

## 1996 No.909

### SOCIAL SECURITY

#### The Income Support (General) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 1996

<i>Made</i> - - - -	25th March 1996
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	1st April 1996
<i>Coming into force</i> -	21st April 1996

The Secretary of State for Social Security, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 135(1), 137(1) and 175(1) and (3) to (5) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(b), hereby makes the following Regulations:

#### Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Income Support (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 21st April 1996.

(2) These Regulations shall have effect in relation to any particular claimant—

- (a) in a case where income support is paid to the claimant in arrears in accordance with paragraph 7(1)(i) of Schedule 7 to the Claims and Payments Regulations(c) (date when change of circumstances is to take effect)—
  - (i) from the first day of the benefit week which includes 18th April 1996; or
  - (ii) if the claim for income support is for a period beginning after 28th April 1996, from the first day of the first benefit week commencing after that date;
- (b) in a case where income support is paid to the claimant in advance in accordance with paragraph 7(1)(ii) of Schedule 7 to the Claims and Payments Regulations, from the first day of the first benefit week commencing after 28th April 1996;

and for this purpose, the expressions “claimant” and “benefit week” have the same meanings as in regulation 2(1) of the Income Support Regulations(d) (interpretation).

(3) In these Regulations, “the Claims and Payments Regulations” means the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987(e) and “the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987(f).

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(a) 1992 c.4; section 137(1) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning ascribed to the word “prescribed”.

(b) See section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c.5).

(d) Paragraph 7 was substituted by S.I. 1990/2208 and amended by S.I. 1991/387 and 1992/247.

(e) S.I. 1987/1968.

(f) S.I. 1987/1967

**Amendment of Schedule 3 to the Income Support Regulations**

2. In paragraph 12(1)(a) of Schedule 3 to the Income Support Regulations(a) (standard rate of interest on qualifying loans) for the words “8.00 per cent.” there shall be substituted the words “7.74 per cent.”.

**Revocation of the Income Support (General) Amendment Regulations 1995**

3. The Income Support (General) Amendment Regulations 1995(b) are hereby revoked save that those Regulations shall continue to have effect until the first day of the benefit week having effect in regulation to any particular claimant for the purpose of regulation 1(2) of these Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Security.

25th March 1996

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend Schedule 3 to the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1967), as substituted and amended, with respect to the standard rate of interest applicable to a loan which qualifies for income support under that Schedule to those Regulations, the new rate being 7.74 per cent. (regulation 2) and also revoke, with a saving provision, regulations which made a previous amendment to that standard rate of interest (regulation 3).

These Regulations do not impose a charge on business.