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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 2085**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit  
(General) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2000**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>29th July 2000</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>4th August 2000</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>25th August 2000</i>

The Secretary of State for Social Security in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 1(1C), 189(1), (3) to (5) and 191 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992<sup>(1)</sup>, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after consultation with organisations appearing to him to be representative of the authorities concerned<sup>(2)</sup> and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it<sup>(3)</sup>, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force on 25th August 2000.

**Amendment of regulation 2B of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987**

2. In regulation 2B of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987<sup>(4)</sup> (cases in which section 1(1A) of the Administration Act is disapplied)—

(a) in paragraph (a) the word “or” shall be omitted;

(b) after the word “claimed” in paragraph (b) there shall be added the following words—

“; or

(c) to a claim for a further grant of housing benefit made before 5th September 2000 under regulation 72(12) to (14) (time and manner in which claims are to be made).”.

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(1) 1992 c. 5. Section 1(1C) was inserted by section 19 of the Social Security Administration (Fraud) Act 1997 (c. 47). Section 191 is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the definition of “prescribe”.

(2) See the Social Security Administration Act 1992 section 176(1).

(3) See the Social Security Administration Act 1992 section 172(1).

(4) S.I. 1987/1971; relevant amending instruments are 1997/2676, 1999/920, 2401 and 2000/4.

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**Amendment of regulation 2B of the Council Tax Benefit (General) Benefit Regulations 1992**

3. For regulation 2B of the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992<sup>(5)</sup> (requirement to state national insurance number) there shall be substituted the following—

**“Disapplication of section 1(1A) of the Administration Act**

**2B.** Section 1(1A) of the Administration Act (requirement to state national insurance number) shall not apply in the case of a—

- (a) child or young person in respect of whom council tax benefit is claimed;
- (b) claim for a further grant of council tax benefit made before 5th September 2000 under regulation 62(13) to (15) (time and manner in which claims are to be made).”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Security.

29th July 2000

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Department of Social Security

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(5) S.I. 1992/1814; relevant amending instruments are 1999/920 and 2000/4.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Housing Benefit (General Regulations 1987 (S.I.1987/1971) and the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992 (S.I. 1992/1814).

Regulations 2 and 3 provide, in cases where a claim for a further grant of housing benefit or council tax benefit is made or invited before 5th September 2000, an exemption from the requirements in respect of national insurance numbers imposed by section 1 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

These Regulations do not impose a charge on business.