
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 342

**The Social Security (Sports Awards Amendments)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999**

Amendment of the Income Support Regulations

5.—(1) The Income Support Regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5).

(2) In regulation 6 (persons not treated as engaged in remunerative work) after paragraph (k)(1) there shall be added the following paragraph—

- “(l) he is engaged in an activity in respect of which—
- (i) a sports award has been made, or is to be made, to him, and
 - (ii) no other payment is made or is expected to be made to him.”.

(3) In regulation 37(2)(2) (earnings of a self-employed earner) after sub-paragraph (b) there shall be added—

- “(c) any sports award.”.

(4) At the end of Schedule 9(3) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) there shall be added the following paragraph—

“67.—(1) Any payment of a sports award except to the extent that it has been made in respect of any one or more of the items specified in sub-paragraph (2).

(2) The items specified for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) are food, ordinary clothing or footwear, household fuel, rent or rates for which housing benefit is payable or any housing costs to the extent that they are met under regulation 17(1)(e) (applicable amounts) or 18(1) (f) (polygamous marriages) or any accommodation charges to the extent that they are met under regulation 19 (persons in residential care or nursing homes), of the claimant or, where the claimant is a member of a family, any other member of his family.

(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)—

“food” does not include vitamins, minerals or other special dietary supplements intended to enhance the performance of the person in the sport in respect of which the award was made;

“ordinary clothing and footwear” means clothing or footwear for normal daily use but does not include school uniforms or clothing or footwear used solely for sporting activities.”.

(5) At the end of Schedule 10(4) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of capital) there shall be added the following paragraph—

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- (1) Regulation 6 was modified to include paragraph (k) by regulation 12(2) of [S.R. 1998 No. 421](#)
(2) Regulation 37(2) was substituted by regulation 4(6) of [S.R. 1992 No. 403](#), sub-paragraph (b) was substituted by regulation 2(6) of [S.R. 1994 No. 327](#)
(3) Schedule 9 was modified to include paragraphs 65 and 66 by regulation 15(2)(d) of [S.R. 1998 No. 421](#)
(4) Schedule 10 was modified to include paragraphs 52 and 53 by regulation 16(2)(d) of [S.R. 1998 No. 421](#)

“54.—(1) Any payment of a sports award for a period of 26 weeks from the date of receipt of that payment except to the extent that it has been made in respect of any one or more of the items specified in sub-paragraph (2).

(2) The items specified for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) are food, ordinary clothing or footwear, household fuel, rent or rates for which housing benefit is payable or any housing costs to the extent that they are met under regulation 17(1)(e) or 18(1)(f) (housing costs) or any accommodation charges to the extent that they are met under regulation 19 (persons in residential care or nursing homes), of the claimant or, where the claimant is a member of a family, any other member of his family.

(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)—

“food” does not include vitamins, minerals or other special dietary supplements intended to enhance the performance of the person in the sport in respect of which the award was made;

“ordinary clothing and footwear” means clothing or footwear for normal daily use but does not include school uniforms or clothing or footwear used solely for sporting activities.”.