

COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS NO. 9 OF 2007

REGULATIONS

Made by the Minister under section 28 of the Social Security Act, (Chap. 31:01).

(Gazetted 1st March, 2007.)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the – Short title.

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(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2007**

2. In these Regulations the Social Security (Benefit) Regulations is referred to as the “Principal Regulations”. Interpretation.
S.R.O. No. 10 of 1996.

3. Regulation 20 of the Principal Regulations is repealed and replaced by the following: Repeal and replacement
of Regulation 20.

“20. (1) The amount of the funeral grant is –

- (a) \$2000 in respect of the death of an insured;
- (b) \$1680 in respect of the death of a spouse of an insured;
- (c) \$840 in respect of the death of a dependant child of an insured.

(2) Grants payable under subregulation (1) paragraph (a) shall be increased by \$200 every three years.

(3) Grants payable under subregulation (1) paragraphs (b) and (c) shall be increased every three years by the percentage by which grants under subregulation (1) paragraph (a) increase.”

Amendment of
Regulation 22.

4. Regulation 22 of the Principal Regulations is amended by repealing subregulation (3) and replacing it with the following-

“(3) The annual rate of pensions shall be thirty per cent of the average annual insurable earnings supplemented by one per cent of such average annual insurable earnings for each unit of fifty contributions actually paid in respect of or credited to the insured person, subsequent to the first five hundred of such contributions; but in no case shall invalidity pension exceed sixty per cent of the average annual insurable earnings.”

Amendment of
Regulation 30.

5. Regulation 30 of the Principal Regulations is amended by-

(a) repealing and replacing subregulation (1) with the following -

“(1) The annual rate of pensions shall be thirty per cent of the average annual insurable earnings supplemented by one per cent of such average annual insurable earnings for each unit of fifty contributions actually paid in respect of or credited to the insured person, subsequent to the first five hundred of such contributions; but in no case shall age pension exceed sixty per cent of the average annual insurable earnings.”

(b) inserting the following new subregulation (4) -

“(4) Notwithstanding subregulation (1) the minimum rates of pension payable to persons under regulations 22 and 29 is thirty five dollars weekly.”

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6. Regulation 40 of the Principal Regulations is amended by -

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Regulation 40.

(a) replacing subregulation (2) with the following -

“2(a) The rate of survivor’s pension payable in respect of each child is one quarter of the maximum pension available for payment to survivors.

(b) Where there are more than two children eligible to a survivor’s pension the rate of pension payable to each child is the amount obtained from dividing the pension available by the number of eligible children.

(c) Where the rate obtained under paragraph (b) is less than fifty dollars monthly, a committee approved by the Board shall decide which of the children will be awarded the pension.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the rate of survivor’s pension payable to a child who is an orphan or an invalid is one-third of the maximum pension available.”.

(b) replacing subregulation (5) with the following –

“(5) Notwithstanding any Regulation to the contrary pension payable to a child or spouse shall not be less than fifty dollars monthly and twenty-five dollars weekly, respectively.”

7. Regulation 63 of the Principal Regulations is amended in subregulation (2) by –

Amendment of
Regulation 63.

(a) renumbering paragraphs (f) and (g) as (g) and (h) respectively; and

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(b) inserting the following new paragraph (f) –

“(f) Where a person is eligible for both age pension and survivor’s pension he shall be paid the benefit payable at the higher rate and 50% of the benefit payable at the lower rate;”.

8. These Regulations shall come into force on the first day of the month succeeding the month in which they are made.

Made this 28th day of February, 2007.

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