

## 1975 No. 357

## SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Relaxation of Earnings Rules) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1975**

Made . . . . . 15th December 1975

Coming into operation . . . . . 5th April 1976

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 30(2), 45(4), 46(4) and 66(5) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Relaxation of Earnings Rules) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 5th April 1976.

(2) In these regulations “the Act” means the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975.

(3) Any reference in these regulations to any provision made by or contained in any enactment or instrument shall, except in so far as the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to that provision as amended or extended by any enactment or instrument and as including a reference to any provision which it re-enacts or replaces or which may re-enact or replace it, with or without modifications.

(4) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply in relation to this statutory rule and in relation to the revocation effected by it as if this statutory rule and the regulation so revoked were Acts of Parliament and as if the revocation were a repeal.

*Days prescribed for relaxation of earnings rules*

2. The day prescribed for the purposes of—

(a) sections 30(2) and 45(4) of the Act (increase on prescribed day in specified weeks of the level of earnings above which an earnings rule operates for the reduction respectively of a retirement pension and an increase of such pension or an invalidity pension for a wife) shall be Monday;

(b) section 66(5) of the Act (increase on prescribed day in specified weeks of the level of earnings above which an earnings rule operates for a reduction of an increase of disablement pension for a wife) shall be Wednesday.

*Amendment of the Social Security (General Benefit) (Northern Ireland) Regulations*

3. Regulation 4(2) of the Social Security (General Benefit) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1975(c) (earnings rule for female person having care of pensioner's child) shall have effect with the substitution for "the appropriate figure specified in section 35(2)" of "the sum from time to time specified in section 45(3) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975, excluding paragraphs (a) and (b)".

*Revocation*

4. Regulation 4 of the Social Security (Miscellaneous and Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1975(d) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 15th December 1975.

(L.S.)

C. G. Oakes

Assistant Secretary

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These regulations prescribe days in the weeks containing 6th April 1976 and 6th April 1977 on which the relaxation of the earnings rules in respect of the earnings of certain pensioners and of the wives of certain pensioners are to take effect.

They also relax the earnings rule in respect of the earnings of female persons having care of a child or children of a pensioner and residing with him on the same basis as the rule is relaxed in the case of wives of certain pensioners.

The revocation of regulation 4 of the Social Security (Miscellaneous and Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1975 is consequential.