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## SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

## General

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH OCTOBER 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS &C. ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred by section 18(1) 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 being regulations subject to negative resolution in accordance with section 38(2) of that Act:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971, shall be read as one with the Supplementary Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 5th November 1971.

*New regulation to be inserted in the principal regulations*

2. After regulation 7 of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation:

*"Review of determinations imposing misconduct reduction*

7A. Where under paragraph 10A(c) of Schedule 2 to the Act (persons disqualified for unemployment benefit) the amount applicable to a person's requirements under paragraph 9 or 10 of that Schedule has been reduced for any period and on final determination of the question of his right to unemployment benefit under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(d), or of a question under section 66(1)(b) of that Act whether a person would have been disqualified if otherwise entitled to unemployment benefit, if—

- (a) disqualification under section 21(3) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (disqualification by reference to conduct resulting in unemployment or conducing to its continuance) is not imposed or would not have been imposed; or
- (b) the period of such disqualification or notional disqualification is shorter than the period of reduction under the said paragraph 10A;

the supplementary allowance determination imposing the reduction may be reviewed by the Commission."

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(a) 1966. c. 28 (N.I.).  
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 188.  
(c) See s.1(2) of 1971. c. 28 (N.I.).  
(d) 1966. c. 6 (N.I.).

*Amendment to regulation 8 of the principal regulations*

3. In regulation 8(1)(b) and (c) of the principal regulations (notice of decisions), for the words "regulation 7" there shall be substituted in each case the words "regulation 7 or 7A".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 29th day of October 1971.

(L.S.)

S. H. O'Fee,  
Assistant Secretary.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 1(2) of the Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 amends Part II (calculation of requirements) of Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 so as to require a 40 per cent. reduction to be made for supplementary benefit purposes in cases where a person is or might have been disqualified, on account of industrial misconduct and the like, for receiving unemployment benefit. These regulations, which amend the Supplementary Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966, provide for the reviewing of supplementary benefit determinations where these are inconsistent with determinations as to disqualification made under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966.