

These Regulations shall cease to have effect unless before the expiration of six months from, except as respects regulation 2(3)(ii), the 2nd day of October 1972 and, as respects regulation 2(3)(ii), the 4th day of June 1973 they have been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

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SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

Determination of Requirements

REGULATIONS, DATED 4TH AUGUST 1972, 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 on behalf of the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Secretary of State, 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) 1972 and shall come into operation, except in the case of regulation 2(3)(ii), on 2nd October 1972 and, in the case of regulation 2(3)(ii), on 4th June 1973.

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), as varied(b), there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:

“9. Requirements of persons other than blind persons—

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(a) husband and wife or other persons falling within paragraph 3(1)	10.65
(b) person living alone or householder not falling within sub-paragraph (a) who is directly responsible for household necessities and rent (if any)	6.55
(c) any other person aged—	
(i) not less than 18 years	5.20
(ii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years	4.05
(iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years	3.40
(iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years	2.75
(v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years	2.25
(vi) less than 5 years	1.90

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

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 188.

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

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(a) husband and wife or other persons falling within paragraph 3(1)—

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| (i) if one of them blind | 11.90 |
| (ii) if both of them blind | 12.70 |

(b) any other blind person aged—

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| (i) not less than 18 years | 7.80 |
| (ii) less than 18 but not less than 16 years | 4.95 |
| (iii) less than 16 but not less than 13 years | 3.40 |
| (iv) less than 13 but not less than 11 years | 2.75 |
| (v) less than 11 but not less than 5 years | 2.25 |
| (vi) less than 5 years | 1.90 " |

(3) In paragraph 12A(c) (attendance requirements)—

- (i) for the references in sub-paragraph (1) to £4.80 there shall be substituted references to £5.40;
- (ii) at the end of the paragraph there shall be added the following sub-paragraph:

“(4) Where in respect of a severely disabled person (other than one to whom sub-paragraph (1) applies) there is entitlement to attendance allowance at the rate of £3.60 a week sub-paragraph (1) shall have effect as if for the references to £5.40 there were substituted references to £3.60 and for the reference to attendance requirements there were substituted a reference to such person’s requirements for attendance by virtue of which that entitlement arises.”

(4) For paragraph 13(1)(b) (increase in requirements of non-householders aged 18 or over), as varied(d), there shall be substituted the following:

“(b) in any other case by £0.70.”

Additional provisions relating to persons in receipt of long-term addition to supplementary benefit

3.—(1) The said Schedule 2 shall be further varied in accordance with the following provisions.

(2) Immediately after paragraph 12A there shall be inserted the following paragraph:

“Persons in receipt of long-term addition to supplementary benefit

12B. The amounts applicable under the preceding paragraphs shall be increased by £0.10 in the case of a person whose requirements include an amount specified in either paragraph 11 or paragraph 12.”

(3) In paragraph 17 (persons paying for board and lodging), as varied(d), for the reference to paragraphs 9 to 12A there shall be substituted a reference to paragraphs 9 to 12B.

(c) See regulation 3(2) of S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 188.

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 188.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 4th day of August 1972.

(L.S.)

C. G. Oakes,
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Secretary of State hereby consents to these regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 4th day of August 1972.

(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 sum allowed for a married couple from £9·45 to £10·65 and for a single householder from £5·80 to £6·55. Appropriate increases are made for other classes of claimant.

The regulations also increase the present weekly amount for attendance requirements from £4·80 to £5·40 and introduce a new weekly amount of £3·60 for cases where attendance is needed to a lesser degree. The rent addition for non-householders is increased from £0·65 to £0·70 a week and the present age qualification of 18 years is removed. Provision is also made for an increase in the additional amount allowed to meet the requirements of persons who are over pensionable age or who have been incapable for a substantial period.