

2017 No. 49

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017**

Made - - - - *10th March 2017*

Coming into operation - *1st April 2017*

The Department for Communities makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 13A(2)(b) and 165(1) and (4) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(a) and now vested in it(b).

In accordance with section 13A(2) of that Act it has consulted with such organisations representing qualifying lenders likely to be affected by the Regulations as it considers appropriate.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2017.

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(c) (fees payable by qualifying lenders) for “£0·44” substitute “£0·39”.

Amendment of the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker’s Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) Regulations

3. In paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 4 to the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker’s Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(d) (fees payable by qualifying lenders), for “£0·44” substitute “£0·39”.

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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 subsection (2) was amended by paragraph 9(b) and (c) of Schedule 2 to the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 14 (N.I.)) 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) and section 18(5) of the National Insurance Contributions Act 2014 (c. 7)
- (b) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481 and section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.))
- (c) S.R. 1987 No. 465; Schedule 8B was inserted by regulation 5 of, and the Schedule to, S.R. 1992 No. 271 and paragraph 6 was amended by regulation 14(2)(h) of S.R. 2003 No. 191 and regulation 2 of S.R. 2016 No. 91
- (d) S.R. 2016 No. 220

Revocation

4. The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(a) are revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 10th March 2017

(L.S.)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 4 to the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 prescribe the fee payable by qualifying lenders for the purpose of defraying administrative expenses incurred by the Department for Communities in making payments in respect of mortgage interest direct to those lenders.

Regulations 2 and 3 amend those provisions by decreasing from £0.44 to £0.39 the fee which qualifying lenders pay.

Regulation 4 makes a consequential revocation.

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.

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