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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1985***Made* 6th August 1985*Coming into operation* 26th November 1985

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 2(1), 3(1) and (1A) and 10(2B) of the Family Income Supplements Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(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 Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 and shall come into operation on 26th November 1985.

Prescribed amount

2.—(1) The prescribed amount for any family for the purposes of section 1(2) of the Family Income Supplements Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 shall be the amount specified in paragraph (2) or (3) as the case may be.

(2) Where the family includes only one child, the prescribed amount shall be—

(a) £97·50, if the child is aged under 11; or

(b) £98·50, if the child is aged under 16 but not less than 11; or

(c) £99·50, if the child is aged 16 or over.

(3) Where the family includes more than one child, the prescribed amount shall be the aggregate of whatever would be applicable under paragraph (2) if the first child were the only child plus, for each additional child—

(a) aged under 11, £11·50;

(b) aged under 16 but not less than 11, £12·50;

(c) aged 16 and above, £13·50.

Maximum amount of family income supplement

3.—(1) The weekly rate of family income supplement shall not exceed the amount specified in paragraph (2) or (3) as the case may be.

(2) Where the family includes only one child, the weekly rate of family income supplement shall not exceed—

(a) £25, if the child is aged under 11; or

(b) £25·50, if the child is aged under 16 but not less than 11; or

(c) £26, if the child is aged 16 or over.

(a) 1971 c. 8 (N.I.); sections 2 and 3(1) and (1A) were substituted by paragraphs 5 and 6 of Schedule 4 to the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16)). Section 10(2B) was inserted by Article 8(5)(b) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)).

(3) Where the family includes more than one child, the weekly rate of family income supplement shall not exceed the aggregate of whatever would be applicable under paragraph (2), if the first child were the only child plus, for each additional child—

- (a) aged under 11, £2·50;
- (b) aged under 16 but not less than 11, £3;
- (c) aged 16 and above, £3·50.

Revocation

4. The Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(a) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 6th August 1985.

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(a) S.R. 1984 No. 325

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

Sections 2 and 3 of the Family Income Supplements Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 provide for a family income supplement of one half of the difference between a family's weekly resources and the amount prescribed by regulations, but subject to a prescribed maximum. These regulations increase the amounts prescribed and also increase the maximum.

The amounts currently prescribed for a family are £90, plus £10 for any child additional to the first. In place of these regulation 2 now prescribes—

- (a) £97·50 for a family whose first or only child is under 11, plus £11·50 for every other such child;
- (b) £98·50 for a family whose first or only child is between 11 and 16, plus £12·50 for every other such child and £11·50 for every child under 11;
- (c) £99·50 for a family whose first or only child is 16 or over, plus £13·50 for every other such child, £12·50 for every child between 11 and 16 and £11·50 for every child under 11.

The current maximum weekly rate for a family is £23 plus £2 for every child additional to the first. In place of these figures regulation 3 now prescribes as the maximum weekly rates £25 for a family in group (a), above, £25·50 for a family in group (b) and £26 for a family in group (c), plus, for every child after the first, £3·50 if the child is 16 or over, £3 if the child is between 11 and 16 and £2·50 if the child is under 11.

Regulation 4 revokes the Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984.