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The Social Security Benefits Up-
rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2020

Made - - - - 20th March 2020

Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1

Approved by resolution of the Assembly on 16th June 2020

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 132, 132A, 132B and 165(1), (4) and (5) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992⁽¹⁾ and now vested in the Department for Communities⁽²⁾.

The Secretary of State has made an Order⁽³⁾ under sections 150, 150A, 151, 151A and 189(1), (4) and (5) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992⁽⁴⁾.

Accordingly, the Department for Communities makes the following Order:

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Citation, commencement and effect

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2020, and subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), shall come into operation for the purposes of—

- (a) this Article and Articles 2 and 7 on 1st April 2020;
- (b) Article 3—

(1) 1992 c. 8; section 132 was amended by paragraph 41 of Schedule 7 to the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 (c. 49), paragraph 9 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21), section 3 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2012 (c. 3 (N.I.)), regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2012 No. 120 and paragraph 55 of Schedule 13 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5 (N.I.)), section 132A was inserted by section 5(1) of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 1 (N.I.)), section 132B was inserted by paragraph 17 of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 and section 165(1) was amended by paragraph 49(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/671) and section 18(5) of the National Insurance Contributions Act 2014 (c. 7)

(2) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481 and section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.))

(3) S.I. 2020/234

(4) 1992 c. 5

- (i) in so far as it relates to any increase to which Article 7(9)(b) applies, on 1st April 2020, and
- (ii) for all other purposes on 6th April 2020;
- (c) Articles 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19 and 20, on 6th April 2020;
- (d) Article 8, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 1st April 2020, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Computation of Earnings Regulations;
- (e) Article 10, on 5th April 2020, except for the purpose of determining the rate of maternity allowance in accordance with section 35A(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act⁽⁵⁾ (appropriate weekly rate of maternity allowance under section 35), for which purpose it shall come into operation on 6th April 2020;
- (f) Article 11, on 5th April 2020;
- (g) Articles 17 and 18, on 9th April 2020;
- (h) Articles 21, 22 and 23, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2020, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (i) Articles 24 and 25, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 6th April 2020, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2020;
- (j) Articles 26, 27 and 28, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2020, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996;
- (k) Article 29, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2020, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 2016;
- (l) Article 30, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2020, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the State Pension Credit Regulations;
- (m) Article 31, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2020, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008;
- (n) Article 32, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2020, and for the purposes of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016;
- (o) Article 33, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first assessment period to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2020, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “assessment period” has the same meaning as in Article 12(2) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015⁽⁶⁾; and

⁽⁵⁾ Section 35A was inserted by Article 50(3) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11)) and amended by regulation 2(4) of S.R. 2014 No. 102 and subsection (1) was substituted by section 4(1)(a) of the Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 10 (N.I.))

⁽⁶⁾ S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1)

(p) Article 34, on 5th May 2020.

(2) In so far as Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 29 and 32 relate to a beneficiary in favour of whom an award of universal credit is in force, those Articles shall come into operation for the purposes of determining the beneficiary's unearned income in relation to that award on the same day as Article 33 comes into operation for that beneficiary.

(3) The changes made in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefits in—

(a) Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14; and

(b) Article 26(b), in so far as that sum is relevant for the purposes of establishing whether the rate of any benefit is not to be increased in respect of an adult dependant because the earnings of the dependant exceed a specified amount,

shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in Article 7.

Commencement Information

II Art. 1 in operation at 1.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(a\)](#)

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(7);

“the Pensions Act” means the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015(8);

“the Pension Schemes Act” means the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(9);

“the Computation of Earnings Regulations” means the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(10);

“the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008” means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(11);

“the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016” means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(12);

“the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017” means the Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Amendments and Transitional and Savings Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017(13);

“the Great Britain Up-rating Order” means the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2020(14);

“the Housing Benefit Regulations” means the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(15);

(7) 1992 c. 7

(8) 2015 c. 5 (N.I.)

(9) 1993 c. 49

(10) S.R. 1996 No. 520

(11) S.R. 2008 No. 280; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2008 Nos. 413 and 503, S.R. 2010 No. 312, S.R. 2017 Nos. 51 and 148 and S.R. 2019 No. 188

(12) S.R. 2016 No. 219; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2017 No. 51 and S.R. 2019 No. 188

(13) S.R. 2017 No. 51; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2017 No. 148

(14) S.I. 2020/234

(15) 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. 2016 Nos. 236 and 310, S.R. 2017 No. 51 and S.R. 2019 No. 188

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“the Housing Benefit (Abolition of the Family Premium and date of claim) Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (Abolition of the Family Premium and date of claim) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(16);

“the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(17);

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(18);

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(19);

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 2016” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(20)

“the Loans for Mortgage Interest Regulations” means the Loans for Mortgage Interest Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017(21);

“the State Pension Credit Regulations” means the State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(22); and

“the Universal Credit Regulations” means the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(23).

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(24) 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.

Commencement Information

I2 Art. 2 in operation at 1.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(a\)](#)

(16) S.R. 2016 No. 310

(17) S.R. 2006 No. 406; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2008 No. 498, S.R. 2016 Nos. 236 and 310, S.R. 2017 No. 242 and S.R. 2019 No. 188

(18) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1988 Nos. 146 and 318, S.R. 1990 No. 346, S.R. 1993 No. 373, S.R. 1994 No. 77, S.R. 1995 Nos. 301 and 434, S.R. 1996 Nos. 199, 288 and 449, S.R. 1997 No. 3, S.R. 1998 No. 112, S.R. 1999 No. 472 (C. 36), S.R. 2000 No. 367, S.R. 2002 Nos. 132 and 323, S.R. 2003 Nos. 191 and 195, S.R. 2004 No. 394, S.R. 2007 No. 154, S.R. 2008 No. 503, S.R. 2011 No. 135, S.I. 2013/3021, S.R. 2016 No. 228, S.R. 2018 No. 37 and S.R. 2019 No. 188. See also regulation 4 of S.R. 2017 No. 79

