

2006 No. 136

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

**The Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006**

Made - - - - - *16th March 2006*

Coming into operation - *1st April 2006*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety^(a) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred 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^(b) and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel in so far as they relate to the remission of charges, and in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel in so far as they relate to travelling expenses.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2006.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the principal Regulations” means the Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004^(c); and

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987^(d).

Amendment of regulation 6 of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 6(1)(b)(i) after “by less than the travel expenses”, insert “incurred in any week”.

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations

3.—(1) Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (Modifications of the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987) is amended as follows.

(2) In Table A, in the modification of regulation 45 of the Income Support Regulations, for “£8,000” substitute “£16,000”.

(a) See S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(6)

(b) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14) as amended by Article 3(2) of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to, the Health and Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8)); paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article 8 of the Health and Medicines (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24)); Article 34 of, and Part II of Schedule 5 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1)) there are other amendments which are not relevant

(c) S.R. 2004 No. 91; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2004 Nos. 156 and 162, S.R. 2005 Nos. 107 and 386

(d) S.R. 1987 No. 459

(3) In Table B, in paragraph 1(2) of the inserted Schedule 4A which modifies the Income Support Regulations, for “£3,000” substitute “£6,000”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 16th March 2006.

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Christine Jendoubi

A senior officer of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel insofar as the foregoing Regulations relate to Travelling Expenses on 16th March 2006

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Dr Mary McIvor

A senior officer of the Department of Finance and Personnel

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

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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) 2004 (“the principal Regulations”), which provide for remission and payment 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 Health, Social Services and Public Safety of travelling expenses incurred in attending a hospital.

Regulation 2 amends the principal Regulations to make it clear that the calculation as to whether a person is to be entitled to payment in part of health service travel expenses under regulation 6(1)(b)(i) of those Regulations is made by reference to the travel expenses incurred in any week.

Regulation 3 amends Schedule 1 of the principal Regulations to increase the amounts used as the basis for calculating entitlement to the payment of travel expenses and the remission of charges under those Regulations.