
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 1379

The Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 and shall come into force on 20th May 2002.

(2) In these Regulations—

- (a) “the Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations” means the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2001(1); and
- (b) unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to a numbered regulation, paragraph or Schedule is a reference to the regulation, paragraph or Schedule bearing that number in the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 1999(2).

Amendment of the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 1999

2. In regulation 1(3) (interpretation)—

(a) for the definition of “official error”(3) there shall be substituted—

““official error” means an error made by—

- (a) an officer of the Department for Work and Pensions or the Board acting as such which no person outside the Department or the Inland Revenue caused or to which no person outside the Department or the Inland Revenue materially contributed;
- (b) a person employed by a designated authority acting on behalf of the authority, which no person outside that authority caused or to which no person outside that authority materially contributed,

but excludes any error of law which is shown to have been an error by virtue of a subsequent decision of a Commissioner or the court;”;

(b) after the definition of “panel member with a disability qualification” there shall be inserted—

““partner” means—

- (a) where a person is a member of a married couple or an unmarried couple, the other member of that couple; or
- (b) where a person is polygamously married to two or more members of his household, any such member;”.

(1) S.I.2001/1002.

(2) S.I. 1999/991.

(3) The definition of “official error” was substituted by S.I. 2000/897 and 1596 but these amendments did not apply for tax credit purposes.

3. In regulation 3 (revision of decisions)—
- (a) in paragraph (1)(4) for sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs—
- “(a) he or they commence action leading to revision within one month of the date of notification of the original decision; or
- (b) an application for a revision is received by the Secretary of State or the Board or an officer of the Board at the appropriate office—
- (i) subject to regulation 9A(3), within one month of the date of notification of the original decision;
- (ii) where a written statement is requested under paragraph (1)(b) of regulation 28 and is provided within the period specified in head (i), within 14 days of the expiry of that period;
- (iii) where a written statement is requested under paragraph (1)(b) of regulation 28 and is provided after the period specified in head (i), within 14 days of the date on which the statement is provided; or
- (iv) within such longer period as may be allowed under regulation 4.”;
- (b) after paragraph (4) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
- “(4A) Where there is an appeal against an original decision (within the meaning of paragraph (1)) within the time prescribed in regulation 31, or in a case to which regulation 32 applies within the time prescribed in that regulation, but the appeal has not been determined, the original decision may be revised at any time.”;
- (c) after paragraph (5) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
- “(5A) Where—
- (a) the Secretary of State or the Board or an officer of the Board, as the case may be, makes a decision under section 8 or 10, or that decision is revised under section 9, in respect of a claim or award (“decision A”) and the claimant appeals against decision A;
- (b) decision A is superseded or the claimant makes a further claim which is decided (“decision B”) after the claimant made the appeal but before the appeal results in a decision by an appeal tribunal (“decision C”); and
- (c) the Secretary of State or the Board or an officer of the Board, as the case may be, would have made decision B differently if he or they had been aware of decision C at the time he or they made decision B,
- decision B may be revised at any time.”;
- (d) after paragraph (7) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
- “(7A) Where a decision as to a claimant’s entitlement to a disablement pension under section 103 of the Contributions and Benefits Act is revised by the Secretary of State, or changed on appeal, a decision of the Secretary of State as to the claimant’s entitlement to reduced earnings allowance under paragraph 11 or 12 of Schedule 7 to that Act may be revised at any time provided that the revised decision is more advantageous to the claimant than the original decision.”; and
- (e) in paragraph (11)—
- (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for the words “Department of Social Security or the Department for Education and Employment” there shall be substituted the words “Department for Work and Pensions”; and

(4) Paragraph (1) was amended by S.I. 1999/2570 and 2677.

(ii) in sub-paragraph (c) for the words “Department of Social Security” there shall be substituted the words “Department for Work and Pensions”.

4. After regulation 9 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

“Correction of accidental errors

9A.—(1) Accidental errors in a decision of the Secretary of State or an officer of the Board under a relevant enactment within the meaning of section 28(3), or in any record of such a decision, may be corrected by the Secretary of State or an officer of the Board, as the case may be, at any time.

(2) A correction made to, or to the record of, a decision shall be deemed to be part of the decision, or of that record, and the Secretary of State or an officer of the Board shall give a written notice of the correction as soon as practicable to the claimant.

