1985 No. 207

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) (Amendment) and Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985

Made . . . . . *5th August 1985*

Coming into operation . . .

Except for regulation 2(4), (5)(d) and (6) *25th November 1985*
Regulation 2(4), (5)(d) and (6) *5th August 1985*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 5(1) of, and paragraph 2(1) and (4) of Schedule 1 to, the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**b**), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) (Amendment) and Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 and shall come into operation on 25th November 1985, except for regulation 2(4), (5)(*d*) and (6) which shall come into operation on 5th August 1985.

(2) In these regulations—

"Requirements Regulations" means the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983(**c**);

"Single Payments Regulations" means the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**d**).

Amendment of, and increase of amounts specified in, the Requirements Regulations

2.—(1) Amounts specified in the Requirements Regulations shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation, and the Table of normal requirements of relevant persons and householders set out in paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 shall have effect as modified by the Requirements Regulations as amended by paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation.

(**a**) S.I. 1977/2156 (N.I. 27); provisions of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, as amended by Article 7 of, and Part I of Schedule 2 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)), are set out in Part II of that Schedule

(**b**) Formerly the Department of Finance: *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6), Article 3. *See also* Article 41(1) of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, as amended by the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980

(**c**) S.R. 1983 No. 61; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1983 Nos. 215, 247 and 291, S.R. 1984 Nos. 79, 278, 348 and 446 and S.R. 1985 No. 91

(**d**) S.R. 1981 No. 369; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1982 No. 242, S.R. 1983 No. 247 and S.R. 1984 Nos. 266 and 348

(2) In regulation 5 (normal requirements of relevant persons and householders)—

(*a*) in paragraph (1)(*c*) for "£0·20" there shall be substituted "£1·30";

(*b*) in paragraph (2)(*d*) for "£1·50" there shall be substituted "£0·70";

(*c*) in paragraph (3)(*b*) for "£0·10" there shall be substituted "£0·80";

(*d*) in paragraph (3A)(*b*) for "£0·80" there shall be substituted "£0·35".

(3) In regulation 9 (modification of normal requirements of boarders)—

(*a*) in paragraph (6A) for "£16·15" there shall be substituted "£17·30" and for "£32·30" in both places where it occurs there shall be substituted "£34·60";

(*b*) in paragraph (9) for "£8·50" there shall be substituted "£8·95" and—

(i) in sub-paragraph (*a*) for "£20·60" in head (i) and "£18·50" in head (ii) there shall be substituted "£21·70" and "£19·40" respectively;

(ii) in sub-paragraph (*b*) for "£10·30" in head (i) and "£9·25" in head (ii) there shall be substituted "£10·85" and "£9·70" respectively;

(iii) in sub-paragraph (*c*) for "£9·25" in head (i), "£5·55" in head (ii), "£4·75" in head (iii) and "£3·10" in head (iv) there shall be substituted "£9·70", "£5·85", "£5·00" and "£3·25" respectively.

(4) In regulation 11 (2B)(*b*) (additional requirements) for "7(*b*)" there shall be substituted "7(*a*)".

(5) In regulation 12(2) (heating)—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (*b*) for "and 6" there shall be substituted ", 6 and 6A";

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*c*)(iii) for "paragraph" there shall be substituted "paragraphs 6A and";

(*c*) in sub-paragraph (*g*)(iii) for "both, of paragraphs 6" there shall be substituted "more than one, of paragraphs 6, 6A";

(*d*) after sub-paragraph (*i*) there shall be added the following sub-paragraph—

"(*j*) no amount shall be applicable to a householder under paragraph 3 unless that paragraph was applicable to him before 5th August 1985 and has been continuously applicable to him since that date or would have been so applicable to him but for the effect in his case of regulation 12(2)(*f*).".

(6) In regulation 14(5)(*b*) (exclusion from housing requirements for certain persons) for "10" there shall be substituted "11".

(7) In regulation 17(1) (amount applicable for maintenance and insurance) for "£1·80" there shall be substituted "£1·85".

