STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 362

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Claims and Payments)
(Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

Made - - - - 3rd August 2005

Coming into operation 1st September 2005

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 13A(2)(b) and 165(1) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(1), and now vested in it(2), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations representing qualifying lenders likely to be affected by the Regulations as it considers appropriate(3), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2005.

Amendment of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations

2. In paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(4) (deductions of mortgage interest from benefit and payment to qualifying lenders) for "£0.78" there shall be substituted "£0.31".

Revocation

3. The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004(**5**) are hereby revoked.

^{(1) 1992} c. 8; section 13A was inserted by paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the Social Security (Mortgage Interest Payments) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I.1992/1309 (N.I. 9)) and amended by paragraph 23 of Schedule 2 to the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15)), Article 18 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/1555) and paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 to the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 14) and section 165(1) was amended by paragraph 49(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/671)

⁽²⁾ See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

⁽³⁾ See section 13A(2) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

⁽⁴⁾ S.R. 1987 No. 465; relevant amending regulations are S.R 1992 No. 271, S.R. 2003 No. 191 and S.R. 2004 No. 85

⁽⁵⁾ S.R. 2004 No. 85

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the on 3rd August 2005.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

Regulation2 of these Regulations amends paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 by reducing from £0.78 to £0.31 the fee which qualifying lenders pay for the purpose of defraying administrative expenses incurred by the Department for Social Development in making payments in respect of mortgage interest direct to those lenders.

Regulation 3 makes a consequential revocation.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions 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.

The impact on business of applying these Regulations is minimal.