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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2018 No. 56**

**The Social Security (2017 Benefits Up-rating) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018**

**PART 1**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Social Security (2017 Benefits Up-rating) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 and shall come into operation on 24th March 2018.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the Administration Act” means the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

“the Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(1);

“the Pensions Act” means the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015(2);

“the Pension Schemes Act” means the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(3);

“the Computation of Earnings Regulations” means the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(4);

“the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008” means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(5);

“the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016” means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(6);

“the Housing Benefit Regulations” means the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(7);

“the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(8);

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(1) 1992 c. 7

(2) 2015 c. 5 (N.I.)

(3) 1993 c. 49

(4) S.R. 1996 No. 520

(5) S.R. 2008 No. 280; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2008 Nos. 413 and 503, S.R. 2010 No. 340, S.R. 2015 No. 124 and S.R. 2016 Nos. 44 and 110

(6) S.R. 2016 No. 219

(7) S.R. 2006 No. 405; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2008 No. 378, S.R. 2009 No. 382, S.R. 2011 Nos. 136 and 357, S.R. 2012 No. 116, S.R. 2015 No. 124 and S.R. 2016 Nos. 110, 310 and 326

(8) S.R. 2006 No. 406; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2008 No. 498, S.R. 2012 No. 116, S.R. 2015 No. 124 and S.R. 2016 Nos. 110 and 310

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987<sup>(9)</sup>;

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996<sup>(10)</sup>;

“the State Pension Credit Regulations” means the State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003<sup>(11)</sup>; and

“the Universal Credit Regulations” means the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016<sup>(12)</sup>.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>(13)</sup> shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(3) For the purposes of this Order and notwithstanding section 39(2) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954, where a period of time is expressed to begin on, or to be reckoned from, a particular day, that day shall be included in the period.

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(9) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1988 Nos. 146 and 318, S.R. 1990 Nos. 131 and 346, S.R. 1993 No. 373, S.R. 1994 No. 77, S.R. 1995 Nos. 301 and 434, S.R. 1996 Nos. 199, 288, 449 and 476, S.R. 1997 No. 3, S.R. 1998 No. 112, S.R. 1999 Nos. 371 (C. 28), 382 and 472 (C. 36), S.R. 2000 Nos. 4, 71 and 367, S.R. 2001 No. 406, S.R. 2002 Nos. 132 and 323, S.R. 2003 Nos. 191 and 195, S.R. 2004 Nos. 394 and 461, S.R. 2006 No. 128, S.R. 2007 Nos. 154 and 396, S.R. 2008 No. 503, S.R. 2010 Nos. 58 and 340, S.R. 2011 No. 135, S.R. 2015 No. 124 and S.R. 2016 Nos. 44, 110 and 228

(10) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1996 Nos. 288, 356, 358 and 476, S.R. 1997 No. 3, S.R. 1998 No. 112, S.R. 1999 Nos. 382 and 428 (C. 32), S.R. 2000 Nos. 71, 350 and 367, S.R. 2001 Nos. 120 and 406, S.R. 2002 No. 323, S.R. 2003 Nos. 195 and 267, S.R. 2004 Nos. 394 and 461, S.R. 2006 No. 128, S.R. 2007 No. 154, S.R. 2008 No. 503, S.R. 2010 Nos. 69, 103 and 340, S.R. 2011 No. 135, S.I. 2013/3021, S.R. 2015 No. 124 and S.R. 2016 Nos. 44 and 110

(11) S.R. 2003 No. 28; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2004 Nos. 394 and 461, S.R. 2005 No. 580, S.R. 2006 Nos. 97 and 359, S.R. 2007 No. 396, S.R. 2008 No. 503, S.R. 2010 No. 340, S.R. 2015 No. 124 and S.R. 2016 Nos. 92 and 110

(12) S.R. 2016 No. 216; relevant amending Rules are S.I. 2016/999 (N.I. 1), S.R. 2016 No. 226 and S.R. 2017 Nos. 79 and 146

(13) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)