
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

These Regulations amend the Social Security (Crediting and Treatment of Contributions, and National Insurance Numbers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (“the Crediting and Treatment Regulations”) to disapply the requirement to apply for a National Insurance number in the case of a person in respect of whom the Department for Social Development or the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs are notified that a biometric immigration document is to be issued under regulation 13A of the Immigration (Biometric Registration) Regulations 2008 ([S.I. 2008/3048](#) as amended by [S.I. 2015/433](#)) (“the 2008 Regulations”). Regulation 13A covers cases involving an application for entry clearance. There is already a similar disapplication for cases where a biometric immigration document is issued under regulation 13 of the 2008 Regulations.

Regulation 1 provides for citation and commencement.

Regulation 2 amends regulation 9(2A) of the Crediting and Treatment Regulations so as to insert a reference to regulation 13A of the 2008 Regulations.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding 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.