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HOUSING; RATES; SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2009**

Made - - - - *10th March 2009*

Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 122(1)(a) and (d), 123(1)(d) and (e), 129(2), 131, 132(3) and (4)(a) and (b), 132A(3) and (4)(a), 133(2)(e), (f), (i), (j) and (m) and 171(1) to (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(a), sections 13A(2)(b) and 165(1), (4) and (5) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(b), Articles 6(5), 14(1), (4)(a) and (b) and 36(2) of, and paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 1 to the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(c), and now vested in it(d), sections 15(1), (3), (4) and (6)(b) and 19(1) to (3) of the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002(e) and sections 17, 25(2) and 28(2) of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007(f).

Regulations 6 and 7 are made with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(g)

The Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that proposals in respect of regulations 6 and 7 should not be referred to it(h).

In accordance with section 13A(2) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 the Department has consulted with such organisations representing qualifying lenders likely to be affected by regulation 3 as it considers appropriate.

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- (a) 1992 c. 7; section 123(1)(d) was substituted by paragraph 13(4) and section 123(1)(e) was inserted by paragraph 13(5) of Schedule 2 to the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15)), section 129(2) was amended by Article 8 of the Housing Support Services (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2002/3154 (N.I. 8)), section 132A was inserted by paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 14 (N.I.)) and section 171 was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21) and paragraph 28(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/671)
- (b) 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, paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 to the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002, Article 18 of S.I. 2002/1555 and paragraph 109 of Schedule 24 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), 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
- (c) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15); Article 36(2) was amended by paragraph 55 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999
- (d) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
- (e) 2002 c. 14 (N.I.)
- (f) 2007 c. 2 (N.I.)
- (g) See section 171(6A) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 as inserted by Article 3(3) of the Social Security (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1579 (N.I. 8)); see also Article 6(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
- (h) See section 150(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 and, subject to paragraphs (2) to (4), shall come into operation on 6th April 2009.

(2) This regulation and regulation 3 shall come into operation on 1st April 2009.

(3) Regulations 2(5) and (12), 4(5) and (11)(b), 5(2), (3) and (4), 6(4) and (11), 7(3), (4) and (7) and 8(3)(b) and (8), in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, shall come into operation on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2009.

(4) Regulations 6(2)(b) and (9)(a) and (b) and 7(6) in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, shall come into operation—

(a) in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple of a week, on 6th April 2009; and

(b) in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2009,

immediately after Article 19(5) of, and Schedule 6 to, and Article 19(7) of, and Schedule 7 to, the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2009(a) comes into operation.

(5) In this regulation “benefit week” has the same meaning as in—

(a) regulation 2(1)(b) of the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(c), in so far as it relates to regulation 2(5) and (12);

(b) regulation 1(2)(d) of the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(e), in so far as it relates to regulation 4(5) and (11)(b);

(c) regulation 1(2) of the State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(f), in so far as it relates to regulation 5(2), (3) and (4);

(d) regulation 2(1) of the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(g), in so far as it relates to regulation 6(4) and (11);

(e) regulation 2(1) of the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(h), in so far as it relates to regulation 7(3), (4) and (7);

(f) regulation 2(1) of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(i), in so far as it relates to regulation 8(3)(b) and (8).

(6) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(j) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Amendment of the Income Support (General) Regulations

2.—(1) The Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (12).

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- (a) S.R. 2009 No. 89
- (b) The definition of “benefit week” was amended by regulation 2(a) of S.R. 1988 No. 318
- (c) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1988 No. 318, S.R. 1991 No. 170, S.R. 1992 No. 403, S.R. 1994 No. 327, S.R. 1996 Nos. 199 and 405, S.R. 1997 No. 412, S.R. 1998 Nos. 81 and 182, S.R. 1999 No. 317, S.R. 2000 No. 241, S.R. 2001 Nos. 151 and 278, S.R. 2004 No. 300, S.R. 2005 No. 536, S.R. 2006 No. 128, S.R. 2007 Nos. 306 and 396, S.R. 2008 Nos. 112, 428 and 498
- (d) The definition of “benefit week” was amended by regulation 2(2) of S.R. 1996 No. 358, regulation 2(2)(a) of S.R. 1996 No. 503 and regulation 13(2) of S.R. 2006 No. 359
- (e) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1996 Nos. 358 and 503, S.R. 1998 Nos. 81 and 182, S.R. 1999 No. 317, S.R. 2001 No. 278, S.R. 2004 No. 300, S.R. 2005 No. 536, S.R. 2006 No. 359, S.R. 2007 Nos. 306 and 396, S.R. 2008 Nos. 112, 286 and 498
- (f) S.R. 2003 No. 28; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2003 Nos. 191 and 421, S.R. 2004 No. 110 and S.R. 2008 No. 498
- (g) S.R. 2006 No. 405 relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2007 No. 396, S.R. 2008 Nos. 112, 179, 378 and 428 and S.R. 2009 No. 89
- (h) S.R. 2006 No. 406; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2007 No. 396 and S.R. 2008 No. 498
- (i) S.R. 2008 No. 280; to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations
- (j) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

