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The Minister for Social and Family Affairs, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 28 (inserted by section 20 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2002 (No. 9 of 2002)) of the Housing (Private Rented Dwellings) Act, 1982 (No. 6 of 1982) and sections 4(2) and 4(3) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 (No. 26 of 2005), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and Construction.

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Welfare (Rent Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations 2007.

(2) These Regulations and the Social Welfare (Rent Allowance) Regulations 1998 to 2006 shall be construed together as one and may be cited as the Social Welfare (Rent Allowance) Regulations 1998 to 2007.

Commencement.

2. These Regulations come into operation on 3 January 2008.

Definition.

3. In these Regulations “the Principal Regulations” means the Social Welfare (Rent Allowance) Regulations 1998 (S.I. No. 188 of 1998).

Amount of rent allowance.

4. Article 7 of the Principal Regulations is amended by the substitution for sub articles (1) and (2) (as amended by article 4 of the Social Welfare (Rent Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 693 of 2006)) of the following sub articles:

“(1) An allowance, in the case of

(a) a married person whose weekly means do not exceed €423.30, or

(b) any other person whose weekly means do not exceed €223.30,

shall be a weekly amount equal to the amount by which the rent (calculated as a weekly rent) fixed by a Court, or by the Tribunal, or by a rent officer on or after the 25th day of July, 2002 exceeds the rent so calculated payable prior to that date,

Provided that where the rent so calculated payable prior to that date was less than €13, the allowance shall be the amount by which the rent so calculated fixed by a Court, or by the Tribunal, or by a rent officer exceeds €13.

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(2) An allowance, in the case of persons whose weekly means exceed the amounts specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of sub article (1), as the case may be, shall be the amount of allowance that would arise if the provisions of sub article (1) applied, reduced

(a) in the case of a married person, by 50 cent for each €1 of weekly means in excess of €423.30, but not exceeding €623.30, and by €1 for each €1 of weekly means in excess of €623.30, and

(b) in any other case, by 50 cent for each €1 of weekly means in excess of €223.30, but not exceeding €423.30, and by €1 for each €1 of weekly means in excess of €423.30.”



GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for Social and Family Affairs,
21 December 2007

MARTIN CULLEN
Minister for Social and Family Affairs.

The Minister for Finance hereby consents to the making of the foregoing Regulations.



GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for Finance,
21 December 2007

BRIAN COWEN
Minister for Finance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

These Regulations provide for increases in the amount of means disregarded for people affected by the decontrol of rents and the minimum rent for the purposes of the Rent Allowance scheme with effect from January 2008.

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