
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2022 No. 215

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Temporary Increase) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022

Made - - - - 15th September 2022

Coming into operation 19th September 2022

The Department for Communities makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 134(2) and 171(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(1) and now vested in it(2).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Temporary Increase) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022 and shall come into operation on 19th September 2022.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(3) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Modification of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations

2.—(1) For the purpose of making social fund winter fuel payments in respect of the 2022-23 winter, regulation 2 of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000(4) (social fund winter fuel payments) is applied as if—

- (a) the references to £100 (in both places) were to £250;
- (b) in paragraphs 1(i), 2(a) and (3), the reference to £200 were to £500;
- (c) in paragraph 2(b), the reference to £200 were to £350;
- (d) in paragraph 2(b), the reference to £150 were to £300; and
- (e) the references to £300 (in both places) were to £600.

(1) 1992 c. 7; section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21)

(2) 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.))

(3) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(4) S.R. 2000 No. 91; regulation 2 was substituted by regulation 2 of S.R. 2003 No. 349 and amended by regulation 2 of S.R. 2003 No. 389, regulation 2(3) of S.R. 2004 No. 354, regulation 24(3) of S.R. 2008 No. 286, regulation 6(3) of S.R. 2010 No. 103, regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2013 No. 191, regulation 4(3) of S.R. 2015 No. 34, regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2015 No. 216 and by paragraph 9 of the Schedule to S.R. 2018 No. 1085

(2) In this regulation “the 2022-23 winter” means the winter that follows the qualifying week beginning on 19th September 2022.

Revocation

3. The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Temporary Increase) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010~~(5)~~ are revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 15th September 2022.

(L.S.)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations modify the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 to provide for a temporary increase in winter fuel payments for the 2022-23 winter.

These Regulations also revoke the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Temporary Increase) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010, which provided for an increase in payments for the 2010-11 winter.

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