(8) In regulation 22 (reduction in amounts applicable for certain occupants of the home)—

(*a*) in paragraph (4)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (*c*) for "£2·35" in head (i), "£6·60" in head (ii) and "£2·35" in head (iii) there shall be substituted "£2·80", "£7·80" and "£2·80" respectively;

(ii) in sub-paragraph (*e*) for "£2·35" there shall be substituted "£2·80";

(*b*) in paragraph (10)(*aa*)(iv) for "£2·90", "£1·45" and "£0·35" there shall be substituted "£3·00", "£1·50" and "£0·40" respectively.

(9) In regulation 23(1) (non-householder's contribution to housing expenses) for "£3·30" there shall be substituted "£3·90".

(10) In Schedule 1 (Normal Requirements), in column (2), for the amount in relation to each provision specified in column (1) thereof indicated in column 1 of Schedule 1 to these regulations, such amount being set out in column 2 of Schedule 1 to these regulations, there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 3 of Schedule 1 to these regulations.

(11) In Schedule 3 (Additional Requirements)—

(*a*) in column (2), for the amount in relation to each provision specified in column (1) thereof indicated in column 1 of Schedule 2 to these regulations, such amount being set out in column 2 of that Schedule 2, there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 3 of that Schedule 2;

(*b*) in Part I (Heating) after paragraph 6 there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

"6A. A householder in respect of whom the long-term rate for couples or householders, or, as the case may be, that rate as modified by these regulations, is payable and to whom any of the following paragraphs, or such extent of any of those paragraphs as is hereafter in this paragraph provided, of regulation 6 of the Supplementary Benefit (Conditions of Entitlement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**a**) (persons not subject to condition of availability for employment) applies, that is to say paragraphs (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), (*i*), (*s*)(ii) or (*u*), in the case of paragraph (*s*)(ii) in so far as it applies by virtue of regulation 11(*b*) of those regulations(**b**) (severely handicapped persons treated as receiving relevant education) and in the case of paragraph (*u*) in so far as it has effect as if the reference therein to "the preceding paragraphs" were a reference only to those paragraphs, or to the extent of those paragraphs, hereinbefore referred to in this paragraph.	6A. £2·20.".

Increase of amounts specified in the Single Payments Regulations

3.—(1) Amounts specified in the Single Payments Regulations shall be increased in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) In Schedule 1 (Bedclothes), for the amount specified in column 2 in relation to each item specified in column 1 thereof indicated in column 1 of Schedule 3 to these regulations, such amount being set out in column 2 of that Schedule 3, there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 3 of that Schedule 3.

(3) In Schedule 2 (Clothing and Footwear), in each of Parts I (Men's Clothing and Footwear), II (Working Clothes and Footwear), III (Women's Clothing and Footwear), IV (Boys' Clothing and Footwear), V (Girls' Clothing and Footwear) and VI (Baby Clothing), for the amount specified in column 2 in relation to each item specified in column 1 thereof indicated in column 1 of Schedule 4 to these regulations, such amount being set out in column 2 of that Schedule 4, there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 3 of that Schedule 4.

(**a**) S.R. 1981 No. 371; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1982 Nos. 240 and 295
(**b**) Substituted by S.R. 1984 No. 266

(4) Schedule 1 to the Single Payments Regulations as amended by paragraph (2) is set out in Schedule 5 to these regulations.

(5) Schedule 2 to the Single Payments Regulations as amended by paragraph (3) is set out in Schedule 6 to these regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 5th August 1985.

(L.S.) *C. Davie*

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby consents to the foregoing regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 5th August 1985.

(L.S.) *R. G. Smartt*

Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 2(10)

Amounts substituted in Schedule 1 to the Requirements Regulations (Normal Requirements)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision of Schedule 1 to the Requirements Regulations	*Old Amount*	*New Amount*
	£	£
Paragraph A (couples)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	57·10	60·00
sub-paragraph (*b*)	45·55	47·85
Paragraph B (householders)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	35·70	37·50
sub-paragraph (*b*)	28·05	29·50
Paragraph 1 (non-householders not less than 18 or less than 18 with a dependant)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	28·55	30·00
sub-paragraph (*b*)	22·45	23·60
Paragraph 2 (non-householders less than 18 without a dependant)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	21·90	23·00
sub-paragraph (*b*)	17·30	18·20
Paragraph 3 (dependants)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	22·45	23·60
sub-paragraph (*b*)	17·30	18·20
sub-paragraph (*c*)	14·35	15·10
sub-paragraph (*d*)	9·60	10·10

