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**SOCIAL SECURITY (BENEFIT) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2024**

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 71 of 2024

REGULATIONS made by the Minister responsible for Social Security 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 44 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 1st May, 2024)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

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

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2. Regulation 32 of the principal Regulations is repealed and replaced with the following–

Repeal and
replacement of
regulation 32.

“Entitlement
to widower’s
pension.

32.–(1) The widower of the relevant person shall be entitled to a periodical payment (hereinafter in these Regulations referred to as a “widower’s pension”), if at the date of death of the relevant person, the widower–

- (a) has the care of a child of the relevant person under eighteen years or under twenty-one years, if receiving full-time education and he shall be so entitled, so long as he has the

care of such child under eighteen years or under twenty-one years, if receiving full-time education; or

(b) has been married to the relevant person for not less than three years, and the widower was—

(i) over the age of fifty, in which case the pension shall be payable for life; or

(ii) permanently incapable of self-support and wholly dependent on such person, in which case the pension shall be payable as long as the widower is so incapable.

(2) A widower who at the date of the relevant person's death was entitled to receive a pension in accordance with sub-regulation (1)(a) shall be entitled to receive that pension for life if, on attaining the age of fifty years, he still has the care of such child or children under eighteen years or under twenty-one years, if receiving full time education.

(3) A widower who at the date of the relevant person's death was not entitled to receive a pension under sub-regulation (1), shall receive a pension for a period of fifty-two weeks, at the same rate as the pension, to which he would have been entitled had he satisfied those conditions.

(4) A widower's pension shall cease if the widower remarries or would be deemed to

have remarried under the provisions of regulation 63.”.

3. Regulation 54 of the principal Regulations is repealed and replaced with the following—

Repeal and replacement of regulation 54.

“Entitlement to widower’s death benefit.

54.—(1) Subject to sub-regulation (4), the widower of the relevant person shall be entitled to death benefit (hereafter in these Regulation referred to “widower’s death benefit”), if at the date of death of such person the widower—

- (a) had the care of a child or children of the relevant person under eighteen years or under twenty-one years, if receiving full-time education, and he shall be entitled as long as he has the care of such child or children as aforesaid;
- (b) was over fifty years, in which case the benefit shall be payable for life; or
- (c) was permanently incapable of self-support and wholly dependent on the relevant person in which case the benefit shall be payable as long as he remains so incapable.

(2) A widower who at the date of the relevant person’s death is entitled to receive a benefit in accordance with sub-regulation (1)(a) shall, subject to sub-regulations (4), be entitled to receive such benefit for life if, on attaining the age of fifty years, he still has the care of such child under eighteen years, or under twenty-one years if receiving full time education.

(3) A widower who at the date of the relevant person's death is not entitled to benefit under sub-regulation (1) shall receive widower's death benefit for a period of fifty-two weeks at the same rate as the benefit to which he would have been entitled had he satisfied those conditions.

(4) Widower's death benefit shall cease if the widower remarries or is to be treated as having remarried in accordance with the provisions of regulation 63(6).”.

4. These Regulations are subject to negative resolution.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Social Security this 25th day of April 2024.



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Economic Development and Investment,
Blue Economy and Civil Aviation and Immigration
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