(3) In calculating the time within which an application can be made under regulation 3(1)(b) for a decision to be revised, or the time within which an appeal may be brought under regulation 31(1), there shall be disregarded any day falling before the day on which notice was given of a correction of the decision or to the record thereof under paragraph (2).”.

5. In regulation 11A(5) (issues for decision by officers of Inland Revenue) in paragraph (2)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (b) after the word “supersession” there shall be inserted the words “or an appeal”; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (c) for the words “consideration of the application” there shall be substituted the words “receipt of the application or appeal”.

6. After regulation 14 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

“Termination of award of income support or jobseeker’s allowance

14A.—(1) This regulation applies in a case where an award of income support or a jobseeker’s allowance (“the existing benefit”) exists in favour of a person and, if that award did not exist and a claim was made by that person or his partner for a jobseeker’s allowance or, as the case may be, income support (“the alternative benefit”), an award of the alternative benefit would be made on that claim.

(2) In a case to which this regulation applies, if a claim for the alternative benefit is made the Secretary of State may bring to an end the award of the existing benefit if he is satisfied that an award of the alternative benefit will be made on that claim.

(3) Where, under paragraph (2), the Secretary of State brings an award of the existing benefit to an end he shall do so with effect from the day immediately preceding the first day on which an award of the alternative benefit takes effect.

(4) Where an award of a jobseeker’s allowance is made in accordance with the provisions of this regulation, paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the Jobseekers Act (waiting days) shall not apply.”.

7. In regulation 25(6) (other persons with a right to appeal) before paragraph (a) there shall be inserted the following paragraphs—

“(ai) any person who has been appointed by the Secretary of State or the Board under regulation 30(1)(7) of the Claims and Payments

(5) Regulation 11A was inserted by S.I. 1999/1670.

(6) Regulation 25 was amended by S.I. 1999/2570; regulation 25 cites the Social Security Act 1998 (c. 14), section 12(2) which was substituted by the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2), Schedule 7, paragraph 25(3).

(7) Regulation 30(1) was amended by S.I. 1999/2572.

Regulations (payments on death) to proceed with the claim of a person who has made a claim for benefit and subsequently died;

- (a) any person who is appointed by the Secretary of State to claim benefit on behalf of a deceased person and who claims the benefit under regulation 30(5) and (6)(8) of the Claims and Payments Regulations;
- (a) any person who is appointed by the Secretary of State to make a claim for reduced earnings allowance or disablement benefit in the name of a person who has died and who claims under regulation 30(6A) and (6B)(9) of the Claims and Payments Regulations;”.

8. In regulation 29(5)(10) (further particulars required relating to certificate of recoverable benefits appeals or applications) for the words “Department of Social Security” there shall be substituted the words “Department for Work and Pensions”.

9. In regulation 31(1)(11) (time within which an appeal is to be brought) for sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs—

- “(a) subject to regulation 9A(3), within one month of the date of notification of the decision against which the appeal is brought;
- (b) where a written statement of the reasons for that decision is requested and provided within the period specified in sub-paragraph (a), within 14 days of the expiry of that period; or
- (c) where a written statement of the reasons for that decision is requested but is not provided within the period specified in sub-paragraph (a), within 14 days of the date on which the statement is provided.”.

10. In regulation 32 (late appeals)—

- (a) at the end of paragraph (2) there shall be added the words “, except that where the Secretary of State or the Board, as the case may be, consider that the conditions in paragraphs (4) (b) to (8) are satisfied, the Secretary of State or the Board, as the case may be, may grant the application.”;
- (b) for paragraph (4) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—
 - “(4) An application for an extension of time shall not be granted unless—
 - (a) the panel member is satisfied that, if the application is granted, there are reasonable prospects that the appeal will be successful; or
 - (b) the panel member, the Secretary of State or the Board, as the case may be, are satisfied that it is in the interests of justice for the application to be granted.”;
- (c) in paragraph (5)—
 - (i) after the words “panel member” there shall be inserted the words “, the Secretary of State or the Board, as the case may be,”; and
 - (ii) for the words “application to be made” there shall be substituted the words “appeal to be made”;
- (d) in paragraph (6)(a) for the word “spouse” there shall be substituted the word “partner”; and
- (e) in paragraph (7), for the words “the panel member shall have regard” there shall be substituted the words “regard shall be had”.

