
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 622

**The Social Security (Child Maintenance
Bonus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

Department to issue estimates

6.—(1) Where it appears to the Department that a person who is in receipt of a qualifying benefit, or the partner of such a person, may satisfy the requirements of regulation 3 (entitlement to a bonus) it may issue to the person in receipt of the qualifying benefit a written statement of the amount the Department estimates may be payable by way of a bonus in his particular case, and may provide such further statements as appear appropriate in the circumstances, stating the amount it estimates may be payable.

(2) The issue by the Department of a statement under paragraph (1) shall not be binding on the adjudication officer when he makes his determination on a claim for a bonus as to—

- (a) whether the applicant satisfies the conditions of entitlement to the bonus; and
- (b) the amount, if any, payable where the bonus is awarded.