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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2000 No. 38**

**The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2000**

**Part I**

**Introduction**

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 and, subject to paragraphs (2) to (5), shall come into operation for the purposes of—

- (a) Articles 1, 2 and 6 on 1st April 2000;
- (b) Article 8, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 1st April 2000 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Computation of Earnings Regulations;
- (c) Article 10 on 2nd April 2000;
- (d) Article 9 on 6th April 2000;
- (e) Articles 3 to 5 and 11 to 13 on 10th April 2000;
- (f) Article 7 on 12th April 2000;
- (g) Articles 14, 15 and 23 on 13th April 2000;
- (h) Articles 16 to 18, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 10th April 2000 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (i) Article 19, in relation to a case where rent is or rates are payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 3rd April 2000 and, in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2000; and
- (j) Articles 20 to 22, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 10th April 2000 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations.

(2) The increases made—

- (a) in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act or the Pension Schemes Act; and
- (b) by Article 20(c), in so far as it is relevant for the purposes referred to in Article 6(11),

shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in Article 6.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), in so far as Articles 16(3), 19(6) and 21(3) amend the provisions specified in paragraph (5), they shall come into operation immediately after the coming into operation of regulation 2(1)(b) of the Social Security (Personal Allowances for Children and Young Persons Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999(1).

(4) Where, in relation to a particular beneficiary—

- (a) both paragraph (3) and either or both of sub-paragraphs (h) and (j) of paragraph (1) apply; and
- (b) the coming into operation dates specified in relation to those provisions would not coincide,

then, in such a case, the coming into operation date for the purposes of paragraph (3) shall instead be the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary after 10th April 2000.

(5) The provisions specified for the purposes of paragraph (3) are—

- (a) paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the Income Support Regulations;
- (b) paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the Housing Benefit Regulations; and
- (c) paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations.

## Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the Administration Act” means the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

“the Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(2);

“the Pension Schemes Act” means the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(3);

“the Computation of Earnings Regulations” means the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(4);

“the Housing Benefit Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(5);

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(6);

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(7).

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(8) shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

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(1) S.R. 1999 No. 382

(2) 1992 c. 7

(3) 1993 c. 49

(4) S.R. 1996 No. 520

(5) S.R. 1987 No. 461; relevant amending provisions are S.R. 1988 No. 314, S.R. 1989 No. 125, S.R. 1990 No. 136, S.R. 1992 Nos. 85 and 549, S.R. 1993 No. 381, S.R. 1996 No. 448, S.R. 1997 Nos. 3, 4, 22 and 113, S.R. 1998 Nos. 73 and 112 and S.R. 1999 No. 50

(6) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending provisions are S.R. 1988 Nos. 146, 274, 318 and 431, S.R. 1989 Nos. 139 and 249, S.R. 1990 Nos. 131, 213 and 346, S.R. 1993 Nos. 149 and 373, S.R. 1994 No. 77, S.R. 1995 Nos. 301 and 434, S.R. 1996 Nos. 199, 288, 449 and 476, S.R. 1997 No. 3, S.R. 1998 Nos. 81 and 112, S.R. 1999 Nos. 50, 239, 371 (C. 28), 382 and 472 (C. 36)

(7) S.R. 1996 No. 198, relevant amending provisions are S.R. 1996 Nos. 288, 356, 358 and 476, S.R. 1997 Nos. 3 and 130, S.R. 1998 No. 112 and S.R. 1999 Nos. 50 and 428 (C. 32)

(8) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)