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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security Benefit (Dependency) (Amendment No. 2)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980**

Made 27th June 1980
Coming into operation 14th July 1980

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 47A of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a) 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 Social Security Benefit (Dependency) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 14th July 1980.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Social Security Benefit (Dependency) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977(b).

Substitution of new regulation 13 of the principal regulations

2. For regulation 13 of the principal regulations (increase of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit or invalidity pension for persons over pensionable age) there shall be substituted the following regulation:

“Increase of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit or invalidity pension for persons over pensionable age

13.—(1) In relation to any increase of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit or invalidity pension to which section 47A of the Act applies (rate of increase where beneficiary is over pensionable age and the associated retirement pension is attributable to reduced contributions), the amount of such increase shall be determined in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) The amount of the said increase shall be the relevant percentage of the amount specified in column (3) of paragraph 1(b) or, as the case may be, paragraph 2 of Part IV of Schedule 4 to the Act (increases for adult dependants).

(3) In this regulation ‘the relevant percentage’ means the percentage specified in regulation 6(3) of the Social Security (Widow’s Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(c) (reduced rates of benefit where contribution record is deficient).’

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 27th June 1980.

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(a) 1975 c. 15; section 47A was inserted by para. 5 of Sch. 1 to S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)

(b) S.R. 1977 No. 74 (I, p. 258); to which there are amendments not relevant to the subject-matter of these regulations

(c) S.R. 1979 No. 243 (II, p. 1146)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations substitute new provisions for those of regulation 13 of the Social Security Benefit (Dependency) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977. In relation to a beneficiary who is over pensionable age, who has not retired from regular employment, and whose contribution record is deficient, that regulation made provision for rates of increase of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit or invalidity pension in respect of an adult dependant and dependent children to be calculated by reference to the rate of increase of retirement pension to which he would have been entitled if he had so retired.

The new regulation 13 makes provision for rates of increase of those benefits or invalidity pension in the same circumstances in respect of an adult dependant to be calculated by reference to the percentage prescribed in regulation 6(3) of the Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 (which makes similar prescription in relation to widow's benefit and retirement pensions).