- (2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—
- (a) after the definition of “attendance allowance” insert—
 - ““basic rate”, where it relates to the rate of tax, has the same meaning as in the Income Tax Act 2007(a) (see section 989 of that Act);”;
 - (b) omit the definition of “starting rate”(b).
- (3) In regulation 4ZA(c) (prescribed categories of person) in paragraph (3)(b) after “12” insert “, 15A,”.
- (4) Omit regulation 21(1A)(d) (special cases).
- (5) For regulation 30(2A)(e) (calculation of earnings of self-employed earners) substitute—
- “(2A) This paragraph applies to—
- (a) royalties or other sums paid as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright, design, patent or trade mark; or
 - (b) any payment in respect of any—
 - (i) book registered under the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982(f), or
 - (ii) work made under any international public lending right scheme that is analogous to the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982,
 where the claimant is the first owner of the copyright, design, patent or trade mark, or an original contributor to the book or work concerned.”.
- (6) In regulation 39(1)(g) (deduction of tax and contributions for self-employed earners) and in regulation 42(8)(a)(h) (notional income)—
- (a) omit “the starting rate or, as the case may be, the starting rate and”;
 - (b) for “starting rate” substitute “basic rate”.
- (7) In regulation 39D(i) deduction in respect of tax for participants in the self-employment route)—
- (a) in paragraph (1)(c) omit “the starting rate of tax or, as the case may be, the starting rate and”;
 - (b) in paragraph (2) for “starting rate” substitute “basic rate”.
- (8) In regulation 61(1)(j) (interpretation)—
- (a) for the definition of “contribution”(k) substitute—
 - ““contribution” means—
 - (a) any contribution in respect of the income of a student or any person which the Department, the Scottish Ministers or an education authority takes into account in ascertaining the amount of a student’s grant or student loan; or

(a) 2007 c. 3

(b) The definition of “starting rate” was inserted by regulation 4(2)(c) of S.R. 2007 No. 396

(c) Regulation 4ZA was inserted by regulation 4 of S.R. 1996 No. 199

(d) Paragraph (1A) was inserted by regulation 3 of S.R. 1991 No. 170

(e) Paragraph (2A) was inserted by regulation 2(6)(b) of S.R. 2008 No. 112

(f) The Scheme is set out in the appendix to S.I. 1982/719

(g) Paragraph (1) was amended by regulation 4(7) of S.R. 1992 No. 403, regulation 2(8) of S.R. 1994 No. 327, regulation 3(4) of S.R. 2007 No. 306 and regulation 4(7) of S.R. 2007 No. 396

(h) Paragraph (8)(a) was amended by regulation 4(8)(a) of S.R. 1992 No. 403, regulation 2(8) of S.R. 1994 No. 327, regulation 3(6)(f) of S.R. 2007 No. 306 and regulation 4(9)(c) of S.R. 2007 No. 396

(i) Regulation 39D was inserted by regulation 3(3) of S.R. 1998 No. 182 and amended by regulation 14(3)(c) of S.R. 2001 No. 151; paragraph 1(c) was amended by regulation 4(8) of S.R. 2007 No. 396 and paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 3(5)(b) of S.R. 2007 No. 306 and regulation 4(8) of S.R. 2007 No. 396

(j) Regulation 61 was renumbered as regulation 61(1) by regulation 3(3) of S.R. 2000 No. 241

(k) The definition of “contribution” was substituted by regulation 5(8)(a) of S.R. 1996 No. 405 and amended by regulation 3(1) and (2)(d) of S.R. 1998 No. 81, regulation 3(2)(a) of S.R. 1999 No. 317, regulation 2(1)(c) of S.R. 2001 No. 278, paragraph 12(5) of Schedule 3 to S.R. 2005 No. 536 and regulation 2(6)(a) of S.R. 2008 No. 428

