
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Social Fund (Maternity and Funeral Expenses) (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987.

In particular, regulation 2(3) provides that the presence of 16 and 17 year old immediate family members or close relatives shall not disentitle a responsible person from a funeral payment, regulation 2(4) prescribes what are to be regarded as the necessary costs of a burial or cremation for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of a funeral payment and regulation 2(2) makes a technical amendment to those Regulations.

Regulation 3 makes a saving provision.

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.