

These Regulations shall cease to have effect unless before the expiration of six months from the day immediately after the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972, except as respects regulation 2(3)(ii) of those regulations, cease to have effect, they have been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

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SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

Determination of Requirements

REGULATIONS, DATED 13TH MARCH 1973, 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, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation immediately after the 1972 regulations, except as respects regulation 2(3)(ii) of those regulations, cease to have effect in accordance with section 38(1) of the Act.

(2) In these regulations—

“the Act” means the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966;

“the 1972 regulations” means the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972(b).

Amendment of provisions for calculating requirements

2.—(1) Schedule 2 to the Act (as in force on the 1972 regulations, except as respects regulation 2(3)(ii) of those regulations, ceasing to have effect) shall be varied in accordance with paragraph (2) to (4).

(2) For paragraph 9 (normal requirements) and paragraph 10 (blind persons' requirements), as varied(c), 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 |

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

(b) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 181.

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

- (c) any other person aged—
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| (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 |

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

- (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(d) (attendance requirements) for the references in sub-paragraph (1) to £4·80 there shall be substituted references to £5·40.

(4) For paragraph 13(1)(b) (increase in requirements of non-householders aged 18 or over), as varied(e), 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 paragraphs (2) and (3).

(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(e), for the reference to paragraphs 9 to 12A there shall be substituted a reference to paragraphs 9 to 12B.

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

(e) 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 13th day of March 1973.

(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 13th day of March 1973.

(L.S.)

David Clement,
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. 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.

* These are the amounts specified in Part II of Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 on the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972, except as respects regulation 2(3)(ii) of those regulations, ceasing to have effect.