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SOCIAL SECURITY**The Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates)
(Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977***Made* 9th August 1977*Coming into operation* 3rd April 1978

The Department of Health and Social Services, in conjunction with the Department of Finance(a), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 7 and 19(1) of the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977, shall be read as one with the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(c) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 3rd April 1978.

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

2.—(1) Regulation 2 of the principal regulations (weekly rates of child benefit) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) For paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this regulation and regulation 19(1) of the General Regulations (transitional provision relating to apprentices in respect of whom a family allowance was payable under the Family Allowances Acts (Northern Ireland) 1966 to 1975), the weekly rate of child benefit payable in respect of a child shall be £2.30."

(3) In paragraph (2), for "£0.50" there shall be substituted "£1.00".

(4) Paragraph (3) is hereby revoked.

(5) In sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (4), "or (2)" shall be omitted.

Insertion of a regulation 3 into the principal regulations

3. After regulation 2 of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation:

"Reduction of weekly rates of benefits and increases of benefits under the Social Security Act in respect of children

3. The sums specified in any of the provisions mentioned in Article 19(2) of the Order shall be reduced—

(a) See Article 24(1)(a) of the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975

(b) S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16)

(c) S.R. 1976 No. 223, as amended by S.R. 1977 No. 247

- (a) in the case of the sum specified in the second column of paragraph 10 of Part I of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Act (child's special allowance), by £1.30;
- (b) in the case of the sums specified in the second column of paragraph 4 of Part III of that Schedule (guardian's allowance)—
 - (i) where the child is the only, elder or eldest qualifying child, by £1.30;
 - (ii) where the child is an additional qualifying child, by £0.80;
- (c) in the case of the sums specified in column (2) of Part IV of that Schedule (increase under Chapter III of Part II of the Social Security Act of certain benefits for child dependants)—
 - (i) where the child is the only, elder or eldest qualifying child, by £1.30;
 - (ii) where the child is an additional qualifying child, by £0.80;
- (d) in the case of the sums specified in the second column of paragraph 9 of Part V of the said Schedule (increase of injury benefit in respect of dependent children)—
 - (i) where the child is the only, elder or eldest qualifying child, by £1.30;
 - (ii) where the child is an additional qualifying child, by £0.80;
- (e) in the case of the sums specified in the second column of paragraph 10 of the said Part V (increase of disablement pension in respect of dependent children)—
 - (i) where the child is the only, elder or eldest qualifying child, by £1.30;
 - (ii) where the child is an additional qualifying child, by £0.80;
- (f) in the case of the sums specified in the second column of paragraph 15(a) of the said Part V (allowance at higher rate in respect of children of certain deceased persons)—
 - (i) where the child is the only, elder or eldest qualifying child, by £1.30;
 - (ii) where the child is an additional qualifying child, by £0.80;
- (g) in the case of the sums specified in the second column of paragraph 15(b) of the said Part V (allowance at lower rate in respect of children of certain deceased persons)—
 - (i) where the child is the only, elder or eldest qualifying child, by £1.30;
 - (ii) where the child is an additional qualifying child, by £0.80."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 9th August 1977.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 ("the 1976 Regulations") by providing (except in relation to certain apprentices in respect of whom an allowance was payable under the Family Allowances Acts (Northern Ireland) 1966 to 1975) for higher rates of child benefit under the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 with effect from Monday, 3rd April 1978. With effect from that date they also reduce the weekly rates of benefits and increases of benefits under the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 payable in respect of children ("child dependency benefit").

Regulation 1 is formal; regulation 2 amends regulation 2 of the 1976 Regulations to give effect to the increases in the weekly rates of child benefit; and regulation 3 provides for the reduction of child dependency benefit.