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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

Made - - - - - *3rd March 2003*

Coming into operation *1st April 2003*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 13A(2)(b) and 165(1) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(a), and now vested in it(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations representing qualifying lenders likely to be affected by the Regulations as it considers appropriate(c), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2003.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(d) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Amendment of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations

2. In paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(e) (deductions of mortgage interest from benefit and payment to qualifying lenders) for “£0·66” there shall be substituted “£0·73”.

Revocation

3. The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002(f) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 3rd March 2003.

(L.S.)

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(a) 1992 c. 8; section 13A was inserted by paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the Social Security (Mortgage Interest Payments) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/1309 (N.I. 9)) and amended by paragraph 23 of Schedule 2 to the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15)) and section 165(1) was amended by paragraph 49(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/671)

(b) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

(c) See section 13A(2) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

(d) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(e) S.R. 1987 No. 465; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1992 No. 271 and S.R. 2002 No. 59

(f) S.R. 2002 No. 59

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

Regulation 2 of these Regulations amends paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 by increasing from £0.66 to £0.73 the fee which qualifying lenders pay for the purpose of defraying administrative expenses incurred by the Department for Social Development in making payments in respect of mortgage interest direct to those lenders.

Regulation 3 makes a consequential revocation.

These Regulations correspond to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

As these Regulations have only a negligible cost for business a Regulatory Impact Assessment is not necessary.

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