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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made 20th November 1992

Coming into operation 17th December 1992

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 57(1)(a)(i) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(a) 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 Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 17th December 1992.

Amendment of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations

2. For regulation 12D(2)(c) of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(b) (persons deemed to be actively seeking employment) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(c) if he is a blind person, a maximum of 6 weeks, whether consecutive or not, during which, apart from a period of no more than 2 weeks, he participates for a maximum period of 4 weeks in a course of training in the use of guide dogs of which at least 3 days in each such week is spent in that training.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 20th November 1992.

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Assistant Secretary

(a) 1992 c. 7

(b) S.R. 1984 No. 245; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1989 No. 364

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend regulation 12D(2)(c) of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 by extending by 2 weeks the number of weeks a blind person can be deemed to be actively seeking employment in any period of 12 months.

These regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding 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 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8), are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

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These Orders have been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979. Summaries are given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.