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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987***Made* 22nd April 1987*Coming into operation* 28th April 1987

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 3(2) and (3) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals to make these regulations should not be referred to it(b), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 28th April 1987.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978(c).

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. After paragraph (2) of regulation 3 of the principal regulations (payments to be disregarded) there shall be inserted the following paragraphs—

“(3) For the purposes of regulation 7(1)(g)(i) of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(d) (day not to be treated as a day of unemployment if earnings for that day exceed £2·00) there shall be disregarded any payment made to a person as a member of a reserve force or as a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve—

- (a) by way of annual bounty, in the case of a member of a reserve force; or
- (b) in respect of his attendance at an authorised drill night if that night is not later than the sixteenth such night attended by him falling within the bounty year, in the case of a member of a reserve force; or
- (c) in respect of his attendance at an authorised training night if that night is not later than the sixteenth such night attended by him

(a) 1975 c. 15

(b) See section 10(2)(b) of the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30)

(c) S.R. 1978 No. 371; to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations

(d) S.R. 1984 No. 245; to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations

falling within a period of 12 months beginning with 1st April in any year, in the case of a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve.

(4) In paragraph (3) of this regulation—

“authorised” means authorised by the commanding officer of the reserve force unit, or by a sub-divisional commander of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve, of which the person concerned is a member;

“bounty year” means the 12 months beginning with 1st April in any year;

“drill night” means a period during which members of the reserve force unit of which the person concerned is a member attend for training and in respect of which any payment made does not exceed one quarter of a day’s pay or, in the case of the Ulster Defence Regiment, in respect of which any payment made does not exceed 2 hours pay;

“member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve” means a person appointed under section 9(1) of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a);

“reserve force” means any territorial or reserve force mentioned in Part I of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations 1979(b);

“training night” means a period during which members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve of which the person concerned is a member attend for training and in respect of which any payment made does not exceed 2 hours pay; and

“Ulster Defence Regiment” means the Ulster Defence Regiment maintained under section 7 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980(c).”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 22nd April 1987.

(L.S.)

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(a) 1970 c. 9 (N.I.)

(b) S.I. 1979/591; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1980/1975

(c) 1980 c. 9

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

Regulation 7(1)(g) of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 provides that where a person is engaged in employment on any day that day shall not be treated as a day of unemployment unless, among other things, the earnings from that employment for that day are less than £2·00. These regulations amend the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 to provide that in calculating earnings for the purposes of that regulation there shall be disregarded any payments made to a member of a territorial or reserve force, which also includes the Ulster Defence Regiment, by way of annual bounty or for attendance at up to sixteen authorised drill nights a year. Similar provisions apply in respect of any payments made to a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve for attendance at up to sixteen authorised training nights a year.

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This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.

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**Road Races (North West 200) Order
(Northern Ireland) 1987**

This Order, being of a temporary character, is not printed at length in this volume.