

2000 No. 1993

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Amendment  
(Personal Allowances for Children)  
Regulations 2000

*Made - - - 24th July 2000*  
*Laid before Parliament 31st July 2000*  
*Coming into force 23rd October 2000*

The Secretary of State for Social Security, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 123(1)(a), (d) and (e), 135(1), 137(1) and 175(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(a) and sections 4(5), 35(1) and 36(1) and (2) of the Jobseekers Act 1995(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after consultation in respect of provisions in these Regulations relating to housing benefit and council tax benefit with organisations appearing to him to be representative of the authorities concerned(c) and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(d), hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security Amendment (Personal Allowances for Children) Regulations 2000 and shall, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) below, come into force on 23rd October 2000.

(2) Regulation 2 of these Regulations shall, in relation to a claimant for income support, have effect from the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that claimant on or after 23rd October 2000 and in this paragraph, the expressions “benefit week” and “claimant” shall have the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Income Support Regulations(e).

(3) Regulation 2 of these Regulations shall, in relation to a claimant for a jobseeker’s allowance, have effect from the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that claimant on or after 23rd October 2000 and in this paragraph, the expression “benefit week” shall have the same meaning as in regulation 1(3) of the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations(f).

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(a) 1992 c. 4; sections 123(1) and 137(1) were amended to have effect with respect to council tax benefit by Schedule 9 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14), paragraphs 1(1) and 9; section 137(1) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning ascribed to the word “prescribed”.

(b) 1995 c. 18; section 35(1) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning ascribed in the words “prescribed” and “regulations”.

(c) See section 176(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5).

(d) See sections 170 and 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992; paragraph 67 of Schedule 2 to the Jobseekers Act 1995 added that Act to the list of “relevant enactments” in respect of which regulations must normally be referred to the Committee. Section 173(7) defines “regulations”.

(e) The definition of “benefit week” was amended by S.I.1988/1445.

(f) The definition of “benefit week” was amended by S.I.1996/1517 and 2538.

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(4) In these Regulations –

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987(a);

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996(b).

[Regulation 2 amends the sum specified in paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to S.I. 1992/1814, paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 2 to S.I. 1987/1971, paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 2 to S.I. 1987/1967 and paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to S.I. 1996/207.]

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

24th July 2000

*Hugh Bayley*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department of Social Security

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations amend the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I.1987/1967), the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996 (S.I.1996/207), the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1971) and the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992 (S.I.1992/1814).

In particular, regulation 2 of these Regulations increases by £4.35 from 23rd October 2000, the amount of the weekly personal allowance which is applicable in respect of children before the first Monday in the September following their sixteenth birthday in income support, jobseeker’s allowance, housing benefit and council tax benefit.

These Regulations do not impose a charge on business.

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(a) S.I. 1987/1967; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1999/2555 and 2000/440.

(b) S.I. 1996/207; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1999/255 and 2000/440.