(19) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1996 No. 288, S.R. 1997 No. 3, S.R. 1998 No. 112, S.R. 1999 No. 428 (C. 32), S.R. 2000 Nos. 350 and 367, S.R. 2001 No. 120, S.R. 2002 No. 323, S.R. 2003 Nos. 195 and 267, S.R. 2004 No. 394, S.R. 2007 No. 154, S.R. 2008 No. 503, S.R. 2010 No. 103, S.R. 2011 No. 135, S.I. 2013/3021, S.R. 2015 No. 124, S.R. 2016 No. 228, S.R. 2017 No. 116, S.R. 2018 No. 187 and S.R. 2019 No. 188. See also regulation 5 of S.R. 2017 No. 79

(20) S.R. 2016 No. 218;

(21) S.R. 2017 No. 176; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2018 No. 37

(22) S.R. 2003 No. 28; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2004 No. 394, S.R. 2006 No. 359, S.R. 2008 No. 503, S.R. 2016 No. 236, S.R. 2018 No. 135 and S.R. 2019 No. 188

(23) S.R. 2016 No. 216; relevant amending Rules are S.I. 2016/999 (N.I. 1), S.R. 2016 No. 226, S.R. 2017 Nos. 79, 146 and 147, S.R. 2018 No. 92 and S.R. 2019 No. 188

(24) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

PART 2

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

Rates or amounts of certain benefits under the Contributions and Benefits Act

3.—(1) From and including the respective dates specified in Article 7, the sums specified in paragraph (2) shall be increased so that Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (rates of benefits, etc.), except paragraph 5 of Part III (guardian’s allowance) of that Schedule, has effect as set out in Schedule 1 to this Order.

(2) The sums mentioned in paragraph (1) are the sums specified in Parts I, III, IV and V of Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act except, in—

- (a) Part III, the sum specified for age addition to a pension of any category, and otherwise under section 79 of that Act;
- (b) Part IV, the sums specified in column (2) (increase for qualifying child); and
- (c) Part V(25), the sums specified for the increase in disablement pension for dependent children and death benefit allowance in respect of children and qualifying young persons.

Commencement Information

13 Art. 3 in operation at 1.4.2020 for specified purposes, see art. 1(1)(b)(i)

14 Art. 3 in operation at 6.4.2020 in so far as not already in operation, see art. 1(1)(b)(ii)

VALID FROM 06/04/2020

Rates or amounts of certain pensions and allowances under the Contributions and Benefits Act

4.—(1) The sums specified in paragraphs (2) to (5) shall be increased from and including the respective dates specified in Article 7.

(2) The sums falling to be calculated under paragraph 13(4) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (calculation of weekly rate of a beneficiary’s retirement allowance) shall be increased by 1.7 per cent.

(3) In section 44(4) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(26) (basic pension of Category A retirement pension)—

- (a) for “£107·65” substitute “£109·50”; and
- (b) for “£129·20” substitute “£134·25”.

(4) It is directed that the sums which are—

- (a) the additional pensions in long-term benefits calculated by reference to any final relevant year earlier than the tax year 2019-20;

(25) Part V was amended by paragraph 41 of Schedule 1 to the Child Benefit Act 2005 (c. 6) and Article 71 of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1))

(26) Section 44(4) was substituted by Article 64 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10)) and amended by S.R. 2019 No. 188

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- (b) the increases in the rates of retirement pensions under Schedule 5 to the Contributions and Benefits Act(27) (pension increase or lump sum where entitlement to retirement pension is deferred);
- (c) lump sums to which surviving spouses or civil partners will become entitled under paragraph 7A of that Schedule on becoming entitled to a Category A or Category B retirement pension (entitlement to lump sum where pensioner's deceased spouse or civil partner has deferred entitlement); and
- (d) payable to a pensioner as part of their Category A or Category B retirement pension by virtue of an order made under section 120 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(28), Article 64 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(29) or section 132 of the Administration Act,

shall in each case be increased by 1.7 per cent.

(5) The sums which are shared additional pensions under section 55A and 55AA of the Contributions and Benefits Act(30), and the sums which are increases in the rates of such pensions under paragraph 2 of Schedule 5A to that Act(31), shall in each case be increased by 1.7 per cent.

Commencement Information

I5 Art. 4 in operation at 6.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(c\)\(2\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2020

Rates or amounts of certain benefits under the Pension Schemes Act

5.—(1) It is directed that the sums specified in paragraph (2) shall be increased from and including the respective dates specified in Article 7.

(2) Sums which are payable by virtue of section 11(1) of the Pension Schemes Act (increase of guaranteed minimum where commencement of guaranteed minimum pension postponed) to a person who is also entitled to a Category A or Category B retirement pension (including sums payable by virtue of section 13(2) and (3) of that Act(32)) shall be increased by 1.7 per cent. where the increase under section 11(1) is attributable to earnings factors for the tax year 1987-88 and earlier tax years(33).

- (27) Schedule 5 was amended by paragraph 36 of Schedule 7 to the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993, paragraphs 6(2) to (4) and 18(12) to (17) of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22)), section 35(1) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4 (N.I.)), paragraphs 2 to 13 of Schedule 9 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/255 (N.I. 1)), paragraph 6 of the Schedule to S.R. 2005 No. 434 and paragraph 19 of Schedule 1 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- (28) 1975 c. 15; section 120 was amended by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/396 (N.I. 5)) and repealed by Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 9)
- (29) S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18); Article 64 was repealed by Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Act 1992
- (30) Section 55A was inserted by paragraph 3 of Schedule 6 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 and amended by section 37(3) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 and paragraph 4 of Schedule 11 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, and section 55AA was inserted by paragraph 5 of Schedule 11 to that Act
- (31) Schedule 5A was inserted by paragraph 14 of Schedule 9 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005
- (32) Section 13(2) was amended by paragraph 5(b) of Schedule 1 to S.R. 2005 No. 433
- (33) See section 132(4) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 as amended by paragraph 41(c) of Schedule 7 to the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993; see also S.R. 2019 No. 25

Commencement Information

16 Art. 5 in operation at 6.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(c\)\(2\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2020

Rates or amounts of certain pensions under Part 1 of the Pensions Act

6.—(1) The sums specified in paragraphs (2) to (4) shall be increased from and including the date specified in Article 7(10).

