

These Regulations shall cease to have effect unless before the expiration of six months from the 2nd day of November 1970 they have been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

1970. No. 155

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SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

Determination of Requirements

REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH JUNE 1970, 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) 1970 and shall come into operation on 2nd November 1970.

Amendment of provisions for calculating 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 (normal requirements) and paragraph 10 (blind persons' requirements) of that Schedule, as varied(b), there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:

"9. Requirements of persons other than blind persons—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|---|----|----|
| (a) husband and wife or other persons falling within paragraph 3(1) | 8 | 10 | 0 |
| (b) person living alone or householder not falling within subparagraph (a) who is directly responsible for household necessities and rent (if any) | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| (c) any other person aged— | | | |
| (i) not less than 21 years | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| (ii) less than 21 but not less than 18 years | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| (iii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| (iv) less than 16 but not less than 13 years | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| (v) less than 13 but not less than 11 years | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| (vi) less than 11 but not less than 5 years | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| (vii) less than 5 years | 1 | 10 | 0 |

10. Requirements of persons who are or include blind persons—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|----|----|----|
| (a) husband and wife or other persons falling within paragraph 3(1)— | | | |
| (i) if one of them blind | 9 | 15 | 0 |
| (ii) if both of them blind | 10 | 11 | 0 |

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

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 208.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|----|-----------------|
| (b) any other blind person aged— | | | |
| (i) not less than 21 years | 6 | 9 | 0 |
| (ii) less than 21 but not less than 18 years | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| (iii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years | 3 | 17 | 0 |
| (iv) less than 16 but not less than 13 years | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| (v) less than 13 but not less than 11 years | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| (vi) less than 11 but not less than 5 years | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| (vii) less than 5 years | 1 | 10 | 0 ⁰⁰ |

(3) In paragraph 13(1)(b) (increase in requirements of non-householders aged 18 or over) of that Schedule, as varied(c), for the sum "11 shillings" there shall be substituted the sum "12 shillings".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 18th day of June 1970.

(L.S.)

D. W. 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 18th day of June 1970.

(L.S.)

C. F. Darling,
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, and the amount of, supplementary pension or allowance. They increase the weekly amount allowed for a married couple from £7 17s. 0d. to £8 10s. 0d. and for a single householder from £4 16s. 0d. to £5 4s. 0d. Appropriate increases are made for other classes of claimant.