SCHEDULE 2 Regulation 2(11)

Amounts substituted in Schedule 3 to the Requirements Regulations (Additional Requirements)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision of Schedule 3 to the Requirements Regulations	*Old Amount*	*New Amount*
Part I — Heating		
Paragraph 1 (ill-health)—		
sub-paragraph (1)	£ 2·10	£ 2·20
sub-paragraph (2)	£ 5·20	£ 5·45
sub-paragraph (3)	£ 5·20	£ 5·45
Paragraph 2 (home difficult to heat)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£ 2·10	£ 2·20
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£ 5·20	£ 5·45
Paragraph 3 (central heating)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£ 2·10	£ 2·20
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£ 4·20	£ 4·40
Paragraph 5 (estate heating)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£ 4·20	£ 4·40
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£ 8·40	£ 8·80
Paragraph 6 (persons receiving certain disability benefits)	£ 5·20	£ 5·45
Paragraph 7 (very young and aged persons)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£ 2·10	£ 2·20
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£ 2·10	£ 2·20
sub-paragraph (*c*)	£ 5·20	£ 5·45
Part II — Items Other Than Heating		
Paragraph 10 (baths)	£ 0·25	£ 0·30
Paragraph 13 (diet)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£ 3·60	£ 3·70
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£ 1·55	£ 1·60
sub-paragraph (*c*)	£ 1·55	£ 1·60
sub-paragraph (*d*)	£10·35	£10·65
Paragraph 16 (laundry)	£ 0·50	£ 0·55

SCHEDULE 3 Regulation 3(2)

Amounts substituted in Schedule 1 to the Single Payments Regulations (Bedclothes)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	*Old Amount*	*New Amount*
	£	£
Pillow	4·70	5·00
Pillow-case	2·10	2·25
Sheet — polyester and cotton mix (single)	7·00	7·50
Sheet — flannelette (cot)	3·65	4·00
Sheet — flannelette (single)	7·00	7·50
Sheet — nylon (double)	6·80	7·50

SCHEDULE 4 Regulation 3(3)

Amounts substituted in Schedule 2 to the Single Payments Regulations (Clothing and Footwear)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	*Old Amount*	*New Amount*
	£	£
Part I (Men's Clothing and Footwear)		
Anorak	22·50	23·00
Cardigan	11·50	14·00
Dressing-gown	17·75	18·00
Pullover	10·00	11·00
Raincoat	31·00	35·00
Shirt	8·50	9·00
Shoes	17·00	18·00
Slippers	6·00	6·50
Socks	1·50	1·60
Sports-jacket	37·00	40·00
Underpants — briefs	1·75	1·90
Underpants — thermal (long)	5·00	6·00
Underpants — thermal (short)	4·50	5·00
Vest — singlet	2·25	2·75
Part II (Working Clothes and Footwear)		
Boiler suit	12·50	14·00
Jeans	12·50	13·00
Overalls	10·50	11·00
Part III (Women's Clothing and Footwear)		
Briefs	1·40	1·50
Cardigan	10·00	11·00
Dress — summerweight	15·00	16·00
Dress — winterweight	18·50	19·00
Hat	5·50	6·00
Jumper	9·00	10·00
Knickers	2·60	2·85
Overcoat	43·00	44·00
Girdle (Pantie-girdle or open girdle)	10·75	11·00
Raincoat	31·00	32·50
Skirt	11·50	13·00
Slippers	5·50	6·00
Stockings/tights	0·75	0·80
Trousers	13·00	14·00
Vest — thermal	2·75	3·50

