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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1997 No. 554**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Social Security (Claims and Payments)  
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997**

*Made - - - - 31st December 1997*

*Coming into operation 1st April 1998*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 13A(2)(b) and 165(1) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(1) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations representing qualifying lenders likely to be affected by the Regulations as it considers appropriate(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1998.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(3) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Assembly.

**Amendment of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations**

2. In paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(4) (deductions of mortgage interest from benefit and payment to qualifying lenders) for “£0·72” there shall be substituted “£0·69”.

**Revocation**

3. The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(5) are hereby revoked.

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(1) 1992 c. 8; section 13A was inserted by the Schedule to the Social Security (Mortgage Interest Payments) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/1309 (N.I. 9)) and amended by paragraph 23 of Schedule 2 to the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15))

(2) See section 13A(2) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

(3) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(4) S.R. 1987 No. 465; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1992 No. 271 and S.R. 1996 No. 556

(5) S.R. 1996 No. 556

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland  
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31st December 1997.

*John O'Neill*  
Assistant Secretary

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

Regulation 2 of these Regulations amends paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 by reducing from £0·72 to £0·69 the fee which qualifying lenders pay for the purpose of defraying administrative expenses incurred by the Department of Health and Social Services in making payments in respect of mortgage interest direct to those lenders.

Regulation 3 makes a consequential revocation.

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 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.