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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Sickness and Invalidity Benefit and Non-Contributory Invalidity Pension) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made . . . . . 22nd October 1982

Coming into operation . . . 22nd November 1982

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 17(1)(*a*) and 36(9)(*b*) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations which correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to Great Britain and which accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980(**b**) are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Sickness and Invalidity Benefit and Non-Contributory Invalidity Pension) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 22nd November 1982.

Amendment of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

2. Regulation 2 of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(**c**) (persons deemed to be incapable of work) shall be further amended by the substitution, in paragraph (3), for "£16·50" of "£20".

Amendment of the Social Security (Non-Contributory Invalidity Pension) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

3. Regulation 12 of the Social Security (Non-Contributory Invalidity Pension) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(**d**) (disqualification for non-contributory invalidity pension) shall be further amended by the substitution, in paragraph (*d*)(iii), for "£16·50" of "£20".

Revocations

4. Regulations 3 and 4 of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**e**) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 22nd October 1982.

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(**a**) 1975 c. 15
(**b**) 1980 c. 30
(**c**) S.R. 1979 No. 211; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1979 No. 377 and S.R. 1981 No. 345
(**d**) S.R. 1975 No. 202; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1981 No. 345
(**e**) S.R. 1981 No. 345

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations raise the earnings limit which applies to recipients of sickness benefit, invalidity benefit and non-contributory invalidity pension in the circumstances described below.

Although normally a person cannot be entitled to any of those benefits if he is working, in certain circumstances when he is working under medical supervision, or doing work which he has good cause for doing, he may be entitled, but only if the earnings from the work do not ordinarily exceed a certain sum per week.

Regulations 2 and 3 increase this sum from £16·50 to £20, and regulation 4 revokes the regulations which increased it to £16·50.