(2) In regulation 1A of the State Pension Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015⁽³⁴⁾ (full rate of state pension) for “£168.60” substitute “£175.20”.

(3) It is directed that the sums which are increases under section 17 of the Pensions Act in the rates of state pensions under Part 1 of that Act shall be increased by 1·7 per cent.

(4) The amounts which, under—

- (a) section 9 of the Pensions Act, are survivor’s pensions based on inheritance of deferred old state pension;
- (b) paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 2 to the Pensions Act, are the amounts of state pensions under Part 1 of the Pensions Act at the transitional rate which exceed the full rate;
- (c) paragraphs 5(3) and 6 of Schedule 4 to the Pensions Act, are the amounts of survivor’s pensions which either alone or in combination with one or more other pensions under Part 1 of that Act exceed the full rate; and
- (d) paragraphs 5(3) and 6 of Schedule 9 to the Pensions Act, are the amounts of shared state pensions under Part 1 of the Pensions Act which either alone or in combination with one or more other pensions under Part 1 of that Act exceed the full rate,

shall in each case be increased by 1·7 per cent.

(5) For the purpose of this Article, “old state pension” has the same meaning as in section 22 of the Pensions Act.

Commencement Information

17 Art. 6 in operation at 6.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(c\)\(2\)](#)

Dates on which sums specified for rates or amounts of benefits in Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14 are changed by this Order

7.—(1) Paragraph (7), which is subject to the provisions of paragraph (9), and paragraphs (2) to (6), (8), (10) and (11) specify the date on which the changes made by this Order in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit in Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14 shall take effect for each case.

(2) Any increases in the sums mentioned in Articles 3, 4, 12 and 13 for Category A, Category B, Category C and Category D retirement pension and graduated retirement benefit together with, where appropriate, any increases for dependants, shall take effect on 6th April 2020.

(3) The increases in the sums mentioned in Article 5 shall take effect on 6th April 2020.

⁽³⁴⁾ S.R. 2015 No. 315; regulation 1A was inserted by regulation 2 of S.R. 2016 No. 88 and amended by S.R. 2019 No. 188

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(4) Any increases in the sums specified for the rate of—

(i) attendance allowance, and

(ii) carer's allowance (except in a case where the Department has made arrangements for it to be paid on a Wednesday),

shall take effect on 6th April 2020.

(5) Any increases in the sums specified for—

(a) the rate of—

(i) carer's allowance in a case where the Department has made arrangements for it to be paid on a Wednesday,

(ii) disablement benefit,

(iii) maximum disablement gratuity under paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act,

(iv) industrial death benefit by way of widow's and widower's pension, and

(v) the maximum of the aggregate of weekly benefit payable for successive accidents, under section 107(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act; and

(b) any increases in—

(i) the benefits referred to in sub-paragraphs (a)(i), (ii) and (iv) in respect of dependants, and

(ii) disablement pension,

shall take effect on 8th April 2020.

(6) In any case where a person's weekly rate of Category A or Category B retirement pension falls to be increased under the provisions of section 47(1) or 48C(2) of the Contributions and Benefits Act⁽³⁵⁾ by reference to the weekly rate of invalidity allowance or age addition to long-term incapacity benefit to which the person was previously entitled, any increase in such sum shall take effect on 6th April 2020.

(7) The changes in the sums specified for the rate of incapacity benefit and severe disablement allowance together with, where appropriate, any increases for dependants, shall take effect on 9th April 2020.

(8) The increases in the sums falling to be calculated in accordance with paragraph 13(4) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (retirement allowance) shall take effect on 8th April 2020.

(9) Any increase in the sum specified in Article 26(b), in so far as that sum is relevant for the purposes of establishing whether the rate of any benefit is not to be increased in respect of an adult dependant because the earnings of the dependant exceed a specified amount, shall take effect—

(a) except in a case where sub-paragraph (b) applies, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for the beneficiary on or after 6th April 2020;

(b) in a case where regulation 7(b) of the Computation of Earnings Regulations (date on which earnings are treated as paid) applies, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for the beneficiary on or after 1st April 2020,

⁽³⁵⁾ Section 47(1) was amended by paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12)) (see also regulation 23 of S.R. 1995 No. 35) and section 48C was inserted by paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 and amended by paragraph 6 of Schedule 8 and paragraph 11 of Schedule 9 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999, sections 33(12) and 35(1) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000, paragraph 2 of the Schedule to S.R. 2005 No. 434, paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and paragraph 55 of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

and for the purpose of this paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Computation of Earnings Regulations.

(10) Any increases in the sums mentioned in Article 6 for state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act shall take effect on 6th April 2020.

(11) The increase in the sum mentioned in Article 14 shall take effect on 6th April 2020.

Commencement Information

I8 Art. 7 in operation at 1.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(a\)](#)

Earnings limits

8. In section 80(4) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(**36**) (earnings limits in respect of child dependency increases)—

- (a) for “£240·00”, in both places where it occurs, substitute “£245·00”; and
- (b) for “£32·00” substitute “£33·00”.

Commencement Information

I9 Art. 8 comes into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(d), see [art. 1\(1\)\(d\)](#)

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Statutory sick pay

9. In section 153(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(**37**) (rate of payment) for “£94·25” substitute “£95·85”.

Commencement Information

I10 Art. 9 in operation at 6.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(c\)](#)

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Statutory maternity pay

10. In regulation 6 of the Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**38**) (prescribed rate of statutory maternity pay) for “£148·68” substitute “£151·20”.

