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The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

PART 3

INCOME SUPPORT AND HOUSING BENEFIT

Applicable amounts for income support

16.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Income Support Regulations⁽¹⁾ shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 2 to 4 to this Order; and for this purpose a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the Income Support Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In—

(a) regulations 17(1)(b), 18(1)(c) and 21(1); and

(b) paragraphs 13A(2)(a) and 14(2)(a) of Part III of Schedule 2(2),

the sum specified is in each case £3,000.

(3) The sums specified in Part I of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 2 to this Order.

(4) In paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 2(3) (applicable amounts: family premium) the sum of £17·45, in both places, remains the same.

(5) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts: weekly amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 3 to this Order.

(6) In paragraph 18 of Schedule 3(4) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) for “£91·15” and “£14·15” substitute “£93·80” and “£14·55” respectively; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2)—

(i) in head (a) for “£128·00” substitute “£129·00”,

(ii) in head (b) for “£128·00”, “£188·00” and “£32·45” substitute “£129·00”, “£189·00” and “£33·40” respectively,

(1) See [S.R. 2003 No. 195](#) which omits provisions relating to children and young persons and makes transitional arrangements in connection with the introduction of child tax credit

(2) Paragraph 13A was inserted by regulation 2(c)(ii) of [S.R. 2000 No. 367](#) and sub-paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 2(7)(f) of [S.R. 2007 No. 154](#) and paragraph 14 was substituted by regulation 2(7)(g) of [S.R. 2007 No. 154](#) and amended by regulation 3(6)(b) of [S.R. 2011 No. 135](#)

(3) Paragraph 3 was amended by regulation 18 of [S.R. 1988 No. 318](#), regulation 5(4)(a) of [S.R. 1996 No. 288](#), regulation 8 of [S.R. 1998 No. 112](#) and Article 16(4) of [S.R. 2014 No. 78](#)

(4) Schedule 3 was substituted by Schedule 1 to [S.R. 1995 No. 301](#) and paragraph 18(1) and (2) was amended by regulation 2(3)(j) of [S.R. 1995 No. 434](#), regulation 3 of [S.R. 1997 No. 3](#), Article 7(2) of [S.R. 1999 No. 472 \(C. 36\)](#), regulation 4(b) of [S.R. 2004 No. 394](#) and Article 16(6) of [S.R. 2014 No. 78](#)

- (iii) in head (c) for “£188·00”, “£245·00” and “£44·55” substitute “£189·00”, “£246·00” and “£45·85” respectively,
- (iv) in head (d) for “£245·00”, “£326·00” and “£72·95” substitute “£246·00”, “£328·00” and “£75·05” respectively, and
- (v) in head (e) for “£326·00”, “£406·00” and “£83·05” substitute “£328·00”, “£408·00” and “£85·45” respectively.

(7) The sums specified in any provision of the Income Support Regulations set out in column (1) of Schedule 4 to this Order are the sums set out in column (2) of that Schedule.

Income support transitional protection

17. The sums which are special transitional additions to income support payable in accordance with regulation 15 of the Income Support (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987⁽⁵⁾ shall be increased by 1·2 per cent.

Relevant sum for income support

18. In section 125(7) of the Contributions and Benefits Act⁽⁶⁾ (trade disputes) for “£40·00” substitute “£40·50”.

Housing benefit

19.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Housing Benefit Regulations shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 5 and 6 to this Order; and for this purpose a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the Housing Benefit Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In regulation 24(3) (calculation of income on a weekly basis) the sums of £175·00 and £300·00 remain the same.

(3) In regulation 72(7) (non-dependant deductions)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) for “£91·15” and “£14·15” substitute “£93·80” and “£14·55” respectively; and
- (b) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£128·00” substitute “£129·00”,
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£128·00”, “£188·00” and “£32·45” substitute “£129·00”, “£189·00” and “£33·40” respectively,
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£188·00”, “£245·00” and “£44·55” substitute “£189·00”, “£246·00” and “£45·85” respectively,
 - (iv) in sub-paragraph (d) for “£245·00”, “£326·00” and “£72·95” substitute “£246·00”, “£328·00” and “£75·05” respectively, and
 - (v) in sub-paragraph (e) for “£326·00”, “£406·00” and “£83·05” substitute “£328·00”, “£408·00” and “£85·45” respectively.