- (b) any sums, which in determining the amount of a student’s allowance or bursary in Scotland under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980(a), the Scottish Ministers or education authority takes into account being sums which the Scottish Ministers or education authority considers that it is reasonable for the following persons to contribute towards the holder’s expenses—
 - (i) the holder of the allowance or bursary;
 - (ii) the holder’s parents;
 - (iii) the holder’s parent’s spouse, civil partner or a person ordinarily living with the holder’s parent as if he were the spouse or civil partner of that parent, or
 - (iv) the holder’s spouse or civil partner;”;
- (b) in the definition of “grant income”(b) in paragraph (c) for “or 12 of Schedule 1B (lone parent or disabled student) applies” substitute “, 12 or 15A of Schedule 1B applies (lone parent, disabled student or persons in education)”.
- (9) In regulation 62(2) (calculation of grant income), after sub-paragraph (j)(c) add—
 - “(k) of higher education bursary for care leavers made under Part III of the Children Act 1989(d).”.
- (10) In regulation 66A(4)(a)(ii) (treatment of student loans) for “or 12 of Schedule 1B applies (lone parent or disabled student)” substitute “, 12 or 15A of Schedule 1B applies (lone parent, disabled student or persons in education)”.
- (11) In Schedule 1B(e) (prescribed categories of person)—
 - (a) in paragraph 3(a) before “ill” insert “temporarily”; and
 - (b) after paragraph 15(f) (persons in education) insert—

“Circumstances in which a person in education will be treated as not being a member of a household

15A.—(1) A person is subject to this regulation if they fulfil the conditions in sub-paragraphs (2) to (5).

- (2) The first condition is that he is under the age of 21.
- (3) The second condition is that he is undertaking a course of full-time, non-advanced education.
- (4) The third condition is that he was accepted to attend, enrolled on, or began the course before attaining the age of 19.
- (5) The fourth condition is that—
 - (a) he has no parent;
 - (b) of necessity he has to live away from his parents because—
 - (i) he is estranged from them;
 - (ii) he is in physical or moral danger, or
 - (iii) there is a serious risk to his physical or mental health; or
 - (c) he is living away from his parents where they are unable financially to support him and are—
 - (i) chronically sick or mentally or physically disabled;

(a) 1980 c. 44
 (b) The definition of “grant income” was amended by regulation 5(5) of S.R. 1997 No. 412
 (c) Sub-paragraph (j) was added by regulation 3(2)(b) of S.R. 2004 No. 300
 (d) 1989 c.41; Provision relating to higher education bursaries for care leavers was inserted into the Children Act 1989 by the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 (c. 23)
 (e) Schedule 1B was inserted by regulation 22 of and Schedule 1 to S.R. 1996 No. 199
 (f) Paragraph 15 was amended by regulation 2(7)(a) of S.R. 2006 No. 128

- (ii) detained in custody pending trial or sentence upon conviction or under a sentence imposed by a court, or
- (iii) prohibited from entering or re-entering Northern Ireland.

(6) In this paragraph—

“chronically sick or mentally or physically disabled” has the meaning given in regulation 13(3)(b);

“course of full-time, non-advanced education” means education of a kind referred to in regulation 3(2)(a) or (b) of the Child Benefit (General) Regulations 2006(a);

“parent” includes a person acting in place of a parent which—

- (a) for the purposes of sub-paragraph (5)(a) and (b) has the meaning given in regulation 13(3)(a)(i), and
- (b) for the purposes of sub-paragraph (5)(c), has the meaning given in regulation 13(3)(a)(ii).”.

(12) In Schedule 10 (capital to be disregarded) after paragraph 39(b) insert—

“**39A.** Any payment made under Part 8A of the Contributions and Benefits Act(c) (entitlement to health in pregnancy grant).”.

Amendment of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations

3. In paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(d) (deductions of mortgage interest from benefit and payment to qualifying lenders) for “£0·47” substitute “£0·55”.

Amendment of the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations

4.—(1) The Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (11).

(2) In regulation 1(2) (citation, commencement and interpretation)—

- (a) before the definition of “ the benefit Acts”(e) insert—

““basic rate”, where it relates to the rate of tax, has the same meaning as in the Income Tax Act 2007 (see section 989 of that Act);” and

- (b) omit the definition of “starting rate”(f).

(3) In regulation 51(2) (remunerative work) omit sub-paragraph (c).

(4) Omit regulation 85(2) (special cases).

(5) For regulation 95(2A)(g) (calculation of earnings of self-employed earners) substitute—

“(2A) This paragraph applies to—

- (a) royalties or other sums paid as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright, design, patent or trade mark; or
- (b) any payment in respect of any —
 - (i) book registered under the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982, or
 - (ii) work made under any international public lending right scheme that is analogous to the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982,

(a) S.I. 2006/223, as amended by regulations 2 and (4)(a) of S.I. 2007/2150.
 (b) Paragraph 39 was substituted by regulation 2(7)(d) of S.R. 2008 No. 498
 (c) See section 136A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 as inserted by section 134 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14)
 (d) S.R. 1987 No. 465; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1992 No. 271, S.R. 2003 No. 191 and S.R. 2007 No. 128
 (e) The definition of “the benefits Acts” was inserted by regulation 3(2)(a) of S.R. 2008 No. 498
 (f) The definition of “starting rate” was inserted by regulation 7(2)(c) of S.R. 2007 No. 396
 (g) Paragraph 2A was inserted by regulation 4(10)(b) of S.R. 2008 No. 112

where the claimant is the first owner of the copyright, design, patent or trade mark, or an original contributor to the book or work concerned.”.

