

1979 No. 274

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

The Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1979

Made 3rd August 1979

Coming into operation 12th November 1979

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 4(2) and (3) of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

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

Amendment of provisions for calculating requirements

2.—(1) Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (provisions for determining right to and amount of supplementary benefits) shall be varied in accordance with the following provisions.

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

“7. Requirements of persons, other than blind persons—

(a) husband and wife or other persons falling within paragraph 3(1)	£
	A ... 29·70
	B ... 37·65
	C ... 37·90
(b) person living alone or householder not falling within sub-paragraph (a) 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	11·25
(iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years	9·35
(iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years	7·70
(v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years	6·25
(vi) less than 5 years	5·20

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

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

	£	
(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		12.15
(iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years		9.35
(iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years		7.70
(v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years		6.25
(vi) less than 5 years		5.20

(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”.

Revocation

3. The Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978(b) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 3rd August 1979.

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W. J. Sloane

Senior Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby consents to the foregoing regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 3rd August 1979.

(L.S.)

R. McMurray

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations provide for increases in the weekly sums allowed in calculating requirements for the purpose of determining entitlement to, and the amount of, supplementary pension or allowance. They also increase the present weekly amount for attendance requirements and the rent addition for non-householders.

The opportunity is taken to revoke the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978.