

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 216

The Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

PART 4

ELEMENTS OF AN AWARD

General

Amounts of elements

38.—(1) The amounts of the standard allowance, the child element, the [^{F1}LCWRA element] and the carer element (which are all fixed amounts) and the maximum amounts of the childcare costs element are given in the following table.

(2) The amount of the housing costs element is dealt with in regulation 27.

(3) In the case of an award where the claimant is a member of a couple, but claims as a single person, the amounts are those shown in the table for a single claimant.

<i>[^{F2}Element</i>	<i>Amount for each assessment period</i>
<i>Standard allowance—</i>	
<i>single claimant aged under 25</i>	£311.68
<i>single claimant aged 25 or over</i>	£393.45
<i>joint claimants both aged under 25</i>	£489.23
<i>joint claimants where either is aged 25 or over</i>	£617.60
<i>Child element—</i>	
first child or qualifying young person	£333.33
second and each subsequent child or qualifying young person	£287.92
<i>Additional amount for disabled child or qualifying young person—</i>	
lower rate	£156.11
higher rate	£487.58
<i>LCW and LCWRA elements—</i>	
limited capability for work	£156.11
limited capability for work and work-related activity	£416.19
<i>Carer element.</i>	£198.31
<i>Childcare costs element—</i>	
maximum amount for one child	£1,014.63

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016, Cross Heading: General. (See end of Document for details)

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<i>Standard allowance—</i>	
<i>single claimant aged under 25</i>	£311.68
<i>single claimant aged 25 or over</i>	£393.45
<i>joint claimants both aged under 25</i>	£489.23
<i>joint claimants where either is aged 25 or over</i>	£617.60
<i>maximum amount for two or more children</i>	£1,739.37]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 38(1) substituted (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1(2) of the amending Rule) by [The Universal Credit \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional and Savings Provisions\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2017 \(S.R. 2017/146\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(6)(a)**
- F2** Sum in [Reg. 38 Table](#) substituted (coming into force in accordance with of the amending Rule) by [The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2024 \(S.R. 2024/73\)](#), **Sch. 13 art. 32(2)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sums in reg. 38 Table amended (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(1)(o) of the amending Rule) by [The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/40\)](#), arts. 1(1)(o), 33(2), **Sch. 13**
- C2** Reg. 38 modified (temp.) (6.4.2021) by [The Universal Credit \(Extension of Coronavirus Measures\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/67\)](#), regs. 1, **2(1)**
- C3** Sums in reg. 38 Table amended (coming into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(p) of the amending Rule) by [The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/82\)](#), arts. 1(1)(p), **33(2)**, **Sch. 13**
- C4** [Reg. 38](#): sum amended (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(1)(p) of the amending Rule) by [The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2023 \(S.R. 2023/43\)](#), **art. 33(2)**
- C5** [Reg. 38](#): sum modified (26.9.2023) by [The Social Security Benefits Up-rating \(No. 3\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2023 \(S.R. 2023/150\)](#), arts. 1, 32(2), **Sch. 13**

Run-on after a death

39. In calculating the maximum amount of an award where any of the following persons has died—

- in the case of a joint award, one member of the couple,
- a child or qualifying young person for whom a claimant was responsible,
- in the case of a claimant who had regular and substantial caring responsibilities for a severely disabled person, that person, or
- a person who was a non dependant within the meaning of paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4,

the award is to continue to be calculated as if the person had not died for the assessment period in which the death occurs and the following two assessment periods.

Changes to legislation:

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