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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1990 No. 548**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE,  
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and  
Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 1990**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>8th March 1990</i>
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The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 83A and 128(1) of the National Health Service Act 1977(1) 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 National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 1990 and shall come into force on 1st April 1990 immediately after the coming into force of the provisions of the Income Support (General) Amendment Regulations 1990(2) specified in regulation 1(1)(a) (commencement) of those Regulations.

**Amendment of Regulations**

2.—(1) The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 1988(3) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation)—

(a) in paragraph (1) after the definition of “income support” there shall be inserted the following definition:—

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(1) 1977 c. 49; section 83A was inserted by section 14(1) of the Social Security Act 1988 (c. 7) and amended by paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49); in section 128(1) see the definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations”.  
(2) S.I. 1990/547.  
(3) S.I. 1988/551, as amended by S.I. 1989/517 and 614.

- “partner” has the meaning assigned to it in regulation 2(1) of the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987(4);”;
- (b) in paragraph (2) for the words from “an instrument” to “a reference” there shall be substituted the words “a provision of the Social Security Act 1986(5) or to an instrument made under that Act is to be construed as a reference to that provision or, as the case may be,”.
- (3) In Table A in Part I of Schedule 1 (calculation of resources)—
- (a) the entry “regulation 24” in column (1) and the corresponding entry in column (2) shall be omitted;
- (b) in the substituted regulation 25 set out in column (2) in relation to the entry “regulation 25” in column (1)—
- (i) after the words “normal weekly income” there shall be inserted the words “from those payments”;
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) after the word “average” there shall be inserted the word “amount”;
- (c) in column (2) the words from “; and for” to ““, 41 and 42”” where they appear in relation to the entry “regulation 28” in column (1) shall be omitted;
- (d) in column (2) for the words “paragraphs (2) to (5)” and the words “paragraphs (2) to (6)” where they appear in relation to the entry “regulation 32” in column (1) there shall in each case be substituted the words “paragraphs (2) to (7)”;
- (e) the entries “regulation 33” and “regulation 37” in column (1) and the corresponding entries in column (2) shall be omitted;
- (f) in column (2) for the words “and paragraph (3)” where they appear in relation to the entry “regulation 41” in column (1) there shall be substituted the words “and paragraphs (3) and (4)”;
- (g) the entry “regulation 43” in column (1) and the corresponding entry in column (2) shall be omitted;
- (h) in column (2) for the words “paragraphs (2), (3) and (8)” where they appear in relation to the entry “regulation 44” in column (1) there shall be substituted the words “paragraphs (2), (3), (8) and (9)”;
- (i) for the entry in column (2) corresponding to the entry “regulation 48” in column (1) there shall be substituted the following entry:—
- “As if in paragraph (2) the words from “Except” to “applies”, were omitted; in paragraph (5) the words “Subject to paragraph (6)” were omitted; and paragraphs (6) and (10)(a) and (b) were omitted.”;
- (j) for the entry in column (2) corresponding to the entry “Schedule 8” in column (1), immediately below the words “As if paragraph 6 were omitted.” there shall be inserted the following words:—
- 9 “As if in paragraph 7 for the words “none of paragraphs 4 to 6” there were substituted the words “neither of paragraphs 4 or 5”.”;
- (k) for the entry “Schedule 9” in column (1) and the corresponding entry in column (2) there shall be substituted the following entries:—

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(4) S.I. 1987/1967, amended by S.I. 1988/663, 910, 999, 1228, 1445, 2022, 1989/43, 534, 1323, 1678, 1990/547.

(5) 1986 c. 50.

“Schedule 9

As if paragraph 12 were omitted.

As if in paragraph 15 the references to paragraph 37 were omitted in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2); and sub-paragraph (3)(b) were omitted.

As if in paragraph 16 for the words “paragraphs 36 and 37” there were substituted “paragraph 36”.

As if in paragraph 21(1) the words from “or in the case” to “applies” were omitted.

As if in paragraph 28 the words from “Except” to “return to work)” were omitted.

As if paragraphs 30, 34 and 37 were omitted.

Schedule 10

As if in paragraph 17 for the words from “Except” to “payment” there were substituted the words “Any payment”.”.

(4) For paragraph 3 in Part II of Schedule 1 (calculation of requirements) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“3. A claimant’s requirements shall be calculated as being the amount referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph, less, where applicable, the amount referred to in sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph, as follows:—

(a) the amount which represents the aggregate of—

(i) the weekly applicable amount which would apply to him, including that in respect of any other member of his family, in connection with a claim for income support as specified by the provisions of regulations 17 to 21 of, and Schedules 2, 3, 4 and 7 to, the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987<sup>(6)</sup>, but subject to the modifications referred to in paragraph 2(b) and (c) and paragraph 4, and

(ii) 80 per cent. of the weekly amount of any personal community charge which the claimant or his partner is liable to pay under section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988<sup>(7)</sup> or section 8 of the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc. (Scotland) Act 1987<sup>(8)</sup>, or of any collective community charge contribution which he or his partner is liable to pay under section 9 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 or section 11(11) of the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc. (Scotland) Act 1987, but disregarding any such amount where the person liable to pay it is a person in respect of whom section 13 of that Act of 1988 or section 3(5) of that Act of 1987 applies;

(b) the amount which represents the aggregate of the weekly amount of any housing benefit and the weekly amount of any community charge benefit received by the

<sup>(6)</sup> S.I. 1987/1967.