(36) Section 80 was repealed by Schedule 6 to the Tax Credits Act 2002; *see* also Article 2 of [S.R. 2003 No. 212](#) which saves the repealed provision in certain circumstances and is further modified by section 30 of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (c. 13). Section 80(4) was amended by Article 7 of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(37) Section 153(1) was amended by Article 10(1) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 and Article 8 of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(38) [S.R. 1987 No. 30](#); relevant amending Rules are [S.R. 2002 No. 354](#), [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

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Commencement Information

- I11** Art. 10 in operation at 5.4.2020 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(1\)\(e\)\(2\)](#)
I12 Art. 10 in operation at 6.4.2020 in so far as not already in operation, see [art. 1\(1\)\(e\)\(2\)](#)

VALID FROM 05/04/2020

Statutory paternity pay, statutory adoption pay and statutory shared parental pay

11.—(1) In the Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (Weekly Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002(**39**)—

- (a) in regulation 2(a) (weekly rate of payment of statutory paternity pay) for “£148·68” substitute “£151·20”; and
- (b) in regulation 3(a) (weekly rate of payment of statutory adoption pay) for “£148·68” substitute “£151·20”.

(2) In regulation 40(1)(a) of the Statutory Shared Parental Pay (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(**40**) (weekly rate of payment of statutory shared parental pay) for “£148·68” substitute “£151·20”.

Commencement Information

- I13** Art. 11 in operation at 5.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(f\)](#)

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Graduated retirement benefit

12.—(1) In section 35(1) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**41**) (graduated retirement benefit)—

- (a) the sum of 14·16 pence shall be increased by 1·7 per cent.; and
- (b) the reference in that provision to that sum shall have effect as a reference to 14·40 pence.

(2) The sums which are the increases of graduated retirement benefit under Schedule 2 to the Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978(**42**) (increases for deferred entitlement to a Category A or Category B retirement pension) shall be increased by 1·7 per cent.

(3) The sums which are lump sums to which surviving spouses or civil partners will become entitled under Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005(**43**) (increases of graduated retirement benefit and lump sums) shall be increased by 1·7 per cent.

(39) S.R. 2002 No. 380; relevant amending Rule is S.R. 2019 No. 188

(40) S.R. 2015 No. 94; relevant amending Rule is S.R. 2019 No. 188

(41) 1966 c. 6 (N.I.); sections 35 and 36 were repealed by the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Act 1975 (c. 18) but are continued in force by regulation 2 of S.R. 1978 No. 105. Relevant amending Rule is S.R. 2019 No. 188

(42) S.R. 1978 No. 105; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1989 No. 373, S.R. 2005 No. 121 and S.R. 2019 No. 188

(43) S.R. 2005 No. 121; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2005 No. 541, S.R. 2006 No. 104 and S.R. 2019 No. 188

(4) The sums which are the additions under section 36(1) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (special provision as to graduated retirement benefit for widows and widowers) shall be increased by 1.7 per cent.

Commencement Information

I14 Art. 12 in operation at 6.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(c\)\(2\)](#)

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Amount of Category C retirement pension under the Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

13. In regulation 11(3) of the Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(**44**) (Category C retirement pension for widows of men over pensionable age on 5th July 1948) for "£77.45" substitute "£80.45".

Commencement Information

I15 Art. 13 in operation at 6.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(c\)\(2\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2020

Maximum additional pension

14. In regulation 2A of the Social Security (Maximum Additional Pension) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010(**45**) (prescribed maximum additional pension for survivors who become entitled on or after 6th April 2016) for "£176.41" substitute "£179.41".

Commencement Information

I16 Art. 14 in operation at 6.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(c\)\(2\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2020

Disability living allowance

15. In regulation 4 of the Social Security (Disability Living Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(**46**) (rate of benefit)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£87.65" substitute "£89.15";

(44) [S.R. 1979 No. 243](#); regulation 11(3) was amended by regulation 2(4) of [S.R. 1987 No. 404](#), regulation 8(7) of [S.R. 1989 No. 373](#), Article 5(5) of [S.R. 2015 No. 411](#) and Article 12 of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(45) [S.R. 2010 No. 62](#); regulation 2A was inserted by Article 26(4) of [S.R. 2015 No. 411](#) and amended by Article 13 of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(46) [S.R. 1992 No. 32](#); regulation 4 was amended by regulation 2(5) of [S.R. 1993 No. 340](#) and Article 14 of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

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- (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for “£58·70” substitute “£59·70”;
- (c) in paragraph (1)(c) for “£23·20” substitute “£23·60”;
- (d) in paragraph (2)(a) for “£61·20” substitute “£62·25”;
- and
- (e) in paragraph (2)(b) for “£23·20” substitute “£23·60”.

Commencement Information

I17 Art. 15 in operation at 6.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(c\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2020

Personal independence payment

16. In regulation 24 of the Personal Independence Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**47**) (rate of personal independence payment)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for “£58·70” substitute “£59·70”;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for “£87·65” substitute “£89·15”;
- (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for “£23·20” substitute “£23·60”;
- and
- (d) in paragraph (2)(b) for “£61·20” substitute “£62·25”.

Commencement Information

I18 Art. 16 in operation at 6.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(c\)](#)

VALID FROM 09/04/2020

Age addition to long-term incapacity benefit

17.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), in regulation 9(2) of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994(**48**) (increase in rate of incapacity benefit where beneficiary is under prescribed age on the qualifying date)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£22·90” substitute “£23·30”;
- and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£11·50” substitute “£11·70”.

(2) In so far as a claimant entitled to long-term incapacity benefit corresponds to a claimant under Article 17(2) of the Great Britain Up-rating Order, the sums specified in regulation 9(2)(a) and (b) of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 shall be increased to £12·10 and £6·70 respectively.

Commencement Information

I19 Art. 17 in operation at 9.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(g\)\(2\)](#)

(47) S.R. 2016 No. 217; regulation 24 was amended by Article 15 of S.R. 2019 No. 188

(48) S.R. 1994 No. 461; regulation 9(2) was amended by Article 16 of S.R. 2019 No. 188

VALID FROM 09/04/2020

Transitional invalidity allowance in long-term incapacity benefit cases

18.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), in regulation 18(2) of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995⁽⁴⁹⁾ (rate of long-term incapacity benefit in transitional cases)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£22·90” substitute “£23·30”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£14·70” substitute “£14·90”; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£7·35” substitute “£7·45”.

