

BELIZE:

**SOCIAL SECURITY (BENEFIT) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2019**

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 7 of 2019

REGULATIONS made by the Minister responsible for social security in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 12, 14, 15, and 64 of the Social Security Act, Chapter 44 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 12th January, 2019)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

SOCIAL SECURITY (BENEFIT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2019,

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

Citation.

Sub. Leg, 1991 Edn. CAP. 34 p.2 S.I. 99 of 1993 188 of 1994 39 of 1996 70 of 1997 89 of 1998 108 of 1999 131 of 2000 89 of 2011 33 of 2016

2. Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations is amended by -

Amendment of regulation 2.

(a) deleting the meaning of "child" and substituting the following-

""child" means any unmarried person -

(a) below the age of 18; or

(b) below the age of 21 and receiving a fulltime education;” and

(b) inserting in the appropriate alphabetical sequence the following term and corresponding definition-

““child” of the relevant person” means any child, who-

(a) is a biological child of the relevant person; or

(b) at the time of death of the relevant person, is a child of the family of any marriage or common law union of the relevant person, whether or not a biological child of the relevant person;”.

Amendment
of regulation
17.

3. Regulation 17 (2) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the word “thirteen” and substituting the word “twenty-six”.

Amendment
of regulation
18.

4. Regulation 18 of the principal Regulations is amended-

(a) in sub-regulation (1) (b) by -

(i) deleting the phrase “one hundred and ten” and substituting the phrase “two hundred and fifty”; and

(ii) deleting the word “and” at the end of the paragraph and substituting the word “or”; and

(b) by inserting immediately after sub-regulation (2), the following as sub-regulation (3)-

“(3) Upon attaining the age of sixty, an insured person receiving invalidity pension shall continue to receive an invalidity pension for life.”.

5. Regulation 19 of the principal Regulations is repealed.

Repeal of regulation 19.

6. Regulation 20 (4) of the principal Regulations is amended by repealing paragraph (b) and substituting the following -

Amendment of regulation 20.

“(b) shall not exceed a rate of Sixty percent of the average weekly insurable earnings of the insured person.”.

7. Regulations 26 (4) of the principal Regulations is amended by repealing paragraph (b) and substituting the following-

Amendment of regulation 26.

“(b) subject to paragraph (a), shall not exceed a rate of sixty percent of the average weekly insurable earnings of the insured person.”.

8. Regulation 27(1) of the principal Regulations is repealed.

Amendment of regulation 27.

9. Regulation 33 of the principal Regulation is amended -

Amendment of regulation 33.

(a) by repealing sub-regulation (1) and substituting the following-

“(1) A periodical payment (hereafter in

these Regulations referred to as “child’s pension”) shall be payable to or in respect of a child of the relevant person, if at the date of death of the relevant person, that child-

- (a) was living with the relevant person;
- (b) was not living with the relevant person but was wholly or mainly maintained by the relevant person;
- (c) was not living with the relevant person but it is shown to the satisfaction of the Manager that the relevant person was legally obliged or liable to maintain the child; or
- (d) was over 18 years but permanently incapable of self-support and a child’s pension would have been payable to or in respect of that child had that child been under 18 years.”; and

(b) in sub-regulation (2) by-

- (i) deleting the word “sixteenth” and substituting “eighteenth”; and
- (ii) deleting the word “sixteen” and substituting “eighteen”.

Amendment
of regulation
61.

10. Regulation 61(1) of the principal regulation is amended by repealing paragraph (c).

Negative
Resolution.

11. These Regulations are subject to negative resolution.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Social Security this 10th day of January, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dean O. Barrow', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

(RT. HON. DEAN O. BARROW)
Prime Minister
(Minister responsible for Social Security)