
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 138

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security Benefits Up-rating and Miscellaneous
Increases Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999**

Made - - - - 18th March 1999

Coming into operation 12th April 1999

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 167D and 171(1) to (4) of, and paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 7 to, the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992⁽¹⁾, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating and Miscellaneous Increases Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 12th April 1999.

Amendment of the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations

2. In regulation 14 of the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984⁽²⁾ (earnings level for the purpose of unemployability supplement) for “£2,496.00” there shall be substituted “£3,016.00”.

Amendment of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (General) Regulations

3. In regulation 17(2)(a) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995⁽³⁾ (exempt work) for “£48.00” there shall be substituted “£58.00”.

Revocations

4. The Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998⁽⁴⁾ and regulation 5 of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998⁽⁵⁾ are hereby revoked.

(1) 1992 c. 7; section 167D was inserted by Article 8(1) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I.1994/1898 (N.I. 12))

(2) S.R. 1984 No. 92; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1998 No. 63

(3) S.R. 1995 No. 41; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1998 No. 54

(4) S.R. 1998 No. 54

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Service for Northern Ireland
on

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18th March 1999.

John O'Neill
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations contain provisions to increase amounts in respect of the earnings limit as a consequence of an order under section 132 of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992. In addition the amount of the increase provided for reflects the welfare to work initiative aimed at encouraging sick and disabled people to work if they can.

Regulation 2 raises from £2,496.00 to £3,016.00 a year the earnings limit which applies to unemployability supplement.

Regulation 3 raises from £48.00 to £58.00 the weekly earnings limit which must not be exceeded if the work is to be treated as exempt for incapacity benefit purposes.

Regulation 4 contains consequential revocations.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.