
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2017 No. 242

**The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments
No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017**

Amendment of the State Pension Credit Regulations

5.—(1) The State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003⁽¹⁾ are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In paragraph 14(7) of Schedule 2 (housing costs: persons residing with the claimant)—

- (a) in head (c) omit the words beginning with “during a period of study” to the end; and
- (b) omit head (cc)⁽²⁾.

(3) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 (special groups: polygamous marriages)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph 2(1)(b) of the provision that applies instead of section 3(1)—
 - (i) after “of the Act” insert “has attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016 and”, and
 - (ii) after “age of 65” insert “(before, on or after that date)”; and
- (b) after sub-paragraph (7) insert—

“(7A) The following provision shall apply instead of regulation 7A (limitation of savings credit for certain mixed-age couples)—

“7A.—(1) This regulation applies if, taking the claimant to be the person in question for the purposes of section 12 (polygamous marriages)—

- (a) the case is one to which that section applies; and
- (b) at least one of the persons falling within subsection (1)(c) of that section had attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016 and at least one of those persons had not.

(2) Where this regulation applies, the claimant is not entitled to a savings credit unless the claimant—

- (a) has been awarded a savings credit with effect from a day before 6 April 2016 and was entitled to a savings credit immediately before that date; and
- (b) remained entitled to a savings credit at all times since the beginning of 6 April 2016.””.

(4) In paragraph 10(b) of Schedule 4 (amounts to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) after “the age of 65” insert “or, if it was higher at that time, pensionable age”.

(1) S.R. 2003 No. 28; relevant amending Regulation is S.R. 2003 No. 191

(2) Head (cc) was inserted by regulation 23(7)(c) of S.R. 2003 No. 191