(6) In regulation 102(1)(a) (deduction of tax and contributions for self-employed earners) and regulation 105(15)(a)(b) (notional income)—

- (a) omit “the starting rate or, as the case may be, the starting rate and”; and
- (b) for “starting rate” substitute “basic rate”.

(7) In regulation 102D(c) (deduction in respect of tax for participants in the self-employment route)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(c) omit “the starting rate of tax or, as the case may be, the starting rate and”; and
- (b) in paragraph (2) for “starting rate” substitute “basic rate”.

(8) In regulation 130 (interpretation) for the definition of “contribution”(d) substitute—

““contribution” means—

- (a) any contribution in respect of the income of a student or any person which the Department, the Scottish Ministers or an education authority takes into account in ascertaining the amount of a student’s grant or student loan; or
- (b) any sums, which in determining the amount of a student’s allowance or bursary in Scotland under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, the Scottish Ministers or education authority takes into account being sums which the Scottish Ministers or education authority consider that it is reasonable for the following persons to contribute towards the holder’s expenses—
 - (i) the holder of the allowance or bursary;
 - (ii) the holder’s parents;
 - (iii) the holder’s parent’s spouse, civil partner or a person ordinarily living with the holder’s parent as if he were the spouse or civil partner of that parent, or
 - (iv) the holder’s spouse or civil partner;”.

(9) In regulation 131(2) (calculation of grant income) after sub-paragraph (i)(e) add—

“(j) of higher education bursary for care leavers made under Part III of the Children Act 1989.”.

(10) In regulation 163(4)(c)(f) (calculation of earnings) in added paragraph (4) for “starting rate” substitute “basic rate”.

(11) In Schedule 7 (capital to be disregarded)—

- (a) in paragraph 12(1)(b)(g) after “ Benefits Act” insert “, child tax credit or working tax credit” and
- (b) after paragraph 37(h) insert—

“**37A.** Any payment made under Part 8A of the Benefits Act (entitlement to health in pregnancy grant).”.

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- (a) Regulation 102(1) was amended by regulation 4(3)(a) of S.R. 2007 No. 306 and regulation 7(8) of S.R. 2007 No. 396
 - (b) Paragraph (15)(a) was amended by regulation 4(3) of S.R. 2007 No. 306 and regulation 7(10)(b) of S.R. 2007 No. 396
 - (c) Regulation 102D was inserted by regulation 4(4) of S.R. 1998 No. 182; paragraph (1)(c) and (2) were amended by regulation 4(3) of S.R. 2007 No. 306 and regulation 7(9) of S.R. 2007 No. 396
 - (d) The definition of “contribution” was amended by regulation 3(1) and (2)(e) of S.R. 1998 No. 81, regulation 2(2)(a) of S.R. 1999 No. 317, regulation 2(1)(c) of S.R. 2001 No. 278 and paragraph 23(7) of Schedule 3 to S.R. 2005 No. 536
 - (e) Sub-paragraph (i) was added by regulation 3(3)(b) of S.R. 2004 No. 300
 - (f) Paragraph 4 was amended by regulation 7(12) of S.R. 2007 No. 396
 - (g) Paragraph 12(1)(b) was amended by regulations 4(16)(a) and 7 of S.R. 2008 No. 112, regulation 19(29)(a) of S.R. 2008 No. 286 and regulation 3(7)(a) of S.R. 2008 No. 498
 - (h) Paragraph 37 was substituted by regulation 3(7)(d) of S.R. 2008 No. 498

Amendment of the State Pension Credit Regulations

5.—(1) The State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In regulation 15(5) (income for the purposes of the Act)—

(a) for sub-paragraph (f)(a) substitute—

“(f) royalties or other sums paid as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright, design, patent or trade mark;”;

(b) for sub-paragraph (g) substitute—

“(g) any payment in respect of any—

(i) book registered under the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982, or

(ii) work made under any international public lending right scheme that is analogous to the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982;”.

(3) In regulation 17 (calculation of weekly income)—

(a) for paragraph (5)(a) substitute—

“(a) royalties or other sums received as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright, design, patent or trade mark;”;

(b) for paragraph (5)(b) substitute—

“(b) any payment in respect of any—

(i) book registered under the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982; or

(ii) work made under any international public lending right scheme that is analogous to the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982, and;”;

(c) for paragraph (9)(b) substitute—

“(b) any amount to which paragraph (5) applies where the claimant is the first owner of the copyright, design, patent or trademark, or an original contributor to the book or work referred to in paragraph (5)(b).”.

