## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I.1987/1967), the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/207), the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (S.I. 1987/1971) and the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992 (S.I. 1992/1814).

In particular, regulation 2 of these Regulations increases by £4.70 from October 1999, the amount of the weekly personal allowance which is applicable in respect of children before the first Monday in the September following their eleventh birthday in income support, jobseeker's allowance, housing benefit and council tax benefit and, from April 2000 applies the rate for 11 to 16 year olds to all children below 16.

These Regulations do not impose a charge on business.