

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 89 of 1998

BELIZE:

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of finance in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21 and 64 of the Social Security Act, Chapter 34 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 1980-90; and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 8th August, 1998.)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

SOCIAL SECURITY (BENEFIT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1998.

and shall be read and construed as one with the Social Security (Benefit) Regulations, which, as amended, are hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

2. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:-

(a) In subregulation (3), by substituting the words "two hundred and thirty four days" for the words "one hundred and fifty-six days" occurring therein (added by S.I. 91/1991).

(b) In subregulation (4), by substituting the words, "two hundred and thirty four days" for the words "one hundred and fifty-six days" occurring therein (added by S.I. 91/1991).

3. Regulation 6 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:-

(a) By repealing subregulation (1) thereof and replacing it by the following:-

"(1) The weekly rate of sickness benefit shall be eighty percent of the average weekly insurable earnings for the first one hundred and fifty-six days of incapacity to work and sixty percent of the average weekly insurable earnings for the remaining seventy-eight days of incapacity to work and the amount of benefit per day shall be one sixth of the applicable weekly amount.

" (b) In subregulation (2), by the addition of the words "11 and credited" immediately after the words "contributions were paid" occurring in line 3 thereof.

4. Regulation 10 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended in paragraph (b) by substituting the word "twenty- five" for the word "thirty" occurring at the end of line 4 thereof.

5. Regulation 29 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended in subregulation (IA) thereof by substituting the word and figure "21 years" for the word and figure " 18 years" occurring therein.

6. Regulation 31 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:- (a) In subregulation (1) thereof, by substituting the word "twenty-one" for the word "eighteen" wherever occurring therein. (added by S.I. 91/1991)

(b) In subregulation (2) thereof, by substituting the expression "under twenty-one years if receiving full time education" for the expression "under eighteen years if receiving full time education" occurring therein (added by S.I. 99/1993).

7. Regulation 33 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:-

(a) By repealing subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of subregulation (1) thereof and replacing it with the following:-

"(i) was under 16 years, or under 21 years if receiving full time education, or".

(b) In paragraph (ii) of the proviso to subregulation (2) thereof, by substituting the expression "twenty-first birthday" for the expression "eighteenth birthday" occurring in

line 5 thereof (added by S.I. 9111991).

8. Regulation 41 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:-

(a) In subregulation (3) thereof, by substituting the expression "eight weeks" for the expression "five weeks" occurring therein (added by S.I. 9111991).

(b) In subregulation (7) thereof, by substituting the expression and symbols "(Sunday being disregarded)" for the expression and symbols "(including Sundays)" occurring in line 4 thereof.

9. Regulation 53 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:-

(a) By repealing paragraph (a) of subregulation thereof and replacing it with the following:-

"(a) was pregnant by the relevant person or had the care of a child of his under sixteen years, or under twenty- one years if receiving full time education, and she shall be entitled as long as she is so pregnant or has the care of such child as aforesaid;"

(b) In subregulation (2) thereof by substituting the expression "under twenty-one years if receiving full time education" for the expression "under eighteen years if receiving full time education" occurring therein (added by S.I. 99/1993).

10. Regulation 61 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended in subregulation (3)

(a) thereof by adding the expression "and sickness benefit" immediately after the expressions "retirement benefit" occurring at the end thereof.

11. Paragraph 3 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations (captioned "Rate of disablement pension") is hereby amended by adding the following proviso immediately after subparagraph (b) thereof.--

"Provided that the minimum weekly rate of (disablement pension in the circumstances described under subparagraphs (a) and (b) above shall not be less than thirty-five dollars".

12. These Regulations shall come into force on signature.

MADE by the Minister of Finance this 6th day of August, 1998.

(MANUEL ESQUIVEL)

Minister of Finance

Minister responsible for Social Security