(4) In Schedule 5 (income from capital) after paragraph 23A(b) insert—

“**23B.** Any payment made under Part 8A of the Contributions and Benefits Act (entitlement to health in pregnancy grant).”.

Amendment of the Housing Benefit Regulations

6.—(1) The Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (11).

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of “attendance allowance” insert—

““basic rate”, where it relates to the rate of tax, has the same meaning as in the Income Tax Act 2007(c) (see section 989 of that Act);”;

(b) in the definition of “main phase employment and support allowance”(d) after “Act” insert “except in Part I of Schedule 4”; and

(c) omit the definition of “starting rate”(e).

(a) Sub-paragraph (f) was amended by regulation 2(7)(a) of S. R. 2003 No. 421

(b) Paragraph 23A was added by regulation 23(9)(c) of S.R. 2003 No. 191 and renumbered by regulation 3(5) of S.R. 2004 No. 110

(c) 2007 c. 3

(d) The definition of “main phase employment and support allowance” was inserted by regulation 3(2)(a)(viii) of S.R. 2008 No. 378

(e) The definition of “starting rate” was inserted by regulation 9(2)(b) of S.R. 2007 No. 396

(3) In regulation 33(6)(a)(a) (calculation of net earnings of employed earners), regulation 36(1)(b) (deduction of tax and contributions of self-employed earners) and regulation 39(12)(a)(c) (notional income)—

- (a) omit “the starting rate or, as the case may be, the starting rate and”; and
- (b) “starting rate” substitute “basic rate”.

(4) In regulation 34 (earnings of self-employed earners) for paragraph (3)(d) substitute—

“(3) This paragraph applies to—

- (a) royalties or other sums paid as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright, design, patent or trade mark; or
- (b) any payment in respect of any—
 - (i) book registered under the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982(e), or
 - (ii) work made under any international public lending right scheme that is analogous to the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982,

where the claimant is the first owner of the copyright, design, patent or trade mark, or an original contributor to the book or work concerned.”.

(5) In regulation 50(1) (interpretation)—

(a) for the definition of “contribution”(f) substitute—

““contribution” means—

- (a) any contribution in respect of the income of a student or any person which the Department, the Scottish Ministers or an education authority takes into account in ascertaining the amount of a student’s grant or student loan; or
- (b) any sums, which in determining the amount of a student’s allowance or bursary in Scotland under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, the Scottish Ministers or education authority takes into account being sums which the Scottish Ministers or education authority considers that it is reasonable for the following persons to contribute towards the holder’s expenses—
 - (i) the holder of the allowance or bursary;
 - (ii) the holder’s parents;
 - (iii) the holder’s parent’s spouse, civil partner or a person ordinarily living with the holder’s parent as if he were the spouse or civil partner of that parent, or
 - (iv) the holder’s spouse or civil partner;”;

(b) in the definition of “period of study”—

(i) for paragraph (b)(i) substitute—

“(i) the day before the start of the next year of the course in a case where the student’s grant or loan is assessed at a rate appropriate to his studying throughout the year or, if he does not have a grant or loan, where a loan would have been assessed at such a rate had he had one, or”, and

(ii) in paragraph (b)(ii) for “recognised” substitute “normal”.

(6) In regulation 53 (full-time students to be treated as not liable to make payments in respect of a dwelling)—

- (a) in paragraph (2)(h)(i) for “19” substitute “21”; and
- (b) after paragraph (2) insert—

(a) Regulation 33(6)(a) was amended by regulation 9(5) of S.R. 2007 No. 396
(b) Regulation 36(1) was amended by regulation 9(6) of S.R. 2007 No. 396
(c) Regulation 39(12)(a) was amended by regulation 9(7)(c) of S.R. 2007 No. 396
(d) Paragraphs (3) and (4) were added by regulation 6(3) of S.R. 2008 No. 112
(e) The Scheme is set out in the appendix to S.I. 1982/719
(f) The definition of “contribution” was amended by regulation 6(4)(a) of S.R. 2008 No. 428

“(2A) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(h)(i) the student must have begun the course before attaining the age of 19.”.

