

1984 No. 348

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Supplementary Benefit (Up-rating and Additional Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984

Made 1st October 1984

Coming into operation 26th November 1984

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 2(2), 4(2) and 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 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(c) are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Up-rating and Additional Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 26th November 1984.

(2) In these regulations—

“Requirements Regulations” means the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983(d);

“Single Payments Regulations” means the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(e).

Amendment of 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 paragraph (2) of this regulation.

(a) S.I. 1977/2156 (N.I. 27); see definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations” in Article 2(2); 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) 1980 c. 30

(d) S.R. 1983 No. 61; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1983 Nos. 215, 247 and 291 and S.R. 1984 Nos. 79 and 278

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

- (2) In regulation 5 (normal requirements of relevant persons and householders)—
- (a) in paragraph (1)(c) for “increased by £0·05” there shall be substituted “reduced by £0·20”;
 - (b) in paragraph (2)(d) for “£1·55” there shall be substituted “£1·50”;
 - (c) in paragraph (3)(b) for “increased by £0·05” there shall be substituted “reduced by £0·10”;
 - (d) in paragraph (3A)(b) for “£0·85” there shall be substituted “£0·80”.
- (3) In regulation 9 (modification of normal requirements of boarders)—
- (a) in paragraph (4)(b)—
 - (i) in head (i) for “£1·00” there shall be substituted “£1·10”;
 - (ii) in head (ii) for “£1·45” there shall be substituted “£1·55”;
 - (iii) in head (iii) for “£1·45” there shall be substituted “£1·55”;
 - (b) in paragraph (6A) for “£15·35” there shall be substituted “£16·15” and for “£30·70” in the first place where it occurs there shall be substituted “£32·30”;
 - (c) in paragraph (9)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a), in head (i) for “£19·70” there shall be substituted “£20·60” and in head (ii) for “£17·70” there shall be substituted “£18·50”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), in head (i) for “£9·85” there shall be substituted “£10·30” and in head (ii) for “£8·85” there shall be substituted “£9·25”;
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£8·85” in head (i), “£5·30” in head (ii), “£4·55” in head (iii) and “£2·95” in head (iv) there shall be substituted “£9·25”, “£5·55”, “£4·75” and “£3·10” respectively.
- (4) In regulation 11 (additional requirements)—
- (a) in paragraph (2) for “The weekly amount” there shall be substituted “Subject to paragraphs (2A) and (2B), the weekly amount”;
 - (b) after paragraph (2) there shall be inserted the following paragraphs—

“(2A) Subject to paragraph (2B), where the long-term rate for normal requirements is applicable to the claimant, whether as a person to whom paragraph 1(a) or 3(a) of the Table applies or under regulation 7, the weekly amount of his additional requirements shall be the amount by which the amount or, if more than one amount, the aggregate of the amounts applicable to him, or to any partner or dependant of his, under any one or more paragraphs of Schedule 3, exceeds £1:

(2B) Paragraph (2A) shall not apply to an amount which is applicable—

 - (a) under paragraph 8, 11 or 12 of Schedule 3, or
 - (b) where the amount is applicable in respect of a dependant, under paragraph 1, 6, 7(b), 9, 10, 13, 17 or 17A of Schedule 3, or
 - (c) where the amount is applicable solely or partly by reason of the physical or mental condition of a dependant, under paragraph 16(b) of Schedule 3,

and such an amount shall not be aggregated for the purposes of paragraph (2A) with other amounts, if any, applicable under Schedule 3.”.
- (5) In regulation 12 (heating)—
- (a) in paragraph (1) after “Subject to” there shall be inserted “regulation 11 and”;
 - (b) in paragraph (2)(e) after “paragraph 7” there shall be inserted “and, where there are different applicable amounts, the higher amount shall be applicable”.

(6) In regulation 13 (items other than heating)—

(a) in paragraph (1) after “Subject to” there shall be inserted “regulation 11 and”;

(b) paragraphs (5) and (6) shall be omitted.

