

1985 No. 105

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order
(Northern Ireland) 1985**

Made 7th May 1985
Coming into operation 3rd June 1985

Whereas the Secretary of State for Social Services has made an order(a) under section 21 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975(b):

Now, therefore, the Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 23 of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(c) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 and shall come into operation on 3rd June 1985.

Revaluation of earnings factors

2. The earnings factors relevant to the calculation of the additional component in the rate of any long-term benefit are directed to be increased for the tax years specified in the Schedule by the percentage of their amount shown opposite the said tax years in the Schedule.

Rounding of fractional amounts

3. Where any earnings factor as increased in accordance with this order would not but for this Article be expressed as a whole number of pounds, it shall be so expressed by the rounding down of any fraction of a pound less than one half and the rounding up of any other fraction of a pound.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on
7th May 1985.

(L.S.)

A. N. Burns

Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1985/688

(b) 1975 c. 60; section 21 was amended by section 10 of the Social Security Act 1979 (c. 18) and by sections 3(3) and 21(4) of, and Part I of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30)

(c) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15)

SCHEDULE

<i>Tax Year</i>	<i>Increase</i>
1978-79	121·0 per cent.
1979-80	95·0 per cent.
1980-81	62·9 per cent.
1981-82	36·4 per cent.
1982-83	23·9 per cent.
1983-84	15·1 per cent.
1984-85	6·6 per cent.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

The order which corresponds to an order (S.I. 1985/688) made by the Secretary of State for Social Services under section 21 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 directs that the earnings factors relevant to calculating the additional component in the rate of any long-term benefit for the tax years specified in the Schedule are to be increased by the percentage of their amount specified in that Schedule. The percentage for the tax year 1984-85 has been fixed at 6·6 per cent: those for earlier years have also been increased. The order also provides for the rounding of fractional amounts.

For the purpose of certain occupational pension schemes which are contracted-out under Part IV of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, the increases made by this order are applied, by Articles 36(5)(b) and 39(2)(b), to the calculation of the earner's average annual salary and, by Article 37(5) as amended by Article 16 of, and paragraph 19(a) of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/396 (N.I. 5)), to the earnings factor used in calculating his guaranteed minimum pension.