
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 997

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements)
Regulations 1979**
*Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - - 3rd August 1979**Coming into Operation 12th November 1979*

Whereas a draft of the following regulations was laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament :

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, with the consent of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) and (3) of the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1979 and shall come into operation on 12th November 1979.

Amendment of provisions for calculating requirements

2.—(1) Part II (calculation of requirements) of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 (provisions for determining right to and amount of supplementary benefits) shall be varied in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) For paragraph 7 (normal requirements) and paragraph 8 (blind persons) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

“Normal requirements

7. Requirements of persons, other than blind persons—

| | | £ |
|--|-------|-------|
| (a) husband and wife or other persons falling within paragraph 3(1) of this Schedule ... | A ... | 29·70 |
| | B ... | 37·65 |
| | C ... | 37·90 |

(a) 1976 c. 71; as amended by section 14(4) of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1977 (c. 5).

| | | £ |
|--|-----|-------|
| (b) person living alone or householder not falling within sub-paragraph (a) above who is directly responsible for household necessities and rent (if any) | | |
| A | ... | 18.30 |
| B | ... | 23.70 |
| C | ... | 23.95 |
| (c) any other person aged— | | |
| (i) not less than 18 years | | |
| A | ... | 14.65 |
| B | ... | 18.95 |
| C | ... | 19.20 |
| (ii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years | | |
| (iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years | | |
| (iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years | | |
| (v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years | | |
| (vi) less than 5 years | | |

Blind persons

8. Requirements of persons who are or include blind persons—

(a) husband and wife or other persons falling within paragraph 3(1) of this Schedule—

| | | £ |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| (i) if one of them is blind | | |
| A | ... | 30.95 |
| B | ... | 38.90 |
| C | ... | 39.15 |
| (ii) if both of them are blind | | |
| A | ... | 31.75 |
| B | ... | 39.70 |
| C | ... | 39.95 |

(b) any other blind person aged—

| | | |
|--|-----|-------|
| (i) not less than 18 years | | |
| A | ... | 19.55 |
| B | ... | 24.95 |
| C | ... | 25.20 |
| (ii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years | | |
| (iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years | | |
| (iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years | | |
| (v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years | | |
| (vi) less than 5 years | | |

(3) In paragraph 10 (attendance requirements)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a), for “£15.60” there shall be substituted “£18.60”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b), for “£10.40” there shall be substituted “£12.40”.

(4) In paragraph 11 (rent) in sub-paragraph (1)(b), for “£1.45” there shall be substituted “£1.70”.

Patrick Jenkin,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

27th July 1979.

We consent

John MacGregor,
Carol Mather,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her
Majesty's Treasury.

3rd August 1979.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations vary the provisions of Part II (calculation of requirements) of Schedule 1 (determination of right to and amount of supplementary benefits) to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976. Regulation 2 increases certain weekly amounts allowed for requirements; paragraph (2) relates to normal and blind persons' requirements; paragraph (3) relates to the attendance requirements of severely disabled persons and paragraph (4) to the rent addition for non-householders.

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