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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1999 No. 395**

**HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges  
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999**

	<i>23rd September</i>
<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>1999</i>
<i>Coming into operation—</i>	
<i>Regulations 1 and 4</i>	<i>29th September 1999</i>
<i>Remainder</i>	<i>5th October 1999</i>

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 45, 98, 106 and 107(6) of, and paragraphs (1)(b) and 1B of Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(1) and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel insofar as they relate to the remission of charges, and in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel insofar as they relate to travelling expenses, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999.

(2) This regulation and regulation 4 of these Regulations shall come into operation on 29th September 1999 and all other regulations shall come into operation on 5th October 1999.

(3) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(2).

**Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal Regulations**

2. In regulation 2 of the principal Regulations (interpretation)—

(a) there shall be inserted the following definition—

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(1) S.I.1972/1265 (N.I. 14); relevant amending Instruments are S.I. 1988/594 (N.I. 2) Article 14 and S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) Article 34 and Part II of Schedule 5

(2) S.R. 1989 No. 348; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1991 No. 224, S.R. 1993 No. 161, S.R. 1995 No. 138, S.R. 1996 Nos. 107 and 425, S.R. 1997 Nos. 185 and 440 and S.R. 1999 Nos. 16 and 166

““amount withdrawn” means the amount by which the appropriate maximum disabled person’s tax credit or working families’ tax credit, as the case may be, determined in accordance with section 127(5) or 128(8) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(3), as the case may be, is reduced by virtue of the claimant’s income exceeding the applicable amount;”;

- (b) for the definition of “disability working allowance” there shall be substituted the following definition—

““disabled person’s tax credit” means disabled person’s tax credit under section 128 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;”;

- (c) in the definition of “family” for the words “family credit” and “disability working allowance” there shall be substituted the words “working families’ tax credit” and “disabled person’s tax credit” respectively;

- (d) for the definition of “family credit” there shall be substituted in the appropriate place the following definition—

““working families’ tax credit” means working families’ tax credit under section 127 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal Regulations**

3.—(1) Paragraph (1) of regulation 4 of the principal Regulations (description of persons entitled to full remission and payment)(4) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

- (2) For sub-paragraph (c) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(c) a person who is in receipt of working families’ tax credit with an amount withdrawn of £70 or less; or”.

- (3) For sub-paragraph (d) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(d) a member of the same family as a person described in sub-paragraph (c) of this regulation; or”.

- (4) For sub-paragraph (g) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(g) a person who is in receipt of disabled person’s tax credit with an amount withdrawn of £70 or less; or”.

#### **Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations**

4.—(1) Table A of Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (modification of provisions of the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(5)) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) In the entry in column (2) relating to the entry “regulation 65” in column (1) after the words “student’s grant” in both places where they occur, there shall be inserted the words “or student loan”.

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(3) 1992 c. 7; section 127 was amended by section 1(2) and paragraph 4(g) of Schedule 1 to the Tax Credits Act 1999 (c. 10); section 128 was amended by Article 12(2) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12)) and sections 1(2), 14(2) and paragraph 4(h) of Schedule 1 to the Tax Credit Act 1999

(4) Paragraphs (i) to (l) were substituted in Regulation 4 by S.R. 1996 No. 425

(5) S.R. 1987 No. 459

**Transitional provision**

5. Where immediately before 5th October 1999 a person was entitled to remission of charges by virtue of regulation 4(1)(c) or (d) of the principal Regulations (remission by reference to entitlement to family credit) or by virtue of regulation 4(1)(g) or (h) of the principal Regulations (remission by reference to entitlement to disability working allowance), that entitlement shall continue for so long as the entitlement to family credit or disability working allowance, as the case may be, remains in payment.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on

L.S.

23rd September 1999.

*Brian Grzymek*  
Assistant Secretary

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel insofar as the foregoing Regulations relate to Travelling Expenses on

L.S.

23rd September 1999.

*J. G. Sullivan*  
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves the foregoing Regulations insofar as they relate to the Remission of Charges

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on

L.S.

23rd September 1999.

*J. G. Sullivan*  
Assistant Secretary

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations further amend the Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989 (“the principal Regulations”), which provide for the remission and repayment of certain charges which would otherwise be payable under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and for the payment by the Department of travelling expenses incurred in attending a hospital.

Regulations 2, 3 and 5 amend the principal Regulations consequent upon the replacement of family credit and disability working allowance by working families' tax credit and disabled person's tax credit respectively. Regulation 4 amends the principal Regulations in relation to the calculation of resources in the case of students.