

1985 No. 79

HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefits (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985

Made 5th April 1985

Coming into operation 6th May 1985

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 3(2) of the Housing Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(a) and acting jointly with the Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Article 3(1) of that Order, in each case with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel, and in exercise of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefits (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 and shall come into operation on 6th May 1985.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Housing Benefits Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983(b).

Amendment of Schedule 4 to the principal regulations

2. Schedule 4 to the principal regulations (areas of high rent) shall be amended as follows—

(a) in paragraph 1 for “120%” there shall be substituted “130%”;

(b) in paragraph 4 for “120%” there shall be substituted “130%”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on
5th April 1985.

(L.S.)

A. N. Burns

Assistant Secretary

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 5th April
1985.

(L.S.)

F. A. Dillon

Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1983/1121 (N.I. 14)

(b) S.R. 1983 No. 292, to which there are amendments not relevant to the subject matter of these regulations

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby consents to the foregoing provisions of these regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 10th April 1985.

(L.S.)

R. G. Smartt

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Housing Benefits Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 ("the principal regulations"). They correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30) are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

Regulation 2 amends Schedule 4 to the principal regulations by increasing to 130% the percentage of the general level of rents above which the Northern Ireland Housing Executive may qualify for authorisation to grant rent rebates or allowances in accordance with that Schedule. Where an authorisation has been granted, the method of calculating benefit is modified in cases where the rent is in excess of 130% of the general level of rents payable to housing authorities in the United Kingdom.

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Road Races (Limavady Kart Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985

This Order, being of a temporary character, is not printed at length in this volume.