



2000 CHAPTER 4

PART I CHILD SUPPORT

Appeals

Appeals to appeal tribunals

10. For Article 22 of the Child Support Order (appeals to appeal tribunals) there shall be substituted—

“Appeals to appeal tribunals

22.—(1) A qualifying person has a right of appeal to an appeal tribunal against—

- (a) a decision of the Department under Article 13, 14 or 19 (whether as originally made or as revised under Article 18);
- (b) a decision of the Department not to make a maintenance calculation under Article 13 or not to supersede a decision under Article 19;
- (c) a reduced benefit decision under Article 43;
- (d) the imposition (by virtue of Article 38A) of a requirement to make penalty payments, or their amount;
- (e) the imposition (by virtue of Article 44) of a requirement to pay fees.

(2) In paragraph (1), “qualifying person” means—

- (a) in relation to sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), the person with care, or non-resident parent, with respect to whom the Department made the decision;
 - (b) in relation to sub-paragraph (c), the person in respect of whom the benefits are payable;
 - (c) in relation to sub-paragraph (d), the parent who has been required to make penalty payments; and
 - (d) in relation to sub-paragraph (e), the person required to pay fees.
- (3) A person with a right of appeal under this Article shall be given such notice as may be prescribed of—
 - (a) that right; and
 - (b) the relevant decision, or the imposition of the requirement.
- (4) Regulations may make—
 - (a) provision as to the manner in which, and the time within which, appeals are to be brought; and
 - (b) such provision with respect to proceedings before appeal tribunals as the Department considers appropriate.
- (5) The regulations may in particular make any provision of a kind mentioned in Schedule 4 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.
- (6) No appeal lies by virtue of paragraph (1)(c) unless the amount of the person's benefit is reduced in accordance with the reduced benefit decision; and the time within which such an appeal may be brought runs from the date of notification of the reduction.
- (7) In deciding an appeal under this Article, an appeal tribunal—
 - (a) need not consider any issue that is not raised by the appeal; and
 - (b) shall not take into account any circumstances not obtaining at the time when the Department made the decision or imposed the requirement.
- (8) If an appeal under this Article is allowed, the appeal tribunal may—
 - (a) itself make such decision as it considers appropriate; or
 - (b) remit the case to the Department, together with such directions (if any) as it considers appropriate.”.