

## 1983 No. 115

## SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) (Long-term Rates) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983**

*Made* . . . . . 11th May 1983

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 30th May 1983

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(b), hereby makes the following regulations which correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to Great Britain and which accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980(c) are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) (Long-term Rates) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 30th May 1983.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983(d).

*Amendment of regulation 7 of the principal regulations*

2.—(1) Regulation 7 of the principal regulations (long-term rates for normal requirements) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions.

(2) In paragraph (1)(b) for the words from “subject”, where it first occurs, to “has” there shall be substituted “if he is a person aged less than 60, has, subject to paragraphs (2) to (4),”.

(3) In paragraph (2)—

(a) sub-paragraph (b) shall be omitted; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (d) (ii) “, (b)” shall be omitted.

(4) In paragraph (3) for “who has satisfied the condition of paragraph (1)(b)” there shall be substituted “required to satisfy the condition of paragraph (1)(b) who has satisfied it”.

(5) In paragraph (4)(a)(ii) between “paragraph (1)(b)” and “or” there shall be inserted “or by virtue of being aged not less than 60 was in receipt of an allowance not subject to the condition of availability”.

(6) For sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (6) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

(a) S.I. 1977/2156 (N.I. 27); Schedule 1 was substituted by Article 7(1) of, and paragraph 29 of Schedule 2 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8))

(b) Formerly the Department of Finance: see S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6), Article 3. See also Article 41(1) of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, as amended by the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980

(c) 1980 c. 30

(d) S.R. 1983 No. 61

“(b) satisfies the conditions of sub-paragraph (a), and, in a case where it applies, of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1),”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 11th May 1983.

(L.S.)

C. Davie

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland hereby consents to the foregoing regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland on 11th May 1983.

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N. R. Cowling

Assistant Secretary

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations amend the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 (“the Requirements Regulations”).

Regulation 2 amends regulation 7 of the Requirements Regulations which makes provision as to the conditions which must be satisfied for the long-term rates for normal requirements under the Table in paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (“the Order”) to apply to couples and householders not of pensionable age. The amendments to regulation 7 are designed primarily to remove from men between 60 and pensionable age the requirement that for the long-term rates to apply in their case they should for not less than 52 weeks already have been in receipt of a supplementary allowance (payable under Article 3(1)(b) of the Order to persons under pensionable age) not subject to the requirement, under Article 7 of the Order, of being available for employment.

In paragraph (1) of regulation 7, as amended by these regulations, the 52 week requirement is restricted to persons under 60. In paragraph (2), sub-paragraph (b), which enabled men of 60 to be treated as meeting the 52 week requirement in certain circumstances, is removed. In paragraphs (3), (4), (5) and (6) which contain provisions linked to the 52 week requirement, consequential amendments are made reflecting the removal of that requirement in the case of men between 60 and pensionable age.