(7) In regulation 17(1) (cost of maintenance and insurance) for “£1·70” there shall be substituted “£1·80”.

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

(a) in paragraph (4)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (c), in head (ii) for “£4·70” there shall be substituted “£6·60” and in head (iii) for “£2·20” there shall be substituted “£2·35”;

(ii) in sub-paragraph (e) for “£2·20” there shall be substituted “£2·35”;

(b) in paragraph (10)(aa)(iv) for “£2·70” there shall be substituted “£2·90” and for “£1·35” there shall be substituted “£1·45”.

(9) In regulation 23(1) (amount applicable to non-householders in respect of housing expenses) for “£3·10” there shall be substituted “£3·30”.

(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), in each provision indicated in column 1 of Schedule 2 to these regulations for the amount specified therein 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) the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph 7—

“7. Person who is a householder and he, or any other member of the assessment unit, is aged—

(a) less than 5;

(b) not less than 65;

(c) not less than 85.

7. (a) £2·10;

(b) £2·10;

(c) £5·20.”

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 of this regulation.

(2) In Schedule 1 (Bedclothes), for the amount specified in column 2 of that Schedule 1 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 of that Schedule 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.

(4) Schedule 1 to the Single Payments Regulations as amended by paragraph (2) and by regulation 6(11) of the Supplementary Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(a) is set out in Schedule 5 to these regulations.

(5) Schedule 2 to the Single Payments Regulations as amended by paragraph (3) and by regulation 6(12) of the Supplementary Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 is set out in Schedule 6 to these regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 1st October 1984.

(L.S.)

A. N. Burns

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 1st October 1984.

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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
<i>Provision of Schedule 1 to the Requirements Regulations</i>	<i>Old Amount</i>	<i>New Amount</i>
	£	£
Paragraph A (couples)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	54·55	57·10
sub-paragraph (b)	43·50	45·55
Paragraph B (householders)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	34·10	35·70
sub-paragraph (b)	26·80	28·05
Paragraph 1 (non-householders not less than 18 or less than 18 with a dependant)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	27·25	28·55
sub-paragraph (b)	21·45	22·45
Paragraph 2 (non-householders less than 18 without a dependant)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	20·90	21·90
sub-paragraph (b)	16·50	17·30
Paragraph 3 (dependants)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	21·45	22·45
sub-paragraph (b)	16·50	17·30
sub-paragraph (c)	13·70	14·35
sub-paragraph (d)	9·15	9·60

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2(11)

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

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
<i>Provision of Schedule 3 to the Requirements Regulations</i>	<i>Old Amount</i>	<i>New Amount</i>
	£	£
Part I — Heating		
Paragraph 1 (ill-health)—		
sub-paragraph (1)	2·05	2·10
sub-paragraph (2)	5·05	5·20
sub-paragraph (3)	5·05	5·20
Paragraph 2 (home difficult to heat)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	2·05	2·10
sub-paragraph (b)	5·05	5·20
Paragraph 3 (central heating)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	2·05	2·10
sub-paragraph (b)	4·10	4·20
Paragraph 5 (estate heating)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	4·10	4·20
sub-paragraph (b)	8·20	8·40
Paragraph 6 (persons receiving certain disability benefits)		
	5·05	5·20
Part II — Items Other Than Heating		
Paragraph 13 (diet)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	3·35	3·60
sub-paragraph (b)	1·45	1·55
sub-paragraph (c)	1·45	1·55
sub-paragraph (d)	9·60	10·35
Paragraph 16 (laundry)		
	0·45	0·50

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 3(2)

Amounts substituted in Schedule 1 to the Single Payments Regulations

(Bedclothes)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
<i>Item</i>	<i>Old Amount</i>	<i>New Amount</i>
	£	£
Blanket (single)	12·00	15·00
Blanket (double)	16·75	18·00
Sheet — flannelette (cot)	3·00	3·65
Sheet — flannelette (single)	6·50	7·00
Sheet — flannelette (double)	8·50	9·00

SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 3(3)

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

Column 1	Column 2		Column 3	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Old Amount</i>		<i>New Amount</i>	
	£		£	
Part I (Men's Clothing and Footwear)				
Anorak	21·00		22·50	
Cardigan	11·00		11·50	
Overcoat	49·50		55·00	
Shirt	8·30		8·50	
Slippers	5·50		6·00	
Suit	58·00		60·00	
Vest — singlet	2·05		2·25	
Part II (Working Clothes and Footwear)				
Boiler suit	12·00		12·50	
Donkey-jacket	19·75		20·00	
Suit	58·00		60·00	
Part III (Women's Clothing and Footwear)				
Brassiere	4·50		5·00	
Petticoat	5·20		5·50	
Skirt	11·00		11·50	
Slippers	5·20		5·50	
Trousers	12·00		13·00	
	<i>Small to Large</i>		<i>Small to Large</i>	
	£	£	£	£
Part IV (Boys' Clothing and Footwear)				
Dufflecoat	15·50	21·00	17·00	23·00
Raincoat	13·50	20·75	13·50	21·00
Socks	0·70	1·05	0·85	1·05
Part V (Girls' Clothing and Footwear)				
Dress — summerweight	5·50	10·00	5·50	13·00
Dress — winterweight	7·50	13·00	7·50	15·00
Dufflecoat	15·50	21·00	17·00	23·00
Nightdress	4·90	7·30	5·00	7·30
Petticoat	2·00	3·05	2·15	3·05
Raincoat	13·50	19·75	13·50	20·00
Socks	0·70	1·05	0·85	1·05
Vest	—	1·35	—	1·40
Part VI (Baby Clothing)				
	£		£	
Napkin	1·10		1·15	
Plastic pants	0·60		0·90	

SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 3(4)

**Schedule 1 to the Single Payments Regulations as amended by these regulations and the
Supplementary Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland)
1984**

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 12

Bedclothes

Column 1 <i>Item</i>	Column 2 <i>Amount</i>
	£
Blanket (cot)	5.70
Blanket (single)	15.00
Blanket (double)	18.00
Pillow	4.70
Pillow-case	2.10
Eiderdown — terylene (single)	16.00
Eiderdown — terylene (double)	22.00
Sheet — polyester and cotton mix (single)	7.00
Sheet — polyester and cotton mix (double)	9.00
Sheet — flannelette (cot)	3.65
Sheet — flannelette (single)	7.00
Sheet — flannelette (double)	9.00
Sheet — nylon (single)	5.20
Sheet — nylon (double)	6.80

SCHEDULE 6

Regulation 3(5)

**Schedule 2 to the Single Payments Regulations as amended by these regulations and the
Supplementary Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland)
1984**

SCHEDULE 2

Regulations 7, 23 and 27

Clothing and Footwear

PART I

Men's Clothing and Footwear

Column 1 <i>Item</i>	Column 2 <i>Amount</i>
	£
Anorak	22.50
Cap	7.00
Cardigan	11.50
Dressing-gown	17.75
Overcoat	55.00
Pullover	10.00
Pyjamas	9.20
Raincoat	31.00
Shirt	8.50
Shoes	17.00
Slippers	6.00
Socks	1.50
Sports-jacket	37.00
Suit	60.00
Trousers	16.00
Underpants — briefs	1.75
Underpants — thermal (long)	5.00
Underpants — thermal (short)	4.50
Vest — singlet	2.25
Vest — thermal	5.00

PART II

Working Clothes and Footwear

Column 1 <i>Item</i>	Column 2 <i>Amount</i>
	£
Boiler suit	12.50
Boots	16.75
Donkey-jacket	20.00
Dungarees	11.50
Jeans	12.50
Overalls	10.50
Suit	60.00
Wellingtons	12.00