- (7) In regulation 56(2) (calculation of grant income) after sub-paragraph (h) add—
- “(i) of higher education bursary for care leavers made under Part III of the Children Act 1989(a).”.
- (8) In regulation 60 (other amounts to be disregarded) omit paragraph (2)(b).
- (9) In Schedule 4 (applicable amounts)—
- (a) after paragraph 1(c) insert—
- “**1A.** In paragraph 1 a claimant is entitled to main phase employment and support allowance if he personally satisfies paragraph 21(d) of this Schedule.”;
- (b) in paragraph 3(4)—
- (i) in head (c) for “continued to be entitled to one or other of those benefits” substitute “continuously, since that date, been entitled to income support, an income-based jobseeker’s allowance or an income-related employment and support allowance or a combination of those benefits”;
- (ii) in head (d) for “either of those benefits” substitute “income support, an income-based jobseeker’s allowance or an income-related employment and support allowance”, and
- (iii) in head (e)(e) after “12” insert “or a component under paragraph 23 or 24”; and
- (c) in paragraph 14(2)(b) for “and either a person is entitled to or” substitute “and either a person is entitled to and”.
- (10) In Schedule 5 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of earnings)—
- (a) after paragraph 2(f) insert—
- “**2A.** In the case of a claimant who has been engaged in remunerative work or part-time employment as a self-employed earner or, had the employment been in Northern Ireland would have been so engaged and who has ceased to be so employed, from the date of the cessation of his employment any earnings derived from that employment except earnings to which regulation 34(3) and (4) applies.”; and
- (b) in paragraph 17(2)(b)(iv)(bb)(g) for “conditions for the,” substitute “conditions for”.
- (11) In Schedule 7 (capital to be disregarded) after paragraph 42(h) insert—
- “**42A.** Any payment made under Part 8A of the Act(i) (entitlement to health in pregnancy grant).”;

Amendment of the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations

7.—(1) The Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (7).

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—

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- (a) 1989 c. 41; Provision relating to higher education bursaries for care leavers was inserted into the Children Act 1989 by the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 (c. 23)
- (b) Paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 3(7) of S.R. 2008 No. 179
- (c) Paragraph 1 was amended by Article 19(5) of, and Schedule 6 to, S.R. 2009 No. 89
- (d) Paragraph 21 was added by regulation 3(17)(d) of S.R. 2008 No. 378
- (e) Head (e) was amended by regulation 3(8)(a) of S.R. 2008 No. 179
- (f) Paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 9(11)(b) of S.R. 2007 No. 396
- (g) Paragraph (bb) was amended by regulation 3(9)(b)(ii) of S.R. 2008 No. 179 and regulation 3(18)(c)(ii) of S.R. 2008 No. 378
- (h) Paragraph 42 was substituted by regulation 5(6)(c) of S.R. 2008 No. 498
- (i) See section 136A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 as inserted by section 134 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14)

- (a) after the definition of “attendance allowance” insert—
“basic rate”, where it relates to the rate of tax, has the same meaning as in the Income Tax Act 2007 (see section 989 of that Act);” and
- (b) omit the definition of “starting rate”(a).
- (3) In regulation 27(1) (meaning of “income”) for sub-paragraphs (o) and (p) substitute—
“(o) royalties or other sums paid as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright, design, patent or trade mark;
(p) any payment in respect of any—
(i) book registered under the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982, or
(ii) work made under any international public lending right scheme that is analogous to the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982;”.
- (4) In regulation 31 (calculation of weekly income)—
(a) in paragraph (5) for sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute—
“(a) royalties or other sums paid as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright, design, patent or trade mark;
(b) any payment in respect of any—
(i) book registered under the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982; or
(ii) work made under any international public lending right scheme that is analogous to the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982; and”;
- (b) for paragraph (8)(b) substitute—
“(b) any amount to which paragraph (5) applies where the claimant is the first owner of the copyright, design, patent or trademark, or an original contributor to the book or work referred to in paragraph (5)(b).”; and
- (c) after paragraph (8) insert—
“(8A) For the purpose of paragraph (8)(b), and for that purpose only, the amounts specified in paragraph (5) shall be treated as though they were earnings.”.
- (5) In regulation 34(5)(a)(b) (calculation of net earnings of employed earners) and regulation 38(1)(c) (deduction of tax and contributions of self-employed earners)—
(a) omit “the starting rate or, as the case may be, the starting rate and”; and
(b) for “starting rate” substitute “basic rate”.
- (6) In Schedule 5 (sums disregarded from claimant’s earnings) in paragraph 5(1) after head (c) add—
“or
(d) has, or is to be treated as having, limited capability for work within the meaning of section 1(4) of the Welfare Reform Act or limited capability for work-related activity within the meaning of section 2(5) of that Act and either—
(i) the assessment phase as defined in section 24(2) of the Welfare Reform Act has ended, or
(ii) regulation 7 of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (circumstances where the condition that the assessment phase has ended before entitlement to the support component or the work-related activity component arises does not apply) applies.”.
- (7) In Schedule 7 (capital to be disregarded) after paragraph 28A(d) insert—

(a) The definition of “starting rate” was inserted by regulation 10(2)(b) of S.R. 2007 No. 396.
(b) Regulation 34(5)(a) was amended by regulation 10(4) of S.R. 2007 No. 396
(c) Regulation 38(1) was amended by regulation 10(5) of S.R. 2007 No. 396
(d) Paragraph 28A was inserted by regulation 6(7)(c) of S.R. 2008 No. 498

“**28B.** Any payment made under Part 8A of the Act (entitlement to health in pregnancy grant).”.