(8) Regulation 30(5) was amended by S.I. 1988/1725, 1990/2208, 1991/2741, 1996/1460 and 1999/2572.

(9) Paragraphs (6A) and (6B) were inserted by S.I. 1990/2208.

(10) Regulation 29(5) was amended by S.I. 2000/3030.

(11) Regulation 31(1) was amended by S.I. 1999/2570.

11. In regulation 33(12) (making of appeals and applications)—

(a) in paragraph (2)—

- (i) in sub-paragraphs (a) and (c) for the words “Department of Social Security” there shall be substituted the words “Department for Work and Pensions”;
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for the words “Department of Social Security or of the Department for Education and Employment” there shall be substituted the words “Department for Work and Pensions the address of which was indicated on the notification of the decision which is subject to appeal”; and
- (iii) in sub-paragraph (e) for the words “Department of Social Security” there shall be substituted the words “Department for Work and Pensions the address of which was indicated on the notification of the decision which is subject to appeal”;

(b) for paragraph (7) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(7) Where a person to whom a form is returned, or from whom further particulars are requested, duly completes and returns the form or sends the further particulars, if the form or particulars, as the case may be, are received by the Secretary of State or the Board within—

- (a) 14 days of the date on which the form was returned to him by the Secretary of State or the Board, the time for making the appeal shall be extended by 14 days from the date on which the form was returned;
- (b) 14 days of the date on which the Secretary of State’s or the Board’s request was made, the time for making the appeal shall be extended by 14 days from the date of the request; or
- (c) such longer period as the Secretary of State or the Board may direct, the time for making the appeal shall be extended by a period equal to that longer period directed by the Secretary of State or the Board.”; and

(c) the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (10)(13)—

“(10) The Secretary of State or the Board may discontinue action on an appeal where the appeal has not been forwarded to the clerk to an appeal tribunal or to a legally qualified panel member and the appellant or an authorised representative of the appellant has given written notice that he does not wish the appeal to continue.”.

12. In regulation 38A(1)(14) (appeals raising issues for decision by officers of Inland Revenue)—

- (a) for the words “, on consideration of any appeal, it appears to an appeal tribunal” there shall be substituted the words “a person has appealed to an appeal tribunal and it appears to the appeal tribunal, or a legally qualified panel member,”; and
- (b) after the words “that tribunal” there shall be inserted the words “or legally qualified panel member, as the case may be,”.

13. Regulation 47(15) (reinstatement of struck out appeals) shall be renumbered paragraph (2) of regulation 47 and immediately before the renumbered paragraph (2) the following paragraph shall be inserted as paragraph (1)—

“(1) The clerk to the appeal tribunal may reinstate an appeal which has been struck out in accordance with regulation 46(1)(c) where—

(12) Regulation 33 was amended by S.I. 1999/1662, 2570 and 2677 and 2000/897, 1596 and 3030.

(13) Paragraph (10) was added by S.I. 2000/1596 but that amendment did not apply for tax credit purposes.

(14) Regulation 38A was inserted by S.I. 1999/1670.

(15) Regulation 47 was amended by S.I. 2000/1596.

- (a) the appellant has made representations to him or, as the case may be, further representations in support of his appeal with reasons why he considers that his appeal should not have been struck out;
- (b) the representations are made in writing within one month of the order to strike out the appeal being issued; and
- (c) the clerk is satisfied in the light of those representations that there are reasonable grounds for reinstating the appeal

but if the clerk is not satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for reinstatement a legally qualified panel member shall consider whether the appeal should be reinstated in accordance with paragraph (2).”.

14. In regulation 49 (procedure at oral hearings)—

- (a) for paragraph (6) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(6) An oral hearing shall be in public except where the chairman, or in the case of an appeal tribunal which has only one member, that member, is satisfied that it is necessary to hold the hearing, or part of the hearing, in private—

- (a) in the interests of national security, morals, public order or children;
- (b) for the protection of the private or family life of one or more parties to the proceedings; or
- (c) in special circumstances, because publicity would prejudice the interests of justice.”;

- (b) for paragraph (7) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(7) At an oral hearing—

- (a) any party to the proceedings shall be entitled to be present and be heard; and
- (b) the following persons may be present by means of a live television link—
 - (i) a party to the proceedings or his representative or both; or
 - (ii) where an appeal tribunal consists of more than one member, a tribunal member other than the chairman,
 provided that the person who constitutes or is the chairman of the tribunal gives permission and the appellant consents.”;

