
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 628

The Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979

PART I
GENERAL

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the Social Security Act 1975;

“approved place” means a place approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose of obtaining payment of benefit;

“benefit order” means an order for the payment of a weekly sum on account of benefit to which regulation 16 applies or of a weekly instalment of a gratuity;

“claim for benefit” includes an application for a declaration that an accident was an industrial accident and an application for the review of an award or a decision for the purpose of obtaining any increase of benefit mentioned in Schedule 1 to these regulations but does not include any other application for the review of an award or a decision and the expression “claims benefit” and every reference to a claim shall be construed accordingly;

[^{F1}“health care professional” means—

- (a) a registered medical practitioner,
- (b) a registered nurse,
- (c) an occupational therapist or physiotherapist registered with a regulatory body established by an Order in Council under section 60 of the Health Care Act 1999, or
- (d) a member of such other profession, regulated by a body mentioned in section 25(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002, prescribed by the Secretary of State in accordance with powers under section 39(1) of the Social Security Act 1998.]

[^{F2} ...

“instrument of payment” means a serial order, benefit order, or any other instrument whatsoever which is intended to enable a person to obtain payment of benefit;

“serial order” means one of a series of orders, including benefit orders, for the payment of a sum on account of benefit which is or has been contained in a book of such orders;

“unemployment benefit office” means any office or place appointed by the Secretary of State for the purpose of claiming unemployment benefit; and other expressions have the same meaning as in the Act.

[^{F3}(1A) The provision in paragraph (1) for the interpretation of the words “claim for benefit” shall not be taken to preclude the application of the regulations to a claim for attendance allowance expressed as an application for review of an earlier determination but which discloses no grounds on which such a determination could be reviewed.]

- (2) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in these regulations to—
- (a) a numbered section is a reference to the section of the Social Security Act 1975 bearing that number;
 - (b) a numbered regulation is a reference to the regulation bearing that number in these regulations and any reference in a regulation to a numbered paragraph is a reference to the paragraph of that regulation bearing that number;
 - (c) any provision made by or contained in an enactment or instrument shall be construed as a reference to that provision as amended or extended by any enactment or instrument and as including a reference to any provision which it re-enacts or replaces, or which may re-enact or replace it, with or without modification.
- (3) For the purposes of the provisions of these regulations relating to the making of claims every increase of benefit mentioned in Schedule 1 to these regulations shall be treated as a separate benefit.
- (4) The provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 to these regulations shall have effect; and the following provisions of these regulations shall, in relation to any particular benefit, have effect subject to any provision in those Schedules affecting that benefit.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (3.7.2007) by [The Social Security \(Miscellaneous Amendments\)\(No.2\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1626\)](#), regs. 1, **2(2)**
- F2** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (5.7.1999) by virtue of [The Social Security Act 1998 \(Commencement No. 8, and Savings and Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Order 1999 \(S.I. 1999/1958\)](#), art. 4(4), **Sch. 4 para. 1**
- F3** Reg. 2(1A) inserted (25.8.1980) by [The Social Security \(Attendance Allowance\) Amendment Regulations 1980 \(S.I. 1980/1136\)](#), regs. 1(1), **6(1)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979, Section 2.