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## SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978***Made* . . . . . 20th July 1978*Coming into operation—**except for regulation 2(4)* . . . . . 13th November 1978*Regulation 2(4)* . . . . . 2nd April 1979

The Department of Health and Social Services, in conjunction with the Department of Finance(a), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 7 and 19(1) of the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation, interpretation and commencement*

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978, shall be read as one with the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(c), as amended(d) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation, except for regulation 2(4), on 13th November 1978 and, as to regulation 2(4), on 2nd April 1979.

*Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations*

2.—(1) Regulation 2 of the principal regulations (weekly rates of child benefit) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) Subject to paragraph (4) of this regulation, in paragraph (1) of the said regulation 2, for "£2·30" there shall be substituted "£3·00".

(3) In paragraph (2) of the said regulation 2, for "£1·00" there shall be substituted "£2·00".

(4) With effect from 2nd April 1979, in paragraph (1) of the said regulation 2 there shall be substituted for the reference to "£3·00" substituted therein by paragraph (2) of this regulation, a reference to "£4·00".

*Revocation of regulation 3 of the principal regulations*

3. Regulation 3 of the principal regulations(e) (reduction of weekly rates of benefits and increase of benefits under the Social Security Act in respect of children) shall be revoked—

(a) in the case of paragraphs (a) and (b) (child's special allowance and guardian's allowance under the Social Security Act) on 13th November 1978;

(a) See Article 24(1)(a) of the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975

(b) S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16)

(c) S.R. 1976 No. 223 (I, p. 1022)

(d) S.R. 1977 Nos. 247 and 248

(e) As inserted by S.R. 1977 No. 248

- (b) in the case of paragraph (c) (increase under Chapter III of Part II of the Social Security Act of certain benefits for child dependants)—
- (i) in relation to an increase of maternity allowance, widow's allowance, widowed mother's allowance, Category A, B or C retirement pension, child's special allowance or (where the Department has not made arrangements for invalid care allowance to be paid on a Wednesday) invalid care allowance, on 13th November 1978;
  - (ii) in relation to an increase of invalid care allowance where the Department has made arrangements for that allowance to be paid on a Wednesday, on 15th November 1978;
  - (iii) in relation to an increase of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit, invalidity pension or non-contributory invalidity pension, on 16th November 1978;
- (c) in the case of paragraph (d) (increase of injury benefit under the Social Security Act in respect of dependent children) on 16th November 1978;
- (d) in the case of paragraph (e) (increase of disablement pension under the Social Security Act in respect of dependent children) on 15th November 1978; and
- (e) in the case of paragraphs (f) and (g) (allowance under section 70 of the Social Security Act in respect of children) on 13th November 1978.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 20th July 1978.

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 20th July 1978.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 (the principal regulations) by providing for higher rates of child benefit under the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 with effect from Monday 13th November 1978 and provide for a further increase in the rate of the main benefit under that Order from 2nd April 1979.

These regulations also revoke regulation 3 of the principal regulations which reduced the weekly rates of benefits and increases of benefits under the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 in respect of children to take account of payments of child benefit being made for such children.

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 1978, which increases the weekly rates of various benefits and increases of benefits under the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975, takes account of the reductions provided for in regulation 3 of the principal regulations and accordingly that regulation is revoked by these regulations.