
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, which come into operation on 7th October 1996, replace the Industrial Relations (Recoupment of Unemployment Benefit and Supplementary Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977. The Regulations make provision for the recovery by the Department of Health and Social Services from an employer of sums on account of jobseeker's allowance and income support out of a prescribed part of an amount awarded by an industrial tribunal in certain proceedings brought by an employee against an employer. These proceedings are listed in the Schedule to these Regulations.

These Regulations are in part consequential upon the introduction of jobseeker's allowance on 7th October 1996 but also update the provisions dealing with the determination of any questions as to the amount of benefit which is recoverable and for review of that determination.

The Regulations correspond to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State 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.