- (c) in paragraph (9)—

- (i) in sub-paragraph (b) the word “panel” shall be omitted; and
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (d) the words “and the consent of every party to the proceedings actually present,” shall be omitted;

- (d) for paragraph (10)(16) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(10) Nothing in paragraph (9) affects the rights of—

- (a) any person mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of that paragraph where he is sitting as a member of a tribunal or acting as its clerk; or
- (b) the clerk to the tribunal,

and nothing in this regulation prevents the presence at an oral hearing of any witness or of any person whom the chairman, or in the case of an appeal tribunal which has only one member, that member, permits to be present in order to assist the appeal tribunal or the clerk.”; and

(16) Paragraph (10) was amended by S.I. [2000/1596](#) but the amendment did not apply for tax credit purposes.

(e) after paragraph (12) the following paragraph shall be added—

“(13) In this regulation “live television link” means a live television link or other facilities which allow a person who is not physically present at an oral hearing to see and hear proceedings and be seen and heard by those physically present.”.

15. In regulation 51 (postponement and adjournment) paragraph (5) shall be omitted.

16. In regulation 53 (decisions of appeal tribunals), for paragraph (4)(17) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(4) A party to the proceedings may apply in writing to the clerk to the appeal tribunal for a statement of the reasons for the tribunal’s decision within one month of the sending or giving of the decision notice to every party to the proceedings or within such longer period as may be allowed in accordance with regulation 54 and following that application the chairman, or in the case of a tribunal with only one member, that member shall record a statement of the reasons and a copy of that statement shall be given to every party to the proceedings as soon as may be practicable.”.

17. In regulation 54 (late applications for a statement of reasons of tribunal decision)—

- (a) in paragraph (6)(a) for the word “spouse” there shall be substituted the word “partner”;
- (b) in paragraphs (10), (11) and (12) for the word “decision” in each place where it occurs there shall be substituted the word “determination”;
- (c) in paragraph (11) for the words “a copy” there shall be substituted the word “notice”;
- (d) in paragraph (12) for the words “a copy”, in the first place where they occur, there shall be substituted the word “notice”; and
- (e) the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (13)(18)—

“(13) In calculating the time specified for applying in writing for a statement of the reasons for the tribunal’s decision there shall be disregarded any day which falls before the day on which notice was given of—

- (a) a correction of a decision or the record thereof pursuant to regulation 56; or
- (b) a determination that a decision shall not be set aside following an application made under regulation 57, except where the decision was not set aside because of a refusal to extend the time for applying.”.

18. In regulation 57 (setting aside decisions on certain grounds)—

- (a) in paragraph (2) the words “the chairman, or in the case of an appeal tribunal which has only one member, unless” shall be omitted;
- (b) for paragraph (3)(19) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(3) An application under this regulation shall—

- (a) be made within one month of the date on which—
 - (i) a copy of the decision notice is sent or given to the parties to the proceedings in accordance with regulation 53(3); or
 - (ii) the statement of the reasons for the decision is given or sent in accordance with regulation 53(4),

whichever is later;

(17) Paragraph (4) was amended by S.I. 2000/1596 but the amendment did not apply for tax credit purposes.

(18) Paragraph (13) was added by S.I. 2000/1596 but that amendment did not apply for tax credit purposes.

(19) Paragraph (3) was substituted by S.I. 2000/1596 but that amendment did not apply for tax credit purposes.