Amendment of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations

8.—(1) The Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (8).

(2) In regulation 91(2)(c) (calculation of earnings derived from employed earner’s employment and income other than earnings) for “income-related” substitute “employment and support”.

(3) In regulation 92 (calculation of earnings of self-employed earners)—

(a) for paragraph (2) substitute—

“(2) Where the claimant’s earnings consist of any items to which paragraph (2A) applies those earnings shall be taken into account over a period equal to such number of weeks as is equal to the number obtained (and any fraction shall be treated as a corresponding fraction of a week) by dividing the earnings by the amount of employment and support allowance which would be payable had the payment not been made plus an amount equal to the total of the sums which would fall to be disregarded from the payment under Schedule 7 (earnings to be disregarded) as is appropriate in the claimant’s case.”; and

(b) after paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) This paragraph applies to—

(a) royalties or other sums paid as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright, design, patent or trade mark; or

(b) any payment in respect of any—

(i) book registered under the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982, or

(ii) work made under any international public lending right scheme that is analogous to the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982,

where the claimant is the first owner of the copyright, design, patent or trademark, or an original contributor to the book or work concerned.”.

(4) In regulation 93 (date on which income is treated as paid)—

(a) in paragraph (3)—

(i) before “Working tax credit” insert “Subject to paragraph (4),”;

(ii) omit “ or child tax credit”;

(iii) at the end of sub-paragraph (a) insert “or”;

(iv) at the end of sub-paragraph (b) omit “or;”, and

(v) omit sub-paragraph (c);

(b) after paragraph (3) add—

“(4) Where working tax credit is paid under regulation 7D (ceasing to undertake work or working less than 16 hours a week) of the Working Tax Credit (Entitlement and Maximum Rate) Regulations 2002^(a), it shall be treated as paid on the first day of the benefit week in which that award of tax credit begins; but this paragraph shall only apply until the last day of the last benefit week that coincides with or precedes the last day for which tax credit is awarded under that regulation.”.

(5) In regulation 94(1) (calculation of weekly amount of income) for sub-paragraph (b)(iii) substitute—

“(iii) in a case where that period is a year and the payment is an award of working tax credit, by dividing the payment by the number of days in the year and multiplying the result by 7,

(a) S.I. 2002/ 2005; Regulation 7D was inserted by S.I. 2007/968

(iiia) in a case where that period is a year and the payment is income other than an award of working tax credit, by dividing the amount of the payment by 52.”.

(6) In regulation 131(1) (interpretation) for the definition of “contribution” substitute—

““contribution” means—

- (a) any contribution in respect of the income of a student or any person which the Department, the Scottish Ministers or an education authority takes into account in ascertaining the amount of a student’s grant or student loan; or
- (b) any sums, which in determining the amount of a student’s allowance or bursary in Scotland under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980(a), the Scottish Ministers or education authority takes into account being sums which the Scottish Ministers or education authority considers that it is reasonable for the following persons to contribute towards the holder’s expenses—
 - (i) the holder of the allowance or bursary,
 - (ii) the holder’s parents,
 - (iii) the holder’s parent’s spouse, civil partner or a person ordinarily living with the holder’s parent as if he were the spouse or civil partner of that parent, or
 - (iv) the holder’s spouse or civil partner;”.

(7) In regulation 132(2) (calculation of grant income), after sub-paragraph (i) add—

“(j) of higher education bursary for care leavers made under Part III of the Children Act 1989.”.

(8) In Schedule 9 (capital to be disregarded) after paragraph 38 add—

“**38A.** Any payment made under Part 8A of the Contributions and Benefits Act (entitlement to health in pregnancy grant).”.

Revocations

9. The provisions specified in column (1) of the Schedule are revoked to the extent specified in column (3).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 10th March 2009

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John O’Neill
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The Department of Finance and Personnel consents to regulations 6 and 7.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 11th March 2009

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<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Citation</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Reference</i>	<i>Column (3)</i> <i>Extent of revocation</i>
The Income Support (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991	S.R. 1991 No. 170	Regulation 3
The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998	S.R. 1998 No. 81	Regulation 3(1) and (2)
The Social Security (Students Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999	S.R. 1999 No. 317	Regulations 2(2)(a) and 3(2)(a)
The Social Security (Students and Income-Related Benefits Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001	S.R. 2001 No. 278	Regulation 2(1)(c)
The State Pension Credit (Transitional and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	S.R. 2003 No. 421	Regulation 2(7)(a)
The Civil Partnership (Pensions, Social Security and Child Support) (Consequential, etc. Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005	S.R. 2005 No. 536	Paragraphs 12(5) and 23(7) of Schedule 3
The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 5) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007	S.R. 2007 No. 396	Regulations 4(2)(c), (7) (8) and (9)(c), 7(2)(c), (8), (9), (10)(b) and (12), 9(2)(b), (5), (6) and (7)(c) and 10(2)(b), (4) and (5)
The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007	S.R. 2007 No. 128	The whole Regulations
The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008	S.R. 2008 No. 112	Regulations 2(6)(b) and 4(10)(b)

