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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1999 No. 50**

**The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 1999**

**Part I**

**Introduction**

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 and, subject to paragraph (2), shall come into operation for the purposes of—

- (a) Articles 1, 2 and 6 on 1st April 1999;
- (b) Article 8, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 1st April 1999 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Computation of Earnings Regulations;
- (c) Article 10 on 5th April 1999;
- (d) Articles 3 to 5, 9 and 11 to 13 on 12th April 1999;
- (e) Articles 16, 17 and 25 on 13th April 1999;
- (f) Article 7 on 14th April 1999;
- (g) Articles 14, 15 and 26 on 15th April 1999;
- (h) Articles 18 to 20, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 12th April 1999 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (i) Article 21, in relation to a case where rent or rates is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 5th April 1999 and, in relation to any other case, on 1st April 1999; and
- (j) Articles 22 to 24, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 12th April 1999 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations.

(2) The increases made—

- (a) in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act or the Pension Schemes Act; and
- (b) by Article 22(c), in so far as it is relevant for the purposes referred to in Article 6(11),

shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in Article 6.

## Interpretation

### 2.—(1) In this Order—

“the Administration Act” means the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

“the Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992<sup>(1)</sup>;

“the Pension Schemes Act” means the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993<sup>(2)</sup>;

“the Computation of Earnings Regulations” means the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996<sup>(3)</sup>;

“the Housing Benefit Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987<sup>(4)</sup>;

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987<sup>(5)</sup>;

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996<sup>(6)</sup>.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>(7)</sup> shall apply to this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Assembly.

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(1) 1992 c. 7

(2) 1993 c. 49

(3) S.R. 1996 No. 520

(4) S.R. 1987 No. 461; relevant amending provisions are S.R. 1988 No. 314, S.R. 1989 No. 125, S.R. 1990 No. 136, S.R. 1992 Nos. 85 and 549, S.R. 1993 No. 381, S.R. 1996 No. 448, S.R. 1997 Nos. 3, 4, 22, 113 and 123 and S.R. 1998 Nos. 59 and 73

(5) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending provisions are S.R. 1988 Nos. 146, 274, 318 and 431, S.R. 1989 Nos. 139 and 249, S.R. 1990 Nos. 131, 213 and 346, S.R. 1993 Nos. 149 and 373, S.R. 1994 No. 77, S.R. 1995 Nos. 301 and 434, S.R. 1996 Nos. 199, 288, 449 and 476, S.R. 1997 No. 3, S.R. 1998 Nos. 59, 81, 112 and 232 and S.R. 1999 No. 35

(6) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending provisions are S.R. 1996 Nos. 288, 356, 358 and 476, S.R. 1997 Nos. 3 and 130 and S.R. 1998 Nos. 59, 112 and 232

(7) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)