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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991***Made* 26th July 1991*Coming into operation* 14th October 1991

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 36(4)(c), 36A(4), 124(1) and 126 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 (Severe Disablement Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 14th October 1991.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(b).

Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 3 of the principal regulations (conditions relating to residence and presence) for paragraph (2) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(2) Section 36 of the Act shall be modified by inserting after subsection (4) the following subsection—

“(4ZA) In determining whether the person satisfies any conditions prescribed under subsection (4)(c) above—

(a) any period during which the person is absent from Northern Ireland by reason only of the fact that—

(i) he is abroad in his capacity as a serving member of the forces;
or

(ii) he is living with a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) and is the spouse, son, daughter, father, father-in-law, mother or mother-in-law of that person,

shall be treated as a period during which the person was resident in Northern Ireland; and

(a) 1975 c. 15; section 36(4)(c) was substituted by Article 5(1) of the Health and Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8)). Section 36A(4) was inserted by Article 4(1) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/1511 (N.I. 15)).

(b) S.R. 1984 No. 317; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1990 No. 392

- (b) any day on which the person is absent from Northern Ireland by reason only of the fact that on that day—
- (i) he is abroad in his capacity as a serving member of the forces; or
 - (ii) he is living with a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) and is the spouse, son, daughter, father, father-in-law, mother or mother-in-law of that person; or
 - (iii) he is in employment prescribed for the purposes of section 132 of the Social Security Act 1975(a) in connection with continental shelf operations; or
 - (iv) he is abroad in his capacity as an airman or mariner within the meaning of regulation 80 and regulation 84 respectively of the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(b),

shall be treated as a day on which the person is present in Northern Ireland;

and for the purposes of this provision “serving member of the forces” has the same meaning as in regulation 1(2) of the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations 1979(c).” ”

Substitution of regulation 10A of the principal regulations

3. For regulation 10A of the principal regulations (circumstances in which a person is to be treated as having qualified for severe disablement allowance) there shall be substituted the following regulation—

“**10A.**—(1) A person shall be treated, for the purposes of section 36A of the Act(d) (which applies to an age related addition in a severe disablement allowance), as having qualified for severe disablement allowance—

- (a) where he is a person to whom regulation 19 (persons formerly entitled to non-contributory invalidity pension) applies, on the first day of incapacity for work in a period of not less than 196 consecutive days of incapacity for work which immediately preceded the day on which he was first entitled to a non-contributory invalidity pension;
- (b) where he is a person who qualified for severe disablement allowance by virtue of section 36(3)(b) of the Act and was incapable of work on each day in a period which immediately preceded the period of not less than 196 consecutive days mentioned in that subsection, on the first day of incapacity for work in the period first mentioned; or

(a) 1975 c. 14; section 132(2) was amended by paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982 (c. 23)

(b) S.R. 1979 No. 186; to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations

(c) S.I. 1979/591; to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations

(d) Section 36A was inserted by Article 4(1) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/1511 (N.I. 15))

(c) where he is a person to whom regulation 6 (modification of section 36(2) and (3) of the Act etc.) applies, on the first day of incapacity for work in a period of not less than 196 consecutive days of incapacity which immediately preceded the first day on which he was previously entitled to a severe disablement allowance.

(2) Where in any particular case a person satisfies the requirements of two or more sub-paragraphs in paragraph (1), he shall be treated as having qualified for severe disablement allowance in accordance with that sub-paragraph which produces the earlier or earliest day in his case.''.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 26th July 1991.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations which come into operation on 14th October 1991 further amend the Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 ("the principal regulations").

Regulation 2 provides that section 36(4) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 ("the Act") is modified so that a person shall be treated—

- (a) as both resident and present in Northern Ireland if he is living abroad either because he is a serving member of the forces or is a member of the family of such a person; and
- (b) as present in Northern Ireland if he is in prescribed employment in connection with continental shelf operations or abroad in his capacity as an airman or mariner.

Regulation 3 provides that a person shall be treated for the purposes of section 36A of the Act (severe disablement allowance: age related addition) as having qualified for severe disablement allowance—

- (a) where he is a person formerly entitled to a non-contributory invalidity pension, on the first day of a period of incapacity for work of not less than 196 consecutive days which immediately preceded the day on which he was first entitled to such a pension;
- (b) where he is a person who was incapable of work but not both incapable of work and disabled immediately before the first day of a period of incapacity for work of not less than 196 consecutive days, on the first day of incapacity for work in that period; or
- (c) where he is a person to whom regulation 6 of the principal regulations applies, on the first day of a period of incapacity for work of not less than 196 consecutive days which immediately preceded the first day on which he was previously entitled to a severe disablement allowance.

These regulations correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30), are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.