

## COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS No. 34 OF 1996

### REGULATIONS

MADE by the Minister under section 26 of the Social Security Act,  
(Chap. 31:01).

(Gazetted 27th June, 1996.)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the –

Short title.

**SOCIAL SECURITY (BENEFIT)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1996.**

2. In these Regulations the Social Security (Benefit) Regulations is referred to as “the Principal Regulations”.

Interpretation.  
S.R.O. No. 10 of  
1976.

3. Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations is amended by –

Amendment of  
regulation 2 of the  
Principal Regula-  
tions.

(a) inserting the following between the definition of “the deceased” and “Director”:

““dependant child” –

(i) includes a child not born in lawful wedlock,  
and

(ii) means a child as defined in section 3 of the  
Maintenance Act in respect of the provision  
of reasonable maintenance;” and

Ch. 35:61.

(b) replacing the definition of “weekly insurable earnings”  
with the following:

““weekly insurable earnings” means –

(i) the weekly earnings to the nearest dollar of  
an employee such earning not exceeding  
1,155 dollars per week, or

(ii) the monthly earnings to the nearest dollar of  
an employee such earnings not exceeding  
5,000 dollars per month.”.

Repeal and replacement of regulation 4 of the Principal Regulations.

4. Regulation 4 of the Principal Regulations is repealed and replaced as follows:

"Entitlement to benefit.

4. (1) An insured person who is eligible for sickness benefit shall be entitled to receive such benefit only if the continuous period of incapacity for work lasted at least a minimum of four days.
- (2) In computing the four days referred to in subregulation (1) Sundays shall be excluded.
- (3) In computing payments in respect of sickness benefits time runs from the first day of the continuous period of incapacity for work.
- (4) No insured person shall be entitled to sickness benefit on or after attaining the age of sixty years."

Amendment of regulation 17 of the Principal Regulations.

5. Regulation 17 subregulation (2) is amended by deleting the sign and figure "\$200.00" and replacing it with the sign and figure "\$250.00".

Amendment of regulation 18 of the Principal Regulations.

6. Regulation 18 is amended by –

- (i) renumbering regulation 18 as regulation 18(1), and
- (ii) inserting the following as subregulation (2):

"(2) Subject to these Regulations, a funeral grant shall be payable on the death of the dependant child or spouse of an insured person who at the time of the death of the dependant child or spouse –

- (a) was receiving or satisfied the contribution conditions for –

- (i) age;
- (ii) invalidity;
- (iii) maternity; or
- (iv) sickness,  
benefit, or

(b) was receiving disablement benefit.”.

**7.** Regulation 20 of the Principal Regulations is repealed and replaced as follows:

Repeal and replacement of regulation 20 of the Principal Regulations.

“**20.** The amount of the funeral grant shall be –

- (i) \$1,800 in respect of the death of an insured;
- (ii) \$1,500 in respect of the death of the spouse of an insured, and
- (iii) \$750 in respect of the death of a dependent child of an insured.”.

**8.** Regulation 37 subregulation (1) of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “during any period that she is gainfully employed” and replacing them with the words “during any month in which she earns more than \$2,000.”.

Amendment of regulation 37 of the Principal Regulations.

**9.** Regulation 40 subregulation (5) is amended by deleting the figure “35” and replacing it with the figure “50”.

Amendment of regulation 40 of the Principal Regulations.

**10.** Regulation 47 of the Principal Regulations is amended by –

Amendment of regulation 47 of the Principal Regulations.

(a) replacing subregulation (1) with the following:

“(1) Subject to subregulation (2) an insured person who is eligible for injury benefit shall be entitled to receive such benefit only if the continuous period of incapacity for work resulting from the injury lasted at least a minimum of four days.”;

(b) replacing subregulation (2) with the following:

“(2) Subject to subregulations (3) and (4), for the purposes of computing the four days referred to in subregulation (1) Sundays shall be excluded.”;

(c) inserting the following as subregulation (3):

“(3) In computing payments in respect of injury benefits time runs from the first day of the period of incapacity for work.”; and

(d) renumbering subregulations “(3)”, “(4)”, “(5)” and “(6)” as “(4)”, “(5)”, “(6)” and “(7)”.

Amendment of  
regulation 59 of the  
Principal Regula-  
tions.

**11.** Regulation 59 of the Principal Regulations is amended by replacing paragraph (a) with the following:

“(a) where the deceased was a man, his widow, if she was wholly or mainly maintained by him at the time of death, for life, except in respect of any month in which she earns more than \$2,000.”.

Commencement.

**12.** These Regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of June, 1995.

Made this 19th day of June, 1996.

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and Social Security.*

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