STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 432

The Social Security (Claims and Payments and Adjudication) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Amendment of the Social Security (Adjudication) Regulations

- **3.**—(1) The Social Security (Adjudication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(1) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).
- (2) In regulation 63 (review in income support cases) for paragraphs (7) to (11)(2) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—
 - "(7) Where a claimant is in receipt of income support and his applicable amount includes an amount determined in accordance with Schedule 3 to the Income Support Regulations (housing costs) and there is a reduction in the amount of eligible capital owing in connection with a loan which qualifies under paragraph 15 or 16 of that Schedule, a determination on a review undertaken as a result of that reduction shall have effect—
 - (a) on the first anniversary of the date on which the claimant's housing costs were first met under than Schedule; or
 - (b) where the reduction in eligible capital occurs after the first anniversary of the date referred to in sub-paragraph (a), on the next anniversary of that date following the date of the reduction.
 - (8) Where a claimant is in receipt of income support and payments made to that claimant which fall within paragraph 29 or 30(1)(a) to (c) of Schedule 9 to the Income Support Regulations have been disregarded in relation to the determination or review of the claim and there is a change in the amount of interest payable—
 - (a) on a loan qualifying under paragraph 15 or 16 of Schedule 3 to those Regulations to which those payments relate; or
 - (b) on a loan not so qualifying which is secured on the dwelling occupied as the home to which those payments relate,

any determination on a review undertaken as a result of that change in the amount of interest payable shall have effect on whichever of the dates referred to in paragraph (9) is appropriate in the claimant's case.

- (9) The date on which a determination on a review has effect for the purposes of paragraph (8) is—
 - (a) the date when the claimant's housing costs are first met under paragraph 6(1)(a), 8(1)(a) or 9(2)(a) of Schedule 3 to the Income Support Regulations; or
 - (b) where the change in the amount of interest payable occurs after the date referred to in sub-paragraph (a), on the date of the next alteration in the standard rate following the date of that change.

⁽¹⁾ S.R. 1995 No. 293; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1995 No. 434 and S.R. 1996 No. 355

⁽²⁾ Paragraphs (7) to (11) were inserted by regulation 3 of S.R. 1995 No. 434

- (10) In paragraph (9), "standard rate" has the same meaning as it has in paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 3 to the Income Support Regulations.".
- (3) In regulation 63A(3) (review in jobseeker's allowance cases) after paragraph (8) there shall be added the following paragraphs—
 - "(9) Where a claimant is in receipt of a jobseeker's allowance and his applicable amount includes an amount determined in accordance with Schedule 2 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (housing costs) and there is a reduction in the amount of eligible capital owing in connection with a loan which qualifies under paragraph 14 or 15 of that Schedule, a determination on a review undertaken as a result of that reduction shall have effect—
 - (a) on the first anniversary of the date on which the claimant's housing costs were first met under that Schedule; or
 - (b) where the reduction in eligible capital occurs after the first anniversary of the date referred to in sub-paragraph (a), on the next anniversary of that date following the date of the reduction.
 - (10) Where a claimant is in receipt of a jobseeker's allowance and payments made to that claimant which fall within paragraph 30 or 31(1)(a) to (c) of Schedule 6 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations have been disregarded in relation to the determination or review of the claim and there is a change in the amount of interest payable—
 - (a) on a loan qualifying under paragraph 14 or 15 of Schedule 2 to those Regulations to which those payments relate; or
 - (b) on a loan not so qualifying which is secured on the dwelling occupied as the home to which those payments relate,

any determination on a review undertaken as a result of that change in the amount of interest payable shall have effect on whichever of the dates referred to in paragraph (11) is appropriate in the claimant's case.

- (11) The date on which a determination on a review has effect for the purposes of paragraph (10) is—
 - (a) the date when the claimant's housing costs are first met under paragraph 6(1)(a), 7(1)(a) or 8(2)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations; or
 - (b) where the change in the amount of interest payable occurs after the date referred to in sub-paragraph (a), on the date of the next alteration in the standard rate following the date of that change.
- (12) In paragraph (11), "standard rate" has the same meaning as it has in paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 2 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations.".