

1987 No. 15

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Supplementary Benefit Up-rating Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1987**

Made 23rd January 1987

Coming into operation 6th April 1987

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by paragraph 2(1) and (4) of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(b), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1987.

(2) In these regulations “Requirements Regulations” means the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983(c).

Amendment of amounts specified in the Requirements Regulations

2.—(1) The Requirements Regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (8).

(2) In regulation 5 (normal requirements of relevant persons and householders)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(c) for “£1·30” there shall be substituted “£1·40”;

(b) in paragraph (2)(d) for “£0·75” there shall be substituted “£0·70”;

and

(c) in paragraph (3)(b) for “£0·80” there shall be substituted “£0·85”.

(3) In regulation 9(9) (personal expenses of boarders) for “£9·05” there shall be substituted “£9·25” and—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a), in head (i) for “£21·90” and in head (ii) for “£19·60” there shall be substituted “£22·30” and “£20·00” respectively;

(a) S.I. 1977/2156 (N.I. 27); provisions of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, as amended by Article 7 of, and Part I of Schedule 2 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)), are set out in Part II of that Schedule.

(b) Formerly the Department of Finance: *See* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6), Article 3. *See also* Article 41(1) of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, as amended by the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980.

(c) S.R. 1983 No. 61; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1983 No. 247, S.R. 1984 No. 348, S.R. 1985 Nos. 207 and 336 and S.R. 1986 Nos. 223 and 240.

- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), in head (i) for “£10.95” and in head (ii) for “£9.80” there shall be substituted “£11.15” and “£10.00” respectively; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (c), in head (i) for “£9.80”, in head (ii) for “£5.90”, in head (iii) for “£5.05” and in head (iv) for “£3.30” there shall be substituted “£10.00”, “£6.00”, “£5.15” and “£3.35” respectively.
- (4) In regulation 17(1) (maintenance and insurance) for “£1.85” there shall be substituted “£1.95”.
- (5) In regulation 22(3) (reduction in amounts where the home is occupied by a non-dependant)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), in head (i) for “£2.80”, in head (ii) for “£7.80” and in head (iii) for “£2.80” there shall be substituted “£2.90”, “£8.05” and “£2.90” respectively; and
- (b) in sub-paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) for “£2.80” there shall be substituted “£2.90”.
- (6) In regulation 23(1) (non-householder’s contribution) for “£3.90” there shall be substituted “£4.05”.
- (7) In Schedule 1 (Normal Requirements), for the amount specified in column (2) of that Schedule in relation to each provision specified in column (1) thereof, such amount being set out in column 2 of Schedule 1 to these regulations, there shall be substituted the amount set out in relation to that provision in column 3 of Schedule 1 to these regulations.
- (8) In Schedule 3 (Additional Requirements), in paragraph 13 (diet), for the amount specified in column (2) of that Schedule in relation to each provision specified in column (1) thereof, such amount being set out in column 2 of Schedule 2 to these regulations, there shall be substituted the amount set out in relation to that provision in column 3 of Schedule 2 to these regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 23rd January 1987.

(L.S.)

A. N. Burns

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby consents to the foregoing Regulations.

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(L.S.)

R. G. Smartt

Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(7)

**Amounts substituted in Schedule 1 to the Requirements Regulations
(Normal Requirements)**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
<i>Provision of Schedule 1 to the Requirements Regulations</i>	<i>Old Amount</i>	<i>New Amount</i>
Paragraph A (couples)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	£60·65	£61·85
sub-paragraph (b)	£48·40	£49·35
Paragraph B (householders)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	£37·90	£38·65
sub-paragraph (b)	£29·80	£30·40
Paragraph 1 (non-householders not less than 18 or less than 18 with a dependant)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	£30·35	£30·95
sub-paragraph (b)	£23·85	£24·35
Paragraph 2 (non-householders less than 18 without a dependant)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	£23·25	£23·70
sub-paragraph (b)	£18·40	£18·75
Paragraph 3 (dependants)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	£23·85	£24·35
sub-paragraph (b)	£18·40	£18·75
sub-paragraph (c)	£15·30	£15·60
sub-paragraph (d)	£10·20	£10·40

**Amounts substituted in Schedule 3 to the Requirements Regulations
(Additional Requirements)**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
<i>Provision of Schedule 3 to the Requirements Regulations</i>	<i>Old Amount</i>	<i>New Amount</i>
Part II— Items other than heating		
Paragraph 13 (diet)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	£ 3·70	£ 3·80
sub-paragraph (b)	£ 1·60	£ 1·65
sub-paragraph (c)	£ 1·60	£ 1·65
sub-paragraph (d)	£10·65	£10·85

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations alter certain amounts specified in the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 for the purpose of determining entitlement to supplementary benefit under the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977. 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 are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

The regulations vary amounts for a person's normal requirements (regulation 2(2) and (7) and Schedule 1). They increase certain allowances for personal expenses for persons in board and lodging accommodation (regulation 2(3)); the weekly amount payable for maintenance and insurance of the home (regulation 2(4)); the reduction to be made in certain payments in respect of housing where the home is occupied by non-dependants (regulation 2(5)); the amount of the non-householder's contribution (regulation 2(6)) and certain amounts of additional requirements relating to diet (regulation 2(8) and Schedule 2).