- (b) be in writing and signed by a party to the proceedings or, where the party has provided written authority to a representative to act on his behalf, that representative;
 - (c) contain particulars of the grounds on which it is made; and
 - (d) be sent to the clerk to the appeal tribunal.”; and
- (c) the following paragraphs shall be substituted for paragraphs (6) to (12)**(20)**—
- “(6) The time within which an application under this regulation must be made may be extended by a period not exceeding one year where the conditions specified in paragraphs (7) to (11) are satisfied.
- (7) An application for an extension of time shall be made in accordance with paragraph (3)(b) to (d), shall include details of any relevant special circumstances for the purposes of paragraph (9) and shall be determined by a legally qualified panel member.
- (8) An application for an extension of time shall not be granted unless the panel member is satisfied that—
- (a) if the application is granted there are reasonable prospects that the application to set aside will be successful; and
 - (b) it is in the interests of justice for the application for an extension of time to be granted.
- (9) For the purposes of paragraph (8) it is not in the interests of justice to grant an application for an extension of time unless the panel member is satisfied that—
- (a) the special circumstances specified in paragraph (10) are relevant to that application; or
 - (b) some other special circumstances exist which are wholly exceptional and relevant to that application,
- and as a result of those special circumstances, it was not practicable for the application to set aside to be made within the time limit specified in paragraph (3)(a).
- (10) For the purposes of paragraph (9)(a) the special circumstances are that—
- (a) the applicant or a partner or dependant of the applicant has died or suffered serious illness;
 - (b) the applicant is not resident in the United Kingdom; or
 - (c) normal postal services were disrupted.
- (11) In determining whether it is in the interests of justice to grant an application for an extension of time, the panel member shall have regard to the principle that the greater the amount of time that has elapsed between the expiry of the time within which the application to set aside is to be made and the making of the application for an extension of time, the more compelling should be the special circumstances on which the application for an extension is based.
- (12) An application under this regulation for an extension of time which has been refused may not be renewed.”.

19. The following regulation shall be substituted for regulation 57A**(21)**—

(20) Paragraphs (6) to (12) were added by S.I. 2000/1596 but that amendment did not apply for tax credit purposes.

(21) Regulation 57A was inserted by S.I. 2000/1596 but that amendment did not apply for tax credit purposes.

“Provisions common to regulations 56 and 57

57A.—(1) In calculating any time specified for appealing to a Commissioner from a decision of an appeal tribunal there shall be disregarded any day falling before the day on which notice was given of—

- (a) a correction of a decision or the record thereof pursuant to regulation 56; or
- (b) a determination that a decision shall not be set aside following an application made under regulation 57, except where the decision was not set aside because of a refusal to extend the time for applying.

(2) There shall be no appeal against a correction made under regulation 56 or a refusal to make such a correction or against a determination made under regulation 57.

(3) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as derogating from any power to correct errors or set aside decisions which is exercisable apart from these Regulations.”.

20. In regulation 58(**22**) (application for leave to appeal to a Commissioner from an appeal tribunal)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) after the word “under” there shall be inserted the words “section 13 of the 1997 Act or under”; and
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (a) for the words “made within the period of one month commencing on the date the applicant is sent” there shall be substituted the words “sent to the clerk to the appeal tribunal within the period of one month of the date of the applicant being sent”;
- (b) paragraph (3) shall be omitted;
- (c) for paragraph (4) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(4) A person determining an application for leave to appeal to a Commissioner shall record his determination in writing and send a copy to every party to the proceedings.”; and
- (d) for paragraph (6)(**23**) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(6) Where an application for leave to appeal against a decision of an appeal tribunal is made—

 - (a) if the person who constituted, or was the chairman of, the appeal tribunal when the decision was given was a fee-paid legally qualified panel member, the application may be determined by a salaried legally qualified panel member; or
 - (b) if it is impracticable, or it would be likely to cause undue delay, for the application to be determined by whoever constituted, or was the chairman of, the appeal tribunal when the decision was given, the application may be determined by another legally qualified panel member.”.

21. In Schedule 2 (decisions against which no appeal lies)—

- (a) for paragraph 5(**24**) (claims and payments) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“**5.** A decision, being a decision of the Secretary of State unless specified below as a decision of the Board, under the following provisions of the Claims and Payments Regulations—

(22) Regulation 58 was amended by S.I. [1999/2570](#) and [2000/1596](#).

(23) Paragraph (6) was amended by S.I. [2000/1596](#).

(24) Paragraph 5 was amended by S.I. [2000/1596](#).

