
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1989 No. 1342

The Social Security(Northern Ireland) Order 1989

Liability to maintain children

Liability of parents to maintain children under the age of nineteen in respect of whom income support is paid

7.—(1) In Article 21(11) of the 1986 Order (definitions for Part III) for the definition of “child” there shall be substituted the following definition—

““child”, subject to Article 27(3)(d), means a person under the age of 16;”.

(2) In Article 27(3) of that Order (person liable to maintain spouse and children, etc.)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for the words “his children” there shall be substituted the words “any children of whom he is the father”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for the words “her children” there shall be substituted the words “any children of whom she is the mother”; and
- (c) after sub-paragraph (c) there shall be added the words
“and
- (d) “child” includes a person who has attained the age of 16 but not the age of 19 and in respect of whom either parent, or some person acting in the place of either parent, is receiving income support..”

(3) In Article 27(4) of that Order (application to illegitimate children)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for the words “a man’s children” there shall be substituted the words “children of whom the man is the father”; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for the words “a woman’s children” there shall be substituted the words “children of whom the woman is the mother”.