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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

**The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and
Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment
Regulations 2005**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>10th January 2005</i>
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The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 75A, 105(7) and 108(1) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2005.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force on 1st February 2005.

(3) In these Regulations—

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987(b);

“the principal Regulations” means the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2003(c); and

“the State Pension Credit Regulations” means the State Pension Credit Regulations 2002(d).

Amendment of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 2 (interpretation) of the principal Regulations after the definition of “standard rate”, insert—

““the State Pension Credit Regulations” means the State Pension Credit Regulations 2002(e)”;

(a) 1978 c.29; section 75A was inserted by the Social Security Act 1988 (c.7), section 14(2), and amended by the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c.49), Schedule 2, paragraph 13, the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997 (c.46), Schedule 2, Part I, paragraphs 32 and 51, the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c.19), Schedule 9, paragraph 19(13), and by S.I. 1998/2385; section 105(7) was amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c.53), Schedule 6, paragraph 5, and Schedule 7, the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c.41), Schedule 9, paragraph 24, and by the Health Act 1999 (c.8), Schedule 4, paragraph 60; section 108(1) contains definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations” relevant to the exercise of the statutory powers under which these Regulations are made. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).

(b) S.I. 1987/1967.

(c) S.S.I. 2003/460, as amended by S.S.I. 2004/102 and S.S.I. 2004/166.

(d) S.I. 2002/1792, as amended by S.I. 2004/552.

(e) S.I. 2002/1792, as amended by S.I. 2004/552.

Amendment of the Schedule to the principal Regulations

3.—(1) The Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In Table A, in the modifications of—

- (a) regulations 45 and 53 of the Income Support Regulations, for “£19,500” in each place where it occurs, substitute “£20,000”;
- (b) regulation 53 of the Income Support Regulations, for “£12,000” substitute “£12,250”; and
- (c) Schedule 8 to the Income Support Regulations—

(i) for the first entry beginning “In paragraph 4(2)” and ending “higher pensioner premium” substitute—

“For paragraph 4(3) substitute—

“(3) This paragraph applies where—

- (a) the claimant is aged not less than 60; or
- (b) the claimant is a member of a couple, where at least one partner is aged not less than 60.”; and

(ii) for the entry “In paragraph 4 omit sub-paragraphs (3), (4) and (7)” substitute “In paragraph 4 omit sub-paragraphs (4) and (7)”.

(3) In Table B, in the modifications of Schedule 2 to the Income Support Regulations—

(a) for the first entry beginning “In column (1) of the Table” and ending “(4) Couple” substitute—

“In column (1) of the Table for sub-paragraphs (1) to (4) substitute—

“(1) single person aged not less than 25;

(2) single person or lone parent aged not less than 60;

(3) lone parent aged less than 60;

(4) single person aged less than 25;

(5) couple;

(6) couple, where at least one partner is aged not less than 60”;

(b) for the second entry beginning “In column (2) of the Table” and ending “paragraph 3(d) of column (2) in the unmodified Regulations” substitute—

“In column (2) of the Table (amounts) insert—

(a) against sub-paragraph (1) of column (1), the amount prescribed in paragraph (1)(e) of column (2) in the unmodified Regulations;

(b) against sub-paragraph (2) of column (1), the amount prescribed in regulation 6(1)(b) of the State Pension Credit Regulations;

(c) against sub-paragraph (3) of column (1), the amount prescribed in paragraph (1)(e) of column (2) in the unmodified Regulations;

(d) against sub-paragraph (4) of column (1), the amount prescribed in paragraph (1)(d) of column (2) in the unmodified Regulations;

(e) against sub-paragraph (5) of column (1), the amount prescribed in paragraph (3)(d) of column (2) in the unmodified Regulations;

(f) against sub-paragraph (6) of column (1), the amount prescribed in regulation 6(1)(a) of the State Pension Credit Regulations”;

(c) for the third entry beginning “Omit paragraphs” and ending “15(2A)” substitute—

“Omit paragraphs 1A, 2A, 6(2), 9, 9A, 10, 12(1)(c), 12(4), 15(2), 15(2A) and 15(3)”;

(d) omit the sixth entry beginning “For paragraph 10” and ending “less than 60”; and

- (e) after the tenth entry beginning “In paragraph 12(1)(b)” and ending “28 weeks” insert–
“In paragraph 12(1)(d)(ii) delete “higher pensioner premium or”.”.

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10th January 2005

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (“the principal Regulations”).

Regulation 2 inserts a definition of “the State Pension Credit Regulations” for the purposes of the principal Regulations.

Regulation 3 amends the Schedule to the principal Regulations.

Regulation 3(2)(a), (b) and (3) increases the capital limit for entitlement under the principal Regulations for people living in care and maintains the calculation of entitlement under the principal Regulations in respect of people aged 60 and over.

Regulation 3(2)(c) provides that the earnings disregard set out in Schedule 8 to the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 should apply to a single person over 60 and to a couple where one or both of the partners is over 60.

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