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Citation</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Reference</i>	<i>Column (3)</i> <i>Extent of revocation</i>
The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008	S.R. 2008 No. 179	Regulation 3(7)
The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 5) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008	S.R. 2008 No. 428	Regulations 2(6)(a) and 6(4)(a)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend—

- the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 (“the Income Support Regulations”);
- the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 (“the Claims and Payments Regulations”);
- the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations”);
- the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (“the Housing Benefit Regulations”);
- the Housing Benefit Regulations (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (“the Housing Benefit State Pension Credit Regulations”);
- the State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (the State Pension Credit Regulations), and
- the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008, (“the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations”).

Regulation 2 amends the Income Support Regulations to—

- remove a reference to residential care and nursing home charges which are no longer made by the Department; and
- clarify that a person will fall within the prescribed category of persons who can claim income support when they are temporarily looking after a child because of the “temporary” illness of the usual carer.

Regulation 3 amends paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Claims and Payments Regulations by increasing from £0.47 to £0.55 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.

Regulations 2, 4, 6 and 7 amend the Income Support Regulations, the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations, the Housing Benefit Regulations and the Housing Benefit State Pension Credit Regulations so as to remove obsolete references to “starting rate” of taxation, and where appropriate to replace it with reference to “basic rate”.

Regulations 2, 4, 6, and 8 amend the Income Support Regulations, the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations, the Housing Benefit Regulations and the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations to:

- amend the definition of “contribution” to include, where appropriate, the income of a parent’s partner to the list of persons who may be considered as eligible to make a financial contribution to a student; and
- provide for a disregard for the payment of the higher education bursary for care leavers when calculating student grant income.

Regulation 2 and 6 amend the Income Support Regulations and the Housing Benefit Regulations to change the eligibility criteria for these benefits for students in full-time, non-advanced education.

Regulations 2 and 4 to 8 amend the Income Support Regulations, the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations, the State Pension Credit Regulations, the Housing Benefit Regulations, the Housing Benefit State Pension Credit Regulations and the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations to—

add references to design, patent and trade mark rights to the provisions relating to the treatment of royalties payments; and

add a reference to foreign public lending right scheme payments in provisions relating to the treatment of United Kingdom public lending scheme payments.

Regulations 2, 4 and 6 to 8 provide that the health in pregnancy grant is disregarded when assessing the capital of a claimant or a claimant's partner.

Regulation 4 amends the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations to remove a provision that treated someone who worked on an annual contract at an educational establishment, but not during the summer holiday period, as being in paid employment for the whole year.

Regulations 6 and 7 amend the Housing Benefit Regulations and the Housing Benefit State Pension Credit Regulations, clarifying that entitlement to those benefits will include certain people who qualify for income support, an income-based jobseeker's allowance, an income-related employment and support allowance or a combination of those benefits.

Regulation 6 amends the Housing Benefit Regulations to—

change the definition for "period of study" to align it with the provisions of other income related benefit legislation;

remove obsolete provisions relating to free school meals and school meals grants;

align the category of a "severely disabled claimant" for the purposes of calculating applicable amounts with that used across other income related benefits legislation;

extend the definition of "main phase employment and support allowance" to provide that a person aged less than 25 who qualifies for main phase employment and support allowance but has a nil award because of insufficient National Insurance contributions, will get the over 25 rate basic rate of housing benefit; and

ensure that the provisions for awarding an additional amount appropriate to lone parents will also apply to a lone parent who is claiming employment and support allowance.

Regulation 7 amends the Housing Benefit State Pension Credit Regulations to ensure that the treatment of a royalties payment is restricted to specified circumstances, so that the treatment is consistent with other income related-benefits legislation. It also corrects an omission to ensure that a housing benefit claimant aged 60 or over who qualifies for main phase employment and support allowance but has a nil award because of insufficient National Insurance contributions, is entitled to the £20 weekly earnings disregard, as is the case for a counterpart actually receiving contribution-based employment and support allowance.

Regulation 8 amends the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations to—

provide that payment of working tax credit during the last 4 week period of eligibility for those credits is disregarded when assessing eligibility to employment and support allowance; and

clarify how working tax credit paid during a year should be calculated.

In so far as these Regulations are required, for the purposes of regulations 6 and 7, to be referred to the Social Security Advisory Committee under section 149(2) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee, they have not been so referred by virtue of section 150(1)(b) of that Act. Otherwise they 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, that Act, are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

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