(4) In Schedule 1⁽⁸⁾ (ineligible service charges)—

⁽⁵⁾ S.R. 1987 No. 460; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1988 Nos. 132 and 153, S.R. 1989 No. 371 and S.R. 1991 No. 341

⁽⁶⁾ Section 125(7) was amended by Article 18 of S.R. 2014 No. 78

⁽⁷⁾ Regulation 72(1) and (2) was amended by Article 20(3) of S.R. 2012 No. 116 and Article 19(3) of S.R. 2014 No. 78

⁽⁸⁾ Paragraphs 2 and (6)2) were amended by Article 19(4) of S.R. 2014 No. 78

- (a) in paragraph 2 for “£26·55”, “£26·55”, “£13·45”, “£17·65”, “£17·65”, “£8·90” and “£3·25” substitute “£26·85”, “£26·85”, “£13·60”, “£17·85”, “£17·85”, “£9·00” and “£3·30” respectively; and
 - (b) in paragraph 6(2) for “£27·55”, “£3·20”, “£2·20” and “£3·20” substitute “£28·80”, “£3·35”, “£2·30” and “£3·35” respectively.
- (5) The sums specified in Part I of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 5 to this Order.
- (6) In paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 4(9) (applicable amounts: family premium) the sums of £22·20 and £17·45 remain the same.
- (7) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 6 to this Order.
- (8) In Part VI of Schedule 4(10) (amount of components)—
- (a) in paragraph 25 for “£28·75” substitute “£29·05”; and
 - (b) in paragraph 26 for “£35·75” substitute “£36·20”.
- (9) In paragraph 17(1) and (3)(c) of Schedule 5(11) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of earnings) the sum of £17·10 remains the same.
- (10) In paragraph 58 of Schedule 6(12) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) the sum of £17·10 remains the same.

Housing benefit for certain persons over the qualifying age for state pension credit

20.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 7 and 8 to this Order; and for this purpose a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In regulation 28(3) (calculation of income on a weekly basis) the sums of £175·00 and £300·00 remain the same.

(3) In regulation 53(13) (non-dependant deductions)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) for “£91·15 and “£14·15” substitute “£93·80” and “£14·55” respectively; and
- (b) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£128·00” substitute “£129·00”,
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£128·00”, “£188·00” and “£32·45” substitute “£129·00”, “£189·00” and “£33·40” respectively,
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£188·00”, “£245·00” and “£44·55” substitute “£189·00”, “£246·00” and “£45·85” respectively,
 - (iv) in sub-paragraph (d) for “£245·00”, “£326·00” and “£72·95” substitute “£246·00”, “£328·00” and “£75·05” respectively, and
 - (v) in sub-paragraph (e) for “£326·00”, “£406·00” and “£83·05” substitute “£328·00”, “£408·00” and “£85·45” respectively.

(4) In Schedule 1 (ineligible service charges)—

(9) Paragraph 3(1) was amended by regulation 19(7)(a) of [S.R. 2011 No. 357](#) and Article 19(6) of [S.R. 2014 No. 78](#)
(10) Part VI was added by regulation 3(17)(d) of [S.R. 2008 No. 378](#) and amended by Article 19(8) of [S.R. 2014 No. 78](#)
(11) Paragraph 17(1) and (3)(c) was amended by regulation 2(6)(b) of [S.R. 2009 No. 382](#) and Article 19(9) of [S.R. 2014 No. 78](#)
(12) Paragraph 58 was amended by Article 19(10) of [S.R. 2014 No. 78](#)
(13) Regulation 53(1) and (2) was amended by Article 21(3) of [S.R. 2012 No. 116](#) and Article 20(3) of [S.R. 2014 No. 78](#)

- (a) in paragraph 2(**14**) for “£26·55”, “£26·55”, “£13·45”, “£17·65”, “£17·65”, “£8·90” and “£3·25” substitute “£26·85”, “£26·85”, “£13·60”, “£17·85”, “£17·85”, “£9·00” and “£3·30” respectively; and
- (b) in paragraph 6(2) for “£27·55”, “£3·20”, “£2·20” and “£3·20” substitute “£28·80”, “£3·35”, “£2·30” and “£3·35” respectively.

(5) The sums specified in Part I of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 7 to this Order.

(6) In paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 4(**15**) (applicable amounts: family premium) the sum of £17·45 remains the same.

(7) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: amounts of premiums specified in Part III) shall be as set out in Schedule 8 to this Order.

(8) In paragraph 9(1) and (3)(c) of Schedule 5(**16**) (sums disregarded from claimant’s earnings) the sum of £17·10 remains the same.

(9) In paragraph 22 of Schedule 6(**17**) (amounts to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) the sum of £17·10 remains the same.

(14) Paragraphs 2 and 6(2) were amended by Article 20(4) of [S.R. 2014 No. 78](#)

(15) Paragraph 3(1) was amended by Article 20(6) of [S.R. 2014 No. 78](#)

(16) Paragraph 9 was amended by Article 20(8) of [S.R. 2014 No. 78](#)

(17) Paragraph 22 was amended by regulation 6(6)(d) of [S.R. 2008 No. 498](#) and Article 20(9) of [S.R. 2014 No. 78](#)