall come into operation on 14th November 1977.

Amendment of provisions for calculating requirements

2.—(1) Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (provisions for determining right to and amount of benefit) 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) 23·55 (b) 28·35 (c) 28·60
(b) person living alone or householder not falling within subparagraph (a) who is directly responsible for household necessities and rent (if any)	(a) 14·50 (b) 17·90 (c) 18·15
(c) any other person aged—	
(i) not less than 18 years	(a) 11·60 (b) 14·35 (c) 14·60
(ii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years	8·90
(iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years	7·40
(iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years	6·10
(v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years	4·95
(vi) less than 5 years	4·10

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

(b) 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)—

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(i) if one of them blind	(a) 24.80
	(b) 29.60
	(c) 29.85
(ii) if both of them blind	(a) 25.60
	(b) 30.40
	(c) 30.65
(b) any other blind person aged—	
(i) not less than 18 years	(a) 15.75
	(b) 19.15
	(c) 19.40
(ii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years	9.80
(iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years	7.40
(iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years	6.10
(v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years	4.95
(vi) less than 5 years	4.10"

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

(a) for each reference to £12.20 a reference to £14.00;

(b) for each reference to £8.15 a reference to £9.30.

(4) In paragraph 13 (rent) there shall be substituted for the reference to £1.20 a reference to £1.45.

Revocation

3. The Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(c) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 28th July 1977.

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W. J. Sloane

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 28th July 1977.

(L.S.)

F. G. Dougall

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.

The opportunity is taken to revoke the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976.