SCHEDULE 4 *(continued)*

Column 1	Column 2		Column 3	
Item	*Old Amount*		*New Amount*	
	Small to Large		*Small to Large*	
	£	£	£	£
Part IV (Boys' Clothing and Footwear)				
Dressing-gown	8·60	12·00	8·60	12·50
Jacket/anorak	11·00	16·00	11·00	17·00
Overcoat	18·25	26·00	19·00	27·50
Pyjamas	4·90	8·00	5·00	8·00
Raincoat	13·50	21·00	15·00	21·00
Shirt	4·30	6·50	4·50	7·00
Socks	0·85	1·05	0·90	1·15
Sweater	5·00	7·50	5·00	8·00
Trousers — long	6·80	10·00	6·80	11·50
Trousers — short	4·50	5·50	4·50	6·00
Vest	—	1·45	—	1·50
	Small to Large		*Small to Large*	
	£	£	£	£
Part V (Girls' Clothing and Footwear)				
Cardigan	5·00	8·00	5·00	9·00
Dress — summerweight	5·50	13·00	6·00	13·00
Jacket/anorak	11·00	16·00	11·00	17·00
Jumper	4·90	7·50	4·90	8·00
Overcoat	17·25	25·00	18·00	26·50
Girdle (Pantie-girdle or open girdle)	—	10·75	—	11·00
Petticoat	2·15	3·05	2·25	3·05
Pyjamas	4·90	8·00	5·00	8·00
Raincoat	13·50	20·00	15·00	21·00
Skirt	5·90	9·40	5·90	10·00
Socks	0·85	1·05	0·90	1·15
Stockings/tights	—	0·75	—	0·80
Trousers	6·50	10·00	6·50	11·00
Vest	—	1·40	—	1·50
	£		£	
Part VI (Baby Clothing)				
Napkin	1·15		1·25	
Plastic pants	0·90		0·95	

SCHEDULE 5 Regulation 3(4)

Schedule 1 to the Single Payments Regulations as amended by these regulations

SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 12

Bedclothes

Column 1 *Item*	Column 2 *Amount*
	£
Blanket (cot)	5·70
Blanket (single)	15·00
Blanket (double)	18·00
Pillow	5·00
Pillow-case	2·25
Eiderdown — terylene (single)	16·00
Eiderdown — terylene (double)	22·00
Sheet — polyester and cotton mix (single)	7·50
Sheet — polyester and cotton mix (double)	9·00
Sheet — flannelette (cot)	4·00
Sheet — flannelette (single)	7·50
Sheet — flannelette (double)	9·00
Sheet — nylon (single)	5·20
Sheet — nylon (double)	7·50

SCHEDULE 6 Regulation 3(5)

Schedule 2 to the Single Payments Regulations as amended by these regulations

SCHEDULE 2 Regulations 7, 23 and 27

Clothing and Footwear

PART I

Men's Clothing and Footwear

Column 1 *Item*	Column 2 *Amount*
	£
Anorak	23·00
Cap	7·00
Cardigan	14·00
Dressing-gown	18·00
Overcoat	55·00
Pullover	11·00
Pyjamas	9·20
Raincoat	35·00
Shirt	9·00
Shoes	18·00
Slippers	6·50
Socks	1·60
Sports-jacket	40·00
Suit	60·00
Trousers	16·00
Underpants — briefs	1·90
Underpants — thermal (long)	6·00
Underpants — thermal (short)	5·00
Vest — singlet	2·75
Vest — thermal	5·00

PART II

Working Clothes and Footwear

Column 1 *Item*	Column 2 *Amount*
	£
Boiler suit	14·00
Boots	16·75
Donkey-jacket	20·00
Dungarees	11·50
Jeans	13·00
Overalls	11·00
Suit	60·00
Wellingtons	12·00

PART III

Women's Clothing and Footwear

Column 1 *Item*	Column 2 *Amount*
	£
Blouse	9·00
Boots (ankle)	18·00
Brassiere	5·00
Briefs	1·50
Cardigan	11·00
Corselette	16·25
Dress — summerweight	16·00
Dress — winterweight	19·00
Dressing-gown	15·00
Girdle (Pantie-girdle or open girdle)	11·00
Hat	6·00
Jumper	10·00
Knickers	2·85
Nightdress (standard length)	7·00
Nightdress (full length)	8·60
Overcoat	44·00
Petticoat	5·50
Pyjamas	10·00
Raincoat	32·50
Shoes	15·00
Skirt	13·00
Slippers	6·00
Stockings/tights	0·80
Trousers	14·00
Vest — cotton	2·50
Vest — thermal	3·50

