



Statutory Document No. 42/97

The Family Income Supplements Act 1985

**THE FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENTS (COMPUTATION)  
REGULATIONS 1997**

*Approved by Fynwald*                      *19th March 1997*

*Coming into operation*                      *7th April 1997*

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Health and Social Security by sections 3 and 14 of the Family Income Supplements Act 1985(a), and of all other enabling powers, the following regulations are hereby made:-

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1997 and shall, subject to section 14(3) of the Act, come into operation on 7th April 1997.

(2) In these Regulations "the Act" means the Family Income Supplements Act 1985;

*Prescribed amount*

2. For regulations 2 and 2A of the Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1985(b) there shall be substituted the following -

"2. The prescribed amount for any family for the purpose of section 3 of the Act shall be -

- (a) if the family does not include a child £157.90;
- (b) if the family includes only one child £164.70;
- (c) if the family includes more than one child, £164.70 plus £21.00 for each additional child to the first.

2A. In respect of a single parent who works in employed earner's employment, or a claimant who is a member of a married or unmarried couple either or both of whom work in employed earner's employment, for not less than 30 hours per week, an additional sum of £10.60 shall be paid with the weekly rate of benefit calculated for that claimant."

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(a) 1985 c.19; (b) G.C. 279/85.

Price: £0.20

*Revocation*

4. The Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1996(a) are hereby revoked.

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Made 13th February 1997

Mrs C M Christian B.Sc. M.L.C.  
Minister for Health and Social Security

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(a) S.D. 59/96.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. These Regulations increase the prescribed amounts for any family for the purposes of section 3 of the Family Income Supplements Act 1985.
2. Regulation 1 deals with citation and interpretation and provides that the regulations shall operate from 7th April 1997.
3. Regulation 2 amends regulation 2 and 2A of the Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1985 so as to increase the prescribed amounts (that is the amount of weekly income below which a family may qualify for a supplement). If the family does not include a child the prescribed amount from 7th April 1997 will be £157.90 (previously £154.00); if the family includes only one child it will be £164.70 (previously £160.70), increasing by £21.00 (previously £20.50) for each child after the first. Regulation 2A increases the amount payable to persons who work 30 hours or more per week to £10.60 (previously £10.30).
4. Regulation 3 revokes previous regulations made under the Family Income Supplements Act 1985.
5. It is anticipated that expenditure on the current Family Income Supplement caseload will increase by about £18,000 per annum as a result of these Regulations (assuming a corresponding % increase in rates of earnings).