
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 1988 (“the principal Regulations”) to take into account the introduction into Scotland on 1st April 1989 of the community charge under the Abolition of Domestic Rates etc (Scotland) Act 1987, to make other amendments consequent upon changes in the method of calculating Income Support and Housing Benefit, and to make other minor amendments.

Regulation 2 amends a reference in the principal Regulations to section 70 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 made by the Health and Medicines Act 1988 consequent upon an amendment which comes into force on 1st April 1989.

Regulation 3 brings into force on 1st April 1989 amendments to Table B in Part II of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations to allow liability for personal community charge and collective community charge contributions to be taken into account in the assessment of the requirements of a claimant under the principal Regulations.

Regulation 4 amends Part II of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations by substituting Table B in that Schedule. The new table contains the amendments relating to community charge and enables allowance to be made, in calculating a person’s requirements to establish entitlement to remission of charges or payment of travelling expenses, for instalment payments made in buying a dwelling, and for reductions from housing costs made in respect of non-dependants of the person claiming remission or payment of travelling expenses under the principal Regulations. These changes come into force on 10th April 1989.