

1992 No. 116

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Overlapping Benefits)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992**

Made 12th March 1992

Coming into operation 6th April 1992

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 85 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(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 Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1992.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(b).

Amendment of regulation 8 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 8 of the principal regulations (child benefit)—

(a) in paragraph (1) for “paragraphs (2) to (5)” there shall be substituted “paragraphs (2) to (6)”;

(b) in paragraph (3) for “paragraphs (4) and (5)” there shall be substituted “paragraphs (4) to (6)”;

(c) for paragraph (5) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

“(5) For the purposes of paragraph (3) the sum of £0.75 shall be deducted from the amount by which the child benefit payable exceeds the amount of child benefit which would have been payable had the child not been the only, the elder, or eldest child.

(6) Where the weekly rate of any benefit or increase of benefit under the Act or the weekly rate of child benefit or both are increased in consequence of an order under Article 64(1) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(c) and as a result the amount by which the benefit being adjusted under paragraph (3) changes, the weekly rate of benefit or increase thereof shall not be reduced by the increased amount until the date on which the change in that benefit or increase of benefit has effect.”.

(a) 1975 c. 15; section 85 was amended by paragraph 29 of Schedule 4 to the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16)) and by Article 12(1) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/396 (N.I. 5))

(b) S.R. 1979 No. 242; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1991 Nos. 88 and 314

(c) S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18)

Revocation

3. The Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991(a) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 12th March 1992.

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(a) S.R. 1991 No. 314

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979. They make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30), are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

The regulations provide that there shall be no adjustment of benefit payable under the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 until an increase of the benefit being adjusted has effect. The amendment to regulation 8(5) is necessary to preserve the disregard of the increase in child benefit in consequence of the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991.

Regulation 3 makes a consequential revocation.