<sup>(7)</sup> 1988 c. 41.

<sup>(8)</sup> 1987 c. 47; section 8 was amended by section 129(1) of, and by paragraph 18 of Schedule 12 to, the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (c. 41) (“the 1988 Act”); section 11(11) was amended by paragraph 20 of Schedule 12, and by Schedule 13, to the 1988 Act.

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claimant or by any member of his family under the provisions of Part II of the Social Security Act 1986(9).”.

(5) In paragraph 4 in Part II of Schedule 1 the words from “except” to the end of the paragraph shall be omitted.

(6) In Table B in Part II of Schedule 1—

- (a) in the entry in column (2) corresponding to the entry “regulation 17” in column (1) after ““18 to 21”” there shall be added the words “; and as if paragraph (1)(g) were omitted”;
- (b) in the entry in column (2) corresponding to the entry “regulation 18” in column (1) for ““19 to 21”” there shall be substituted the words ““19 and 21””; and as if paragraph (1)(h) were omitted”;
- (c) for the entry “regulations 19 to 21” in column (1) and the corresponding entry in column (2) there shall be substituted the following entries:—

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“regulations 19 and 21

As if in paragraph (1) of each of these regulations the references to regulation 22 were omitted.

Schedule 2

As if in column (1) of the Table in paragraph 1, for heads (a) and (b) of sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) there were substituted in each of those sub-paragraphs the following heads:—

- “(a) except where head (b) of this sub-paragraph applies, less than 18;
- (b) less than 18 and in respect of whom an amount is applicable under Schedule 3;”;

as if head (c) of sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) were omitted in columns (1) and (2) of that Table;

as if in head (a) of sub-paragraph (3) in column (1) of that Table the word “and” and sub-heads (i) to (v) were omitted;

as if in head (d) of sub-paragraph (3) in column (1) of that Table the words from “and the other” to the end of the head were omitted; and as if heads (aa), (b), (e) and (f) of sub-paragraph (3) were omitted in columns (1) and (2) of that Table.”;

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(d) in the entry in column (2) corresponding to the entry “Schedule 3” in column (1)—

- (i) the words “(l) 80 per cent. of the general rates payable in respect of the dwelling occupied as the home.” shall be omitted;
- (ii) for the words from “As if in paragraph 11” to “omitted” there shall be substituted the words “As if paragraph 11(7)(e) were omitted.”;

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(9) 1986 c. 50; Part II has been amended by paragraphs 20, 21 and 23 to 26 of Schedule 4, and by Schedule 5, to the Social Security Act 1988 (c. 7), by paragraphs 1 to 6 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (c. 41), by section 121 of, and paragraph 76 of Schedule 17 to, the Housing Act 1988 (c. 50), and by sections 5, 13, 14 and 15 of, and by paragraphs 9, 15, 16 and 17 of Schedule 8, and Schedule 9, to the Social Security Act 1989 (c. 24).

- (e) in column (2) for the words “paragraphs 4 to 12” where they appear in relation to the entry “Schedule 4” in column (1) there shall be substituted the words “paragraphs 5 to 12”;
- (f) the entry “Schedule 5” in column (1) and the corresponding entry in column (2) shall be omitted;
- (g) for the entry in column (2) corresponding to the entry “Schedule 7” in column (1) there shall be substituted the following entry:—

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“As if the references in paragraphs 1, 10A, 10B, 10C and 13 to “sub-paragraph (g) of regulation 17(1)” were omitted.

As if the references in paragraphs 1, 10B and 13 to “sub-paragraph (h) of regulation 18(1)” were omitted.

As if paragraphs 7 and 17 were omitted.”.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 1988 (“the 1988 Regulations”) which provide for the remission and repayment of certain charges which would otherwise be payable under the National Health Service Act 1977 and for the payment by the Secretary of State of certain travelling expenses.

With the exception of paragraph (2) (which amends the interpretation provision of the 1988 Regulations, in particular to insert a definition of “partner”), regulation 2 amends Schedule 1 to the 1988 Regulations which governs the manner in which a person’s requirements and resources are to be calculated for the purposes of the Regulations. Table A in Part I of that Schedule is amended to make further modifications to those provisions of the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 by reference to which a person’s resources are computed (regulation 2(3)). Paragraph 3 and Table B in Part II of that Schedule are amended in particular in consequence of the introduction of the community charge and the abolition of domestic rates in England and Wales from 1st April 1990, and to make special provision for the calculation of the requirements of persons under the age of 18 (regulation 2(4), (5) and (6)). Regulation 2 also effects certain minor and consequential amendments in Tables A and B in Schedule 1 to the 1988 Regulations.