(2) In so far as a claimant entitled to long-term incapacity benefit corresponds to a claimant under Article 18(2) of the Great Britain Up-rating Order, the sums specified in regulation 18(2) (a), (b) and (c) of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 shall be increased to £12·10, £6·70 and £6·70 respectively.

Commencement Information

I20 Art. 18 in operation at 9.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(g\)\(2\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2020

Bereavement benefits

19. In the Rate of Bereavement Benefits Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010⁽⁵⁰⁾—

- (a) in regulation 2 (rate of widowed mother’s allowance and widow’s pension) for “£119·90” substitute “£121·95”; and
- (b) in regulation 3 (rate of widowed parent’s allowance) for “£119·90” substitute “£121·95”.

Commencement Information

I21 Art. 19 in operation at 6.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(c\)\(2\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2020

Bereavement support payment

20. In regulation 3 of the Bereavement Support Payment (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019⁽⁵¹⁾ (rate of bereavement support payment)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) the sum of £350 remains the same;
- (b) in paragraph (2) the sum of £3,500 remains the same;

⁽⁴⁹⁾ [S.R. 1995 No. 35](#); regulation 18(2) was amended by Article 17 of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

⁽⁵⁰⁾ [S.R. 2010 No. 407](#); regulations 2 and 3 were amended by Article 18 of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

⁽⁵¹⁾ [S.R. 2019 No. 181](#)

- (c) in paragraph (4) the sum of £100 remains the same; and
- (d) in paragraph (5) the sum of £2,500 remains the same.

Commencement Information

I22 Art. 20 in operation at 6.4.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(c\)](#)

PART 3**INCOME SUPPORT AND HOUSING BENEFIT**

VALID FROM 06/04/2020

Applicable amounts for income support

21.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Income Support Regulations(**52**) shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 2 and 3 to this Order; and unless stated otherwise, 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)(**53**); and
- (b) paragraphs 13A(2)(a) and 14(2)(a) of Part III of Schedule 2(**54**),

the sum specified is in each case £3,000 (which remains the same).

(3) In Part I of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts: personal allowances)—

- (a) the sums specified in paragraph 1 shall be as set out in Schedule 2 to this Order; and
- (b) in paragraph 2(1), in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of column (2) of the table for “£66.90” substitute “£68.27”.

(4) In paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 2(**55**) (applicable amounts: family premium) for the sum of £17.45, in both places, substitute “£17.60”.

(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.

(52) 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

(53) Regulation 17(1)(b) was amended by regulation 4(7) of S.R. 1993 No. 373, regulation 18(1)(c) was amended by regulation 4(8) of S.R. 1993 No. 373 and regulation 21(1) was amended by regulation 4(3) of S.R. 1994 No. 77, regulation 12 of S.R. 1996 No. 199, regulation 2(2) of S.R. 1996 No. 449, paragraph 6(a) of the Schedule to S.R. 2002 No. 132 and paragraph 2(a) of Schedule 1 to S.R. 2003 No. 195. See also regulation 4 of S.R. 2017 No. 79

(54) Paragraph 13A was inserted by regulation 2(c)(ii) of S.R. 2000 No. 367 and sub-paragraph (2) was substituted 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 sub-paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 3(6)(b) of S.R. 2011 No. 135, Article 14(5)(e)(ii) of S.I. 2013/3021 and regulation 11(5)(d)(ii) of S.R. 2016 No. 228. See also regulation 4 of S.R. 2017 No. 79

(55) 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 20(4) of S.R. 2019 No. 188

(6) In paragraph 11(5) of Schedule 3(**56**) (general provisions applying to housing costs) as it has effect in a case falling within regulation 20 of the Loans for Mortgage Interest Regulations(**57**), the sum of £100,000 remains the same.

(7) In paragraph 18 of Schedule 3(**58**) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) for “£100·65” and “£15·60” substitute “£102·35” and “£15·85” respectively; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2)—

(i) in head (a) for “£143·00” substitute “£149·00”,

(ii) in head (b) for “£143·00”, “£209·00” and “£35·85” substitute “£149·00”, “£217·00” and “£36·45” respectively,

(iii) in head (c) for “£209·00”, “£272·00” and “£49·20” substitute “£217·00”, “£283·00” and “£50·05” respectively,

(iv) in head (d) for “£272·00”, “£363·00” and “£80·55” substitute “£283·00”, “£377·00” and “£81·90” respectively, and

(v) in head (e) for “£363·00”, “£451·00” and “£91·70” substitute “£377·00”, “£469·00” and “£93·25” respectively.

Commencement Information

I23 Art. 21 comes into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(h), see [art. 1\(1\)\(h\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2020

Income support transitional protection

22. 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(**59**) shall be increased by 1·7 per cent.

Commencement Information

I24 Art. 22 comes into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(h), see [art. 1\(1\)\(h\)](#)

(56) See [S.R. 2008 No. 503](#) which modifies paragraph 11(5) so that it applies as if the reference to “£100,000” were to “£200,000” in relation to certain persons

(57) Regulation 20 was substituted by regulation 2(14) of [S.R. 2018 No. 37](#)

(58) 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)(i) and (ii) 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) (i) of [S.R. 2004 No. 394](#) and Article 20(7) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(59) [S.R. 1987 No. 460](#); regulation 15 was amended by regulation 10 of [S.R. 1988 No. 132](#), regulation 2(3) of [S.R. 1988 No. 153](#), regulation 4 of [S.R. 1989 No. 371](#) and regulation 3 of [S.R. 1991 No. 341](#)

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Relevant sum for income support

23. In section 125(7) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (trade disputes) for “£40.50” substitute “£41.00”.

Commencement Information

I25 Art. 23 comes into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(h), see [art. 1\(1\)\(h\)](#)

Housing benefit

24.—(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 4 and 5 to this Order; and unless stated otherwise, 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 remain the same.

