1968. No. 167

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

Determination of Requirements

Regulations^{*}, dated 17th July 1968, made by the Ministry of Health and Social Services, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, under the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of powers conferred by section 4 of the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968 and shall come into operation on 7th October 1968.

Amendment of calculation of requirements

2.—(1) Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 shall be varied in accordance with the following provisions.

(2) For paragraph 9 of that Schedule, as varied(b), (scale for calculating normal requirements) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"9. Requirements of persons other than blind persons-

 (a) husband and wife or other persons falling within paragraph 3(1) (b) person living alone or householder not falling within subparagraph (a) who is directly responsible for household necessities and rent (if any) (c) any other person aged (i) not less than 21 years (ii) less than 21 but not less than 18 years (a) 10 (iii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years (c) 2 13 0 (iv) less than 16 but not less than 13 years (c) 10 (iv) less than 16 but not less than 13 years
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(vi) less than 11 but not less than 5 years 1 12 0
(vii) less than 5 years

(3) For paragraph 10 of that Schedule, as varied(b), (scale for calculating requirements of blind persons) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

(a) 1966. c. 28 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 205.

*These Regulations were approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament on 29th October 1968,

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"10. Requirements of persons who are or inc	clude blind persons-
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(a) husband and wife or other persons falling with graph 3(1)	thin para	£ 	ş.	d.
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(ii) if both of them blind				6
(b) any other blind person aged				
(i) not less than 21 years	•	. 5	15	6
(ii) less than 21 but not less than 18 years .	•	. 4	- 1	0
(iii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years .	•	. 3	9	0.
(iv) less than 16 but not less than 13 years	•	. 2	1	0
(v) less than 13 but not less than 11 years	•	. 1	19	0
(vi) less than 11 but not less than 5 years		. 1	12	0
(vii) less than 5 years	•	. 1	7	0"

(4) In paragraphs 11 and 12 of that Schedule (additional requirements respectively of persons in receipt of supplementary pension and certain persons in receipt of supplementary allowance) for the sum "9s. 0d." there shall be substituted the sum "10s. 0d.".

(5) In paragraph 13(1)(b) of that Schedule (increase in requirements of non-householders aged 18 or over) for the sum "10 shillings" there shall be substituted the sum "11 shillings".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 17th day of July 1968.

(L.S.)

H. A. Lowry, Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby consents to these regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 17th day of July 1968.

(L.S.)

R. R. Butler, Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations provide for increases in the weekly sums allowed in calculating requirements for the purpose of determining entitlement to supplementary pension or allowance. They increase the weekly amount allowed for a married couple from $\pounds 7$ 1s. 0d. to $\pounds 7$ 9s. 0d. and for a single householder from $\pounds 4$ 6s. 0d. to $\pounds 4$ 11s. 0d. Appropriate increases are made for other classes of applicant.