- (a) regulation 4**(25)** (decision of the Secretary of State or the Board as to making a claim for benefit);
- (b) regulation 4A(3)**(26)** (sufficiency of a claim at office displaying the ONE logo if claim not on approved form);
- (c) regulation 6(4AA)**(27)** (accepting properly completed claim for jobseeker's allowance after claimant attends a place to make claim);
- (d) regulation 6(4AB)**(28)** (accepting properly completed claim for jobseeker's allowance up to one month after notification of intent to claim);
- (e) regulation 6(8) and (9)**(29)** (specifying time for properly completing and submitting claim for disability living allowance or attendance allowance);
- (f) regulation 7**(30)** (decision by the Secretary of State or the Board as to evidence and information required);
- (g) regulation 9**(31)** and Schedule 1 (decision by the Secretary of State or the Board as to interchange of claims with claims for other benefits);
- (h) regulation 11**(32)** (treating claim for maternity allowance as claim for incapacity benefit);
- (i) regulation 15(7)**(33)** (approving form of particulars required for determination of retirement pension questions in advance of claim);
- (j) regulations 20 to 24**(34)** (decision by the Secretary of State or the Board as to the time or manner of payments);
- (k) regulation 25(1)**(35)** (intervals of payment of attendance allowance and disability living allowance where claimant is expected to return to hospital);
- (l) regulation 26**(36)** (manner and time of payment of income support);
- (m) regulation 26A**(37)** (time and intervals of payment of jobseeker's allowance);
- (n) regulation 27(1) and (1A)**(38)** (decision by the Board as to manner and time of payment of tax credits);
- (o) regulation 30**(39)** (decision by the Secretary of State or the Board as to claims or payments after death of claimant);
- (p) regulation 30A**(40)** (payment of arrears of joint-claim jobseeker's allowance where nominated person can no longer be traced);
- (q) regulation 31**(41)** (time and manner of payments of industrial injuries gratuities);

(25) Regulation 4 was amended by S.I. 1991/2741, 1992/247, 1996/1460 and 2431, 1997/793, 1999/2572 and 3108 and 2000/636, 897 and 1982.

(26) Regulation 4A was inserted by S.I. 1999/3108 and amended by S.I. 2000/897.

(27) Paragraph (4AA) was substituted by S.I. 2000/1820.

(28) Paragraph (4AB) was substituted by S.I. 1997/793.

(29) Paragraphs (8) and (9) were added by S.I. 1991/2741 and amended by S.I. 1993/2113 and 2319.

(30) Regulation 7 was amended by S.I. 1995/2303, 1996/1460 and 1999/3108 and 2572.

(31) Regulation 9 was amended by S.I. 1992/247, 1996/1803 and 1999/2572.

(32) Regulation 11 was amended by S.I. 1994/2943 and 1997/793.

(33) Regulation 15(7) was amended by S.I. 1989/1642.

(34) Regulations 20 to 24 were amended by S.I. 1991/2741, 1992/247, 1993/1113, 1994/2319, 2943 and 3196, 1996/672, 1460 and 2306, 1999/2358 and 2572 and 2000/1982 and 3120.

(35) Regulation 25(1) was amended by S.I. 1991/2741 and 1996/1436.

(36) Regulation 26 was amended by S.I. 1988/522, 1989/136, 1993/1113, 1999/3178 and 2000/1596.

(37) Regulation 26A was inserted by S.I. 1996/1460 and amended by S.I. 2000/1596.

(38) Regulation 27 was substituted by S.I. 1991/2741 and amended by S.I. 1993/2113, 1994/3196 and 1999/2572.

(39) Regulation 30 was amended by S.I. 1988/1725, 1990/2208, 1991/2741, 1993/2113, 1994/2319, 1996/1460, 1999/2572 and 2000/1982.

(40) Regulation 30A was inserted by S.I. 2001/518.

(41) Regulation 31 was amended by S.I. 1999/3108 and 3178.

- (r) regulation 32(42) (decision by the Secretary of State or the Board as to information to be given when obtaining payment of benefit);
 - (s) regulation 33(43) (appointments by the Secretary of State or the Board where person unable to act);
 - (t) regulation 34(44) (decision by the Secretary of State or the Board as to paying another person on the beneficiary's behalf);
 - (u) regulation 34A(1)(45) (payment, out of benefit, of mortgage interest to qualifying lender);
 - (v) regulation 35(2)(46) (payment to third person of maternity expenses or expenses for heating in cold weather);
 - (w) regulation 36(47) (decision by the Secretary of State or the Board to pay partner as alternative payee);
 - (x) regulation 38(48) (decision by the Secretary of State or the Board as to the extinguishment of right to payment of sums by way of benefit where payment not obtained within the prescribed period, except a decision under paragraph (2A) (payment request after expiration of prescribed period));
 - (y) regulations 42 to 46(49) (mobility component of disability living allowance and disability living allowance for children);
 - (z) regulation 47(2) and (3)(50) (return of instruments of payment etc. to the Secretary of State or the Board)."; and
- (b) after paragraph 19 there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“Loss of Benefit for Breach of Community Order

19A. A decision of the Secretary of State that a relevant benefit shall not be payable or shall be reduced in accordance with a determination of a court made under section 62(1) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000(51) where the only ground of appeal is that the court's determination was made in error.”.