(3) In regulation 72(**60**) (non-dependant deductions)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) for “£100.65” and “£15.60” substitute “£102.35” and “£15.85” respectively; and
- (b) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£143.00” substitute “£149.00”,
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£143.00”, “£209.00” and “£35.85” substitute “£149.00”, “£217.00” and “£36.45” respectively,
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£209.00”, “£272.00” and “£49.20” substitute “£217.00”, “£283.00” and “£50.05” respectively,
 - (iv) in sub-paragraph (d) for “£272.00”, “£363.00” and “£80.55” substitute “£283.00”, “£377.00” and “£81.90” respectively, and
 - (v) in sub-paragraph (e) for “£363.00”, “£451.00” and “£91.70” substitute “£377.00”, “£469.00” and “£93.25” respectively.

(4) In Schedule 1(**61**) (ineligible service charges)—

- (a) in paragraph 2 for “£28.55”, “£28.55”, “£14.50”, “£19.05”, “£19.05”, “£9.55” and “£3.55” substitute “£29.05”, “£29.05”, “£14.75”, “£19.35”, “£19.35”, “£9.70” and “£3.60” respectively; and
- (b) in paragraph 6(2) for “£32.70”, “£3.80”, “£2.60” and “£3.80” substitute “£34.30”, “£4.00”, “£2.75” and “£4.00” respectively.

(5) In Part I of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: personal allowances)—

- (a) the sums specified in paragraph 1 shall be as set out in Schedule 4 to this Order; and
- (b) in paragraph 2(1), in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of column (2) of the table for “£66.90” substitute “£68.27”.

(60) Regulation 72(1) and (2) was amended by Article 20(3) of [S.R. 2012 No. 116](#) and Article 22(3) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(61) Paragraphs 2 and 6(2) were amended by Article 22(4) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(6) In paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 4(**62**) (applicable amounts: family premium) as it has effect in a case falling within regulation 5 (transitional provision) of the Housing Benefit (Abolition of the Family Premium and date of claim) Regulations—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) the sum of £22.20 remains the same; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for “£17.45” substitute “£17.60”.

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

(8) In Part VI of Schedule 4(**63**) (amount of component)—

- (a) in paragraph 25, as it has effect in cases falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017, for “£29.05” substitute “£29.55”; and
- (b) in paragraph 26, for “£38.55” substitute “£39.20”.

(9) In paragraph 17(1) and (3)(c) of Schedule 5(**64**) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of earnings) the sum of £17.10 remains the same.

(10) In paragraph 58 of Schedule 6(**65**) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) the sum of £17.10 remains the same.

Commencement Information

I26 Art. 24 in operation at 1.4.2020 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(1\)\(i\)](#)

I27 Art. 24 in operation at 6.4.2020 in so far as not already in operation, see [art. 1\(1\)\(i\)](#)

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

25.—(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 6 and 7 to this Order; and unless stated otherwise, 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 remain the same.

(3) In regulation 53(**66**) (non-dependant deductions)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) for “£100.65” and “£15.60” substitute “£102.35” and “£15.85” respectively; and
- (b) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£143.00” substitute “£149.00”,
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£143.00”, “£209.00” and “£35.85” substitute “£149.00”, “£217.00” and “£36.45” respectively,

(62) Part II of Schedule 4 was omitted by regulation 3(1)(c) of [S.R. 2016 No. 310](#) and regulation 5 of that instrument makes transitional arrangements in connection with the abolition of the family premium; paragraph 3(1) was amended by regulation 19(7)(a) of [S.R. 2011 No. 357](#) and Article 22(6) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(63) Part VI was added by regulation 3(17)(d) of [S.R. 2008 No. 378](#) and the heading was amended by paragraph 6(7)(b)(i) of Schedule 1 to [S.R. 2017 No. 51](#) but the wording remains in force for certain cases under Schedule 2 to that Rule and paragraph 26 was amended by Article 22(8) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(64) Paragraph 17(1) and (3)(c) was amended by regulation 2(6)(b) of [S.R. 2009 No. 382](#) and Article 22(9) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(65) Paragraph 58 was amended by Article 22(10) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(66) Regulation 53(1) and (2) was amended by Article 23(3) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

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- (iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£209·00”, “£272·00” and “£49·20” substitute “£217·00”, “£283·00” and “£50·05” respectively,
- (iv) in sub-paragraph (d) for “£272·00”, “£363·00” and “£80·55” substitute “£283·00”, “£377·00” and “£81·90” respectively, and
- (v) in sub-paragraph (e) for “£363·00”, “£451·00” and “£91·70” substitute “£377·00”, “£469·00” and “£93·25” respectively.

(4) In Schedule 1(67) (ineligible service charges)—

- (a) in paragraph 2 for “£28·55”, “£28·55”, “£14·50”, “£19·05”, “£19·05”, “£9·55” and “£3·55” substitute “£29·05”, “£29·05”, “£14·75”, “£19·35”, “£19·35”, “£9·70” and “£3·60” respectively; and
- (b) in paragraph 6(2) for the sums “£32·70”, “£3·80”, “£2·60” and “£3·80” substitute “£34·30”, “£4·00”, “£2·75” and “£4·00” respectively.

(5) In Part I of Schedule 4(68) (applicable amounts: personal allowances)—

- (a) the sums specified in paragraph 1 shall be as set out in Schedule 6 to this Order; and
- (b) in paragraph 2(1), in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of column (2) of the table for “£66·90” substitute “£68·27”.

(6) In paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 4(69) (applicable amounts: family premium) as it has effect in a case falling within regulation 5 (transitional provision) of the Housing Benefit (Abolition of Family Premium and date of claim) Regulations for “£17·45” substitute “17·60”.

(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 7 to this Order.

(8) In paragraph 9(1) and (3)(c) of Schedule 5(70) (sums disregarded from claimant’s earnings) the sum of £17·10 remains the same.

(9) In paragraph 22 of Schedule 6(71) (amounts to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) the sum of £17·10 remains the same.

