

1980 No. 37

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made 31st January 1980

Coming into operation 1st February 1980

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 7 of the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in conjunction with the Department of Finance(b), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1980.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(c).

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 2 of the principal regulations (weekly rates of child benefit)—

(a) at the beginning of paragraph (2), there shall be inserted “Subject to paragraph (2A) of this regulation,”;

(b) in paragraph (2)(a) there shall be deleted “of whom he is a parent”;

(c) after paragraph (2) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(2A) A person who is residing with a parent of the child shall not be entitled to an increase under paragraph (2) of this regulation in respect of that child except where he is also entitled to child benefit in respect of another child for whom he is treated as responsible under Article 5(1)(a) of the Order (person to be treated as responsible for a child in any week if he has the child living with him in that week) and he is not residing with a parent of that other child.”;

(d) in paragraph (5)(a)(i) after “section 70” there shall be inserted “at the higher rate specified in Schedule 4, Part V, paragraph 15(a)”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 31st January 1980.

(L.S.)

W. J. Sloane

Senior Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16)

(b) See Article 24(1)(a) of the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975

(c) S.R. 1976 No. 223 (I, p. 1022); relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1977 No. 248 (II, p. 1342), S.R. 1978 No. 203 (I, p. 656) and S.R. 1979 No. 272 (II, p. 1247)

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31st January 1980.

(L.S.)

R. McMurray

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 ("the 1976 regulations").

They extend entitlement to the increased rate of child benefit under regulation 2 of the 1976 regulations to a person who is not a parent of a child subject to the additional condition that he is either not residing with a parent of the child or though so residing he is entitled to child benefit in respect of another child living with him and he is not residing with a parent of that other child.

The regulations also enable a person to qualify for the increased rate of child benefit though he is entitled to an allowance at the lower rate under section 70 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 in respect of the child.