PART IV

Boys' Clothing and Footwear

Column 1 *Item*	Column 2 *Amount* *Small to Large*	
	£	£
Dressing-gown	8·60	12·50
Dufflecoat	17·00	23·00
Jacket/anorak	11·00	17·00
Overcoat	19·00	27·50
Pyjamas	5·00	8·00
Raincoat	15·00	21·00
Shirt	4·50	7·00
Shoes	8·90	12·50
Slippers	3·50	5·00
Socks	0·90	1·15
Sweater	5·00	8·00
Trousers — long	6·80	11·50
Trousers — short	4·50	6·00
Underpants	—	1·25
Vest	—	1·50
Wellingtons	4·15	6·20

PART V

Girls' Clothing and Footwear

Column 1 *Item*	Column 2 *Amount* *Small to Large*	
	£	£
Blouse	4·70	8·30
Brassiere	—	3·00
Briefs	—	1·10
Cardigan	5·00	9·00
Dress — summerweight	6·00	13·00
Dress — winterweight	7·50	15·00
Dressing-gown	8·60	13·00
Dufflecoat	17·00	23·00
Girdle (Pantie-girdle or open girdle)	—	11·00
Jacket/anorak	11·00	17·00
Jumper	4·90	8·00
Nightdress	5·00	7·30
Overcoat	18·00	26·50
Petticoat	2·25	3·05
Pyjamas	5·00	8·00
Raincoat	15·00	21·00
Shoes	8·90	12·50
Skirt	5·90	10·00
Slippers	3·50	5·00
Socks	0·90	1·15
Stockings/tights	—	0·80
Trousers	6·50	11·00
Vest	—	1·50
Wellingtons	4·15	6·20

PART VI

Baby Clothing

Column 1 *Item*	Column 2 *Amount*
	£
Napkin	1·25
One-piece stretch sleeping suit	4·00
Plastic pants	0·95
Pramsuit	6·50
Vest	1·00
Wrap/shawl	5·40

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations increase certain amounts specified in regulations made under the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (as extensively amended by the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (c. 30)) for the purposes of determining supplementary benefit under that Order of 1977. They also amend Parts III and IV of the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 ("the Requirements Regulations") which deal with additional requirements and housing requirements respectively of persons claiming supplementary benefit. These regulations correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980 are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

Paragraphs (2), (3), (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11)(*a*) of regulation 2 and Schedules 1 and 2 increase amounts specified in the Requirements Regulations relating to a person's normal, additional and housing requirements. Schedule 2 shows the higher amounts applicable for certain additional requirements.

Paragraph (4) of regulation 2 makes a minor typographical amendment to regulation 11(2B)(*b*) of the Requirements Regulations concerning heating additions payable in respect of specified ages.

Paragraph (5) of regulation 2 amends regulation 12(2) of the Requirements Regulations to take into account the introduction of a new paragraph 6A of Schedule 3 to those regulations (as inserted by regulation 2(11)(*b*) of these regulations) and to provide that the additional requirement to meet the cost of the central heating of a home is only to be payable to a householder where that householder had been entitled to such an addition immediately prior to 5th August 1985.

Paragraph (6) of regulation 2 makes a minor typographical amendment to regulation 14(5)(*b*) of the Requirements Regulations concerning the exclusion of certain persons from entitlement to housing requirements.

Paragraph (11)(*b*) of regulation 2 inserts a new paragraph 6A into Schedule 3 to the Requirements Regulations to provide for an additional heating requirement for householders in receipt of the long-term scale rate of supplementary benefit and who are not required to be available for work because they are sick or disabled.

Regulation 3 and Schedules 3 and 4 increase amounts specified in Schedules 1 and 2 to the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 which relate to bedclothes and clothing and footwear. Those Schedules 1 and 2 as amended by these regulations are set out in Schedules 5 and 6 respectively to these regulations.