
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 216

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

Made - - - - 16th April 2015

Coming into operation 21st September 2015

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 134(2) and 171(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(1), and now vested in it(2).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 21st September 2015.

Amendment of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations

2.—(1) The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000(3) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 2(1)(a)(ii)(4) (social fund winter fuel payments) for “Switzerland or an EEA state, other than the United Kingdom” substitute “any of the countries listed in the Schedule”.

(3) At the end of the Regulations add the Schedule as set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(1) 1992 c. 7; section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21)

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

(3) S.R. 2000 No. 91; Relevant amending regulations are S.R. 2003 Nos. 349 and 389, S.R. 2004 No. 354, S.R. 2008 No. 286, S.R. 2010 No. 103 and S.R. 2013 No. 191

(4) Regulation 2 was substituted by regulation 2 of S.R. 2003 No. 349 and amended by regulation 2 of S.R. 2003 No. 389, regulation 2(3) of S.R. 2004 No. 354, regulation 24(3) of S.R. 2008 No. 286, regulation 6(3) of S.R. 2010 No. 103 and regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2013 No. 191

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SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(3)

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Regulation 2

Countries

Republic of Austria
Kingdom of Belgium
Republic of Bulgaria
Republic of Croatia
Czech Republic
Kingdom of Denmark
Republic of Estonia
Republic of Finland
Federal Republic of Germany
Republic of Hungary
Republic of Iceland
Republic of Ireland
Republic of Italy
Republic of Latvia
Principality of Liechtenstein
Republic of Lithuania
Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Kingdom of the Netherlands
Kingdom of Norway
Republic of Poland
Republic of Romania
Slovak Republic
Republic of Slovenia
Kingdom of Sweden
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000. They restrict entitlement to winter fuel payments for some of those living abroad. These payments are presently payable to certain eligible older people ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or habitually resident in Switzerland or an EEA state other than the United Kingdom. The payments to those living abroad will now be restricted to eligible people habitually resident in the countries in Europe listed in the Schedule inserted by these Regulations.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions 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.