

1984 No. 281

HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefits (Increase of Needs Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984

Made 7th August 1984

Coming into operation 26th November 1984

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) 1984 and shall come into operation on 26th November 1984.

(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.

(a) 1982 c. 24

(b) S.I. 1983/1121 (N.I. 14)

(c) S.R. 1983 No. 292, to which there are amendments not relevant to the subject matter of these regulations

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 7th August 1984.

(L.S.)

A. N. Burns

Assistant Secretary

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 7th August 1984.

(L.S.)

J. Kirk

Assistant Secretary

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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland on 7th August 1984.

(L.S.)

R. G. Smartt

Assistant Secretary

Amounts substituted in regulation 13 of the principal regulations

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
<i>Provision of regulation 13 of the principal regulations</i>	<i>Old amount</i>	<i>New amount</i>
Paragraph (1)		
sub-paragraph (a) (single person, no dependent child)	£43·05	£45·10
sub-paragraph (b) (married or unmarried couple)	£63·50	£66·50
sub-paragraph (c) (single person with a dependent child)	£63·50	£66·50
Paragraph (2) (handicapped persons)		
sub-paragraph (a) (single person, no dependent child)	£48·00	£50·30
sub-paragraph (b) (married or unmarried couple, one handicapped)	£68·45	£71·70
sub-paragraph (c) (single person with dependent child)	£68·45	£71·70
sub-paragraph (d) (married or unmarried couple, both handicapped)	£70·80	£74·15
Paragraph (3)		
sub-paragraph (a) (increase for those of pensionable age)	75p	80p
sub-paragraph (b) (increase for dependent child)	£12·90	£13·35

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.