

1993 No. 28

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Income Support (General) (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1993**

Made 25th January 1993

Coming into operation 2nd February 1993

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(a) and 131(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(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 Income Support (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 2nd February 1993.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(b) shall apply to these regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the Income Support (General) Regulations

2. In Schedule 3 to the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(c) (housing costs) in paragraph 1 (eligible housing costs)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (b) after “as the home” there shall be inserted “, including interest on a loan for any service charge imposed to meet the cost of such repairs and improvements”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (e) for “stands;” there shall be substituted “stands.”;
- (c) sub-paragraph (f) shall be omitted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 25th January 1993.

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Assistant Secretary

(a) 1992 c. 7

(b) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(c) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1988 Nos. 318 and 431

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987. They include amongst the eligible housing costs interest on loans acquired to meet any service charge in respect of repairs or improvements to a dwelling occupied as a home and remove the provision which provided for certain payments analogous to those specified to qualify as eligible housing costs.

These regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8), are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.