



Statutory Document No. 82/98

THE FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENTS ACT 1985  
THE FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENTS (COMPUTATION)  
REGULATIONS 1998

*Approved by Tynwald*

*18<sup>th</sup> March 1998*

*Coming into operation*

*6<sup>th</sup> April 1998*

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 1998 and shall, subject to section 14(3) of the Act, come into operation on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1998.

(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 £162.20;
  - (b) if the family includes only one child £169.10;
  - (c) if the family includes more than one child, £169.10 plus £21.60 for each additional child to the first.
  - (d) 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, £15.55."

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

Price: £0.30

## Revocation

4. The Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1997(a) are hereby revoked.

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Made 17<sup>th</sup> February 1998

Clare Christian  
Minister for Health and Social Security

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(a) S.D. 42/97.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> April 1998.
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 6<sup>th</sup> April 1998 will be £162.20 (previously £157.90); if the family includes only one child it will be £169.10 (previously £164.70), increasing by £21.60 (previously £21.00) for each child after the first. The prescribed amount for persons who work 30 hours or more per week is being increased to £15.55 (previously £10.30). This large increase is due to this amount now being included in the prescribed amounts payable instead of being a separate additional amount as previously.
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 £41,000 per annum as a result of these Regulations (assuming a corresponding % increase in rates of earnings).