PART III

Women's Clothing and Footwear

Column 1 <i>Item</i>	Column 2 <i>Amount</i>
	£
Blouse	9.00
Boots (ankle)	18.00
Brassiere	5.00
Briefs	1.40
Cardigan	10.00
Corselette	16.25
Dress — summerweight	15.00
Dress — winterweight	18.50
Dressing-gown	15.00
Girdle (Pantie-girdle or open girdle)	10.75
Hat	5.50
Jumper	9.00
Knickers	2.60
Nightdress (standard length)	7.00
Nightdress (full length)	8.60
Overcoat	43.00
Petticoat	5.50
Pyjamas	10.00
Raincoat	31.00
Shoes	15.00
Skirt	11.50
Slippers	5.50
Stockings/tights	0.75
Trousers	13.00
Vest — cotton	2.50
Vest — thermal	2.75

PART IV

Boys' Clothing and Footwear

Column 1 <i>Item</i>	Column 2 <i>Amount</i> <i>Small to Large</i>	
	£	£
Dressing-gown	8·60	12·00
Dufflecoat	17·00	23·00
Jacket/anorak	11·00	16·00
Overcoat	18·25	26·00
Pyjamas	4·90	8·00
Raincoat	13·50	21·00
Shirt	4·30	6·50
Shoes	8·90	12·50
Slippers	3·50	5·00
Socks	0·85	1·05
Sweater	5·00	7·50
Trousers — long	6·80	10·00
Trousers — short	4·50	5·50
Underpants	—	1·25
Vest	—	1·45
Wellingtons	4·15	6·20

PART V

Girls' Clothing and Footwear

Column 1 <i>Item</i>	Column 2 <i>Amount</i> <i>Small to Large</i>	
	£	£
Blouse	4.70	8.30
Brassiere	—	3.00
Briefs	—	1.10
Cardigan	5.00	8.00
Dress — summerweight	5.50	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)	—	10.75
Jacket/anorak	11.00	16.00
Jumper	4.90	7.50
Nightdress	5.00	7.30
Overcoat	17.25	25.00
Petticoat	2.15	3.05
Pyjamas	4.90	8.00
Raincoat	13.50	20.00
Shoes	8.90	12.50
Skirt	5.90	9.40
Slippers	3.50	5.00
Socks	0.85	1.05
Stockings/tights	—	0.75
Trousers	6.50	10.00
Vest	—	1.40
Wellingtons	4.15	6.20

PART VI

Baby Clothing

Column 1 <i>Item</i>	Column 2 <i>Amount</i>
	£
Napkin	1.15
One-piece stretch sleeping suit	4.00
Plastic pants	0.90
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 for the purpose of determining supplementary benefit under that Order. They also amend Part III of the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 ('the Requirements Regulations') which deals with additional requirements of persons claiming supplementary benefit.

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 1 shows higher amounts applicable as normal requirements. Schedule 2 shows higher amounts applicable for certain additional requirements.

Paragraphs (4) to (6) of regulation 2 amend regulations 11, 12 and 13 of the Requirements Regulations to provide that, where a claimant is in receipt of the long-term rate of supplementary benefit, any additional requirements under Part III of those regulations in relation to heating and other items are payable (subject to certain specified exceptions) only to the extent that they exceed £1. The previous provision (regulation 13(5) and (6)) which applied only to additional requirements other than heating is revoked.

Paragraph (11)(b) of regulation 2 reduces from 70 to 65 the age at which a person qualifies on grounds of age for an additional requirement for heating. It also provides for a higher rate heating addition to be payable to a person aged not less than 85.

Regulation 3 and Schedules 3 and 4 increase amounts specified in Schedules 1 and 2 of the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 which relate to bedclothes, clothing and footwear. Those Schedules 1 and 2 as amended by these regulations and the Supplementary Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 are set out in Schedules 5 and 6 respectively of these regulations.