

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations further amend the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (General) Regulations 1995 (S.I.1995/311), in consequence of the coming into force of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999—

- (a) on 13th December 1999 so that as well as requesting information about a person's incapacity for work the Secretary of State can request information, in the form of a questionnaire or additional information, capable of being used to assist or encourage a person to obtain work or enhance his prospects of doing so (regulation 2(2)(a) and (c)); and
- (b) on 3rd April 2000, to change references to the all work test to references to the personal capability assessment (regulations 2 and 3, except 2(2)(a) and (c)).

Regulation 4 makes transitional provision where the all work test has been satisfied or treated as satisfied before 3rd April 2000.

These Regulations also amend the following Regulations by changing references to the all work test to references to the personal capability assessment: the Social Security (Medical Evidence) Regulations 1976, the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 and the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations 1995.

These Regulations do not impose a charge on business.