

2003 No. 196

HOUSING; RATES

**The Income-Related Benefits and Jobseeker's Allowance
(Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit Amendment
No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

Made - - - - - *24th March 2003*

Coming into operation *6th April 2003*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(d), 132(3) and (4)(b) and 171(1) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(a), and now vested in it(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(c), and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these regulations should not be referred to it(d), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Income-Related Benefits and Jobseeker's Allowance (Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 6th April 2003.

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

Amendment of the Income-Related Benefits and Jobseeker's Allowance (Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit Amendment) Regulations

2. In Schedule 2 to the Income-Related Benefits and Jobseeker's Allowance (Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(f) (amendments to the housing benefit regulations) –

(a) in paragraph 10 –

(i) in sub-paragraph (1) of the substituted paragraph 16 for “a sum equal to the 30 hour element of working tax credit referred to in regulation 20(1)(c) of the Working Tax Credit Regulations” there shall be substituted “£11·90”;

(ii) for sub-paragraph (3)(c) of the substituted paragraph 16 there shall be substituted the following –

“(c) £11·90.”;

(a) 1992 c. 7; section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21) which is commenced by the Tax Credits Act 2002 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/392 (C. 25))

(b) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

(c) See section 171(6A) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 as inserted by Article 3(3) of the Social Security (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1579 (N.I. 8)); see also Article 6(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

(d) See section 150(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

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

(f) S.R. 2003 No. 1

(b) in paragraph 11(b) for “the amount specified for that element in Schedule 2 to those Regulations” there shall be substituted “£11.90”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 24th March 2003.

(L.S.)

D. A. Baker

Senior Officer of the Department for Social Development

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby consents to the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 25th March 2003.

(L.S.)

D. Thomson

Senior Officer of the Department of Finance and Personnel

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Income-Related Benefits and Jobseeker's Allowance (Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003.

Regulation 2 amends paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 to the Income-Related Benefits and Jobseeker's Allowance (Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 to provide for a specific income disregard of £11.90 in the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987.

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