Commencement Information

I28 Art. 25 in operation at 1.4.2020 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(1\)\(i\)](#)

I29 Art. 25 in operation at 6.4.2020 in so far as not already in operation, see [art. 1\(1\)\(i\)](#)

(67) Paragraphs 2 and 6(2) were amended by Article 23(4) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(68) Paragraphs 1 and 2(1) were amended by Article 23(5) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(69) Part II of Schedule 4 was omitted by regulation 3(2)(b) of [S.R. 2016 No. 310](#) and regulation 5 of that Rule makes transitional arrangements in connection with the abolition of the family premium; paragraph 3(1) was amended by Article 23(6) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(70) Paragraph 9 was amended by Article 23(8) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(71) Paragraph 22 was amended by regulation 6(6)(d) of [S.R. 2008 No. 498](#) and Article 23(9) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

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PART 4

JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Age-related amounts of contribution-based jobseeker's allowance

26. In regulation 79(1) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996(**72**) (weekly amounts of contribution-based jobseeker's allowance)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£57.90” substitute “£58.90”; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£73.10” substitute “£74.35”.

Commencement Information

I30 Art. 26 comes into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(j), see [art. 1\(1\)\(j\)](#)

Applicable amounts for jobseeker's allowance

27.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996(**73**) shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 8 to 10 to this Order; and unless stated otherwise, a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 bearing that number.

(2) In—

- (a) regulations 83(b), 84(1)(c) and 85(1)(**74**); and
- (b) paragraphs 15A(2)(a) and 16(2)(a) of Part III of Schedule 1(**75**),

the sum specified is in each case £3,000 (which remains the same).

(3) In Part I of Schedule 1(**76**) (applicable amounts: personal allowances)—

- (a) the sums specified in paragraph 1 shall be as set out in Schedule 8 to this Order; and
- (b) in paragraph 2(1), in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of column (2) of the table for “£66·90” substitute “£68.27”.

(4) In paragraph 4(1) of Part II of Schedule 1(**77**) (applicable amounts: family premium) for the sum of £17·45, in both places, substitute “£17.60”.

(72) Regulation 79(1) was amended by Article 21 of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#) and regulation 4(9) of [S.R. 2017 No. 116](#)

(73) 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

(74) Regulations 83(b) and 84(1)(c) were omitted but remain in effect for certain cases, and regulation 85(1) was amended, by Schedule 2 to [S.R. 2003 No. 195](#) and regulation 7 of that instrument makes transitional arrangements in connection with the introduction of child tax credit. Regulation 85(1) was also amended by regulation 4(5)(a) of [S.R. 2003 No. 267](#). See also regulation 5 of [S.R. 2017 No. 79](#)

(75) Paragraph 15A was inserted by regulation 4(c)(ii) of [S.R. 2000 No. 367](#) and sub-paragraph (2) was substituted by regulation 3(8)(e) of [S.R. 2007 No. 154](#) and paragraph 16 was omitted by paragraph 20(a) of Schedule 2 to [S.R. 2003 No. 195](#) but remains in operation by virtue of regulation 1 of that Rule and was substituted by regulation 3(8)(f) of [S.R. 2007 No. 154](#) and sub-paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 7(7)(b)(iii) of [S.R. 2011 No. 135](#), Article 17(7)(e)(ii) of [S.I. 2013/3021](#) and paragraph 14(7)(e)(ii) of [S.R. 2016 No. 228](#). See also regulation 5 of [S.R. 2017 No. 79](#)

(76) Paragraph 2 was amended by Article 24(3) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(77) Paragraph 4(1) was amended by regulation 9(4)(a) of [S.R. 1996 No. 288](#), regulation 10(a) of [S.R. 1998 No. 112](#) and Article 24(4) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#). See also regulation 7 of [S.R. 2003 No. 195](#) and regulation 5 of [S.R. 2017 No. 79](#)

(5) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts: weekly amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 9 to this Order.

(6) The sums specified in Part IVB of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts: weekly amounts of premiums for joint-claim couples) shall be as set out in Schedule 10 to this Order.

(7) In paragraph 10(4) of Schedule 2(78) (general provisions applying to housing costs) as it has effect in a case falling within regulation 20 of the Loans for Mortgage Interest Regulations the sum of £100,000 remains the same.

(8) In paragraph 17 of Schedule 2(79) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) for “£100.65” and “£15.60” substitute “£102.35” and “£15.85” respectively; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2)—

(i) in head (a) for “£143.00” substitute “£149.00”,

(ii) in head (b) for “£143.00”, “£209.00” and “£35.85” substitute “£149.00”, “£217.00” and “£36.45” respectively,

(iii) in head (c) for “£209.00”, “£272.00” and “£49.20” substitute “£217.00”, “£283.00” and “£50.05” respectively,

(iv) in head (d) for “£272.00”, “£363.00” and “£80.55” substitute “£283.00”, “£377.00” and “£81.90” respectively, and

(v) in head (e) for “£363.00”, “£451.00” and “£91.70” substitute “£377.00”, “£469.00” and “£93.25” respectively.

Commencement Information

I31 Art. 27 comes into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(j), see [art. 1\(1\)\(j\)](#)

Prescribed sum for the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996

28. In regulation 170 of the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996(80) (trade disputes: prescribed sum) for “£40.50” substitute “£41.00”.

Commencement Information

I32 Art. 28 comes into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(j), see [art. 1\(1\)\(j\)](#)

Amounts for the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 2016

29. In regulation 49 of the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 2016 (weekly amounts of jobseeker’s allowance)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(a) for “£57.90” substitute “£58.90”; and

(b) in paragraph (1)(b) for “£73.10” substitute “£74.35”.

(78) See [S.R. 2008 No. 503](#) which modifies paragraph 10(4) so that it applies as if the reference to “£100,000” were to “£200,000” in relation to certain persons

(79) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) were amended by regulation 3 of [S.R. 1997 No. 3](#), Article 9(5)(l) of [S.R. 1999 No. 428 \(C. 32\)](#), regulation 5(b)(i) of [S.R. 2004 No. 394](#) and Article 24(8) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(80) Regulation 170 was amended by Article 23 of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

Commencement Information

I33 Art. 29 comes into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(k)(2), see [art. 1\(1\)\(k\)\(2\)](#)

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PART 5

STATE PENSION CREDIT

State pension credit

30.—(1) The sums specified in the State Pension Credit Regulations shall be the sums set out in this Article, and unless stated otherwise, a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the State Pension Credit Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In regulation 6(**81**) (amount of the guarantee credit)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) for “£255·25” and “£167·25” substitute “£265·20” and “£173·75” respectively;
- (b) in paragraph (5) for “£65·85” and “£131·70” substitute “£66·95” and “£133·90” respectively; and
- (c) in paragraph (8) for “£36·85” substitute “£37·50”.

