



Supplementary Benefits Act 1976

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PART I

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

Right to and amount of supplementary benefits

1 Right to supplementary benefits

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, every person in Great Britain of or over the age of 16 whose resources are insufficient to meet his requirements shall be entitled to benefit as follows—
 - (a) a supplementary pension if he has attained pensionable age, that is to say, in the case of a man, the age of 65 and, in the case of a woman, the age of 60; or
 - (b) a Supplementary allowance if he has not attained pensionable age;and to such benefit by way of a single payment to meet an exceptional need as may be determined under section 3 of this Act.
- (2) Where, under the provisions of this Act, the requirements and resources of any person fall to be aggregated with, and treated as, those of another person, that other person only shall be entitled to supplementary benefit.
- (3) The requirements of any person to be taken into account for the purposes of this Act do not include any medical, surgical, optical, aural or dental requirements.