1985 No. 210

HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefits (Increase of Needs Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985

Made . . . . . *6th August 1985*

Coming into operation . . . *25th November 1985*

Whereas the Secretary of State for Social Services has made regulations under section 28(1) of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982(**a**) and by virtue of Article 4 of the Housing Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(**b**) corresponding regulations may be made for Northern Ireland:

Now, therefore, the Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 3(2) of that Order and acting jointly with the Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Article 3(1) of that Order, in each case with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel, and in exercise of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefits (Increase of Needs Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 and shall come into operation on 25th November 1985.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Housing Benefits Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983(**c**).

Increase of needs allowances

2. In each provision of regulation 13 of the principal regulations (needs allowance) specified in column 1 of the Schedule, for the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of the Schedule there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 3 of the Schedule.

Revocation

3. The Housing Benefits (Increase of Needs Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(**d**) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 6th August 1985.

(L.S.) *C. Davie*

Assistant Secretary

(**a**) 1982 c. 24
(**b**) S.I. 1983/1121 (N.I. 14)
(**c**) S.R. 1983 No. 292; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1984 No. 281
(**d**) S.R. 1984 No. 281

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 6th August 1985.

(L.S.) *W. N. Campbell*
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 6th August 1985.

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

SCHEDULE Regulation 2

Amounts substituted in regulation 13 of the principal regulations

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision of regulation 13 of the principal regulations	*Old amount*	*New amount*
Paragraph (1)		
sub-paragraph (*a*) (single person, no dependent child)	£45·10	£47·70
sub-paragraph (*b*) (married or unmarried couple)	£66·50	£70·20
sub-paragraph (*c*) (single person with a dependent child)	£66·50	£70·20
Paragraph (2) (handicapped persons)		
sub-paragraph (*a*) (single person, no dependent child)	£50·30	£53·20
sub-paragraph (*b*) (married or unmarried couple, one handicapped)	£71·70	£75·70
sub-paragraph (*c*) (single person with dependent child)	£71·70	£75·70
sub-paragraph (*d*) (married or unmarried couple, both handicapped)	£74·15	£78·25
Paragraph (3)		
sub-paragraph (*a*) (increase for those of pensionable age)	80p	85p
sub-paragraph (*b*) (increase for dependent child)	£13·35	£14·50

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations increase the amounts specified as needs allowances in regulation 13 of the Housing Benefits Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 ("the principal regulations"). Needs allowances are amounts used in the calculation of rate rebates, rent rebates or rent allowances for persons other than those in receipt of supplementary benefit. A person's income is compared with the relevant needs allowance as part of this calculation, in accordance with regulation 19 of the principal regulations.

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These Orders have been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979. Summaries are given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.