22. In Schedule 3 (qualifications of persons appointed to the panel) in paragraph 4 (financial qualifications) after sub-paragraph (c) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—

“(cc) the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland;”.

Amendment of the Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations

23. In regulation 1(2) of the Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (interpretation)—

- (a) in the definition of “financially qualified panel member”, after paragraph (c) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(cc) the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland;”; and

(42) Regulation 32 was amended by S.I. 1992/2595, 1995/2303, 1996/1460 and 1999/2572.

(43) Regulation 33 was amended by S.I. 1991/2741 and 1999/2572.

(44) Regulation 34 was amended by S.I. 1992/2595, 1999/2572 and 2000/1982.

(45) Regulation 34A was inserted by S.I. 1992/1026.

(46) Regulation 35 was substituted by S.I. 1988/522 and paragraph (2) was amended by S.I. 1988/1725.

(47) Regulation 36 was amended by S.I. 1999/2358 and 2572.

(48) Regulation 38 was amended by S.I. 1989/1686, 1993/2113, 1996/672, 1999/1958, 2422, 2572 and 3178.

(49) Regulations 42 to 46 were amended by S.I. 1991/2741 and regulation 44 was amended by S.I. 1990/2208.

(50) Regulation 47 was substituted by S.I. 1994/3196 and amended by S.I. 1999/2572.

(51) 2000 c. 19.

(b) in the definition of “official error”, for paragraph (b) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

- “(b) an officer of—
- (i) the Department for Work and Pensions; or
 - (ii) the Commissioners of Inland Revenue,
- acting as such;”.

24. In regulation 4 of the Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (revision of decisions) at the beginning of paragraph (1)(a) there shall be inserted the words “subject to regulation 10A(3),”.

25. After regulation 10 of the Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation—

“Correction of accidental errors

10A.—(1) Accidental errors in a relevant decision, or a revised decision, or the record of such a decision, may be corrected by the relevant authority at any time.

(2) A correction made to a relevant decision, or a revised decision, or the record of such a decision, shall be deemed to be part of the decision, or of that record, and the relevant authority shall give a written notice of the correction as soon as practicable to the claimant.

(3) In calculating the time within which an application can be made under regulation 4(1)(a) for a relevant decision to be revised, or the time within which an appeal may be brought under regulation 18(1), there shall be disregarded any day falling before the day on which notice was given of a correction of the decision or to the revision or record thereof under paragraph (2).”.

26. In regulation 18 of the Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (time within which an appeal is to be brought) in paragraph (1) for the word “regulation” there shall be substituted the words “regulations 10A(3) and”.

27. In regulation 19 of the Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (late appeals)—

(a) at the end of paragraph (3) there shall be added the words “, except that where the relevant authority considers that the conditions in paragraphs (5)(b) to (9) are satisfied the relevant authority may grant the application.”;

(b) for paragraph (5) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(5) An application for an extension of time shall not be granted unless—

- (a) the panel member is satisfied that, if the application is granted, there are reasonable prospects that the appeal will be successful; or
- (b) the panel member or the relevant authority, as the case may be, is satisfied that it is in the interests of justice for the application to be granted.”;

(c) in paragraph (6) after the words “panel member” there shall be inserted the words “or the relevant authority, as the case may be,”; and

(d) in paragraph (8) for the words “the panel member shall have regard” there shall be substituted the words “regard shall be had”.

28. In regulation 23 of the Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (procedure in connection with appeals)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) for the words “in force on the date these Regulations are made” there shall be substituted the words “amended by the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002(52)”; and
- (b) in paragraph (3)(f)(i) for the word “and” in the first two places where it occurs there shall be substituted the word “or”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

15th May 2002

P. Hollis
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department for Work and Pensions

15th May 2002

Tim Flesher
Nick Montagu
Two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue

I concur
Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor.

15th May 2002

Rosie Winterton
Parliamentary Secretary,
Lord Chancellor’s Department