(3) In regulation 7(2)(**82**) (savings credit) for “£144·38” and “£229·67” substitute “£150·47” and “£239·17” respectively.

(4) In paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 2(**83**) (general provisions applying to housing costs) as it has effect in a case falling within regulation 20 of the Loans for Mortgage Interest Regulations the sum of £100,000 remains the same.

(5) In paragraph 14 of Schedule 2 (housing costs: persons residing with the claimant)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(**84**) for “£100·65” and “£15·60” substitute “£102·35” and “£15·85” respectively; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(**85**)—
 - (i) in head (a) for “£143·00” substitute “£149·00”,
 - (ii) in head (b) for “£143·00”, “£209·00” and “£35·85” substitute “£149·00”, “£217·00” and “£36·45” respectively,
 - (iii) in head (c) for “£209·00”, “£272·00” and “£49·20” substitute “£217·00”, “£283·00” and “£50·05” respectively,
 - (iv) in head (d) for “£272·00”, “£363·00” and “£80·55” substitute “£283·00”, “£377·00” and “£81·90” respectively, and

(81) Regulation 6 was amended by regulation 31(3) of [S.R. 2016 No. 236](#), regulation 2(2) of [S.R. 2018 No. 135](#) and Article 25(2) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(82) Regulation 7 was amended by Article 25(3) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(83) See [S.R. 2008 No. 503](#); which modifies paragraph 8(2) so that it applies as if the reference to “£100,000” were to “£200,000” in relation to certain persons

(84) Sub-paragraph (1) was amended by regulation 6(5)(b)(i) of [S.R. 2004 No. 394](#) and Article 25(5)(a) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(85) Sub-paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 14(5)(a) of [S.R. 2006 No. 359](#) and Article 25(5)(b) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(v) in head (e) for “£363·00”, “£451·00” and “£91·70” substitute “£377·00”, “£469·00” and “£93·25” respectively.

(6) In paragraph 9 of Schedule 2A(**86**) (additional amount applicable for claimants responsible for a child or qualifying young person: amount of additional payment)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for “£53·34” substitute “£54.32”; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b)—

(i) for “£29·02” substitute “£29.52”, and

(ii) for “£90·23” substitute “£92·12”.

(7) In paragraph 10 of Schedule 2A (additional amount applicable for claimants responsible for a child or qualifying young person: amount for the eldest child or qualifying young person born before 6th April 2017) for “£63·84” substitute “£64.82”.

(8) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 3(**87**) (special groups: polygamous marriages)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (5), in the substituted regulation 6(1), for “£255·25” and “£88·00” substitute “£265·20” and “£91·45” respectively; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (7), in the substituted regulation 7(2), for “£229·67” substitute “£239·17”.

Commencement Information

I34 Art. 30 comes into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(l), see [art. 1\(1\)\(l\)](#)

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PART 6

EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE

Applicable amounts for the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008

31.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 11 and 12 to this Order; and unless stated otherwise, a reference in this Article to a numbered Schedule is a reference to the Schedule to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 bearing that number.

(2) The sums specified in Part 1 of Schedule 4 (prescribed amounts) shall be as set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 11 to this Order except in cases referred to in paragraph (3).

(3) In cases falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017(**88**), the sums specified in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 shall be as set out in paragraph 2 of Schedule 11 to this Order.

(4) The sums specified in Part 3 of Schedule 4 (weekly amount of premiums specified in Part 2) shall be as set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12 to this Order.

(86) Schedule 2A was inserted by regulation 2(3) of [S.R. 2018 No. 135](#)

(87) Paragraph 1(5) and (7) was amended by Article 25(8) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(88) Paragraph 4 was amended by regulation 8(b) of [S.R. 2017 No. 148](#)

(5) In cases falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017, the sums specified in paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 4 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 shall be as set out in paragraph 2 of Schedule 12 to this Order.

(6) In Part 4 of Schedule 4(**89**) (the component)—

- (a) in cases falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017, in paragraph 12 for “£29.05” substitute “£29.55”; and
- (b) in paragraph 13 for “£38.55” substitute “£39.20”.

(7) In paragraph 12 of Schedule 6 (general provisions applying to housing costs) as it has effect in a case falling within regulation 20 of the Loans for Mortgage Interest Regulations—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (4)(**90**) the sum of £100,000 remains the same;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (12)(b)(**91**) the sum of £150,000 remains the same; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (12)(c) the sum of £125,000 remains the same.

(8) In paragraph 19 of Schedule 6(**92**) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) for “£100.65” and “£15.60” substitute “£102.35” and “£15.85” respectively; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (2)—
 - (i) in head (a) for “£143.00” substitute “£149.00”,
 - (ii) in head (b) for “£143.00”, “£209.00” and “£35.85” substitute “£149.00”, “£217.00” and “£36.45” respectively,
 - (iii) in head (c) for “£209.00”, “£272.00” and “£49.20” substitute “£217.00”, “£283.00” and “£50.05” respectively,
 - (iv) in head (d) for “£272.00”, “£363.00” and “£80.55” substitute “£283.00”, “£377.00” and “£81.90” respectively, and
 - (v) in head (e) for “£363.00”, “£451.00” and “£91.70” substitute “£377.00”, “£469.00” and “£93.25” respectively.

Commencement Information

I35 Art. 31 comes into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(m), see [art. 1\(1\)\(m\)](#)

Prescribed amount for the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016

32.—(1) In regulation 62 of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016(**93**) (prescribed amounts)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) and (b)(i) for “£73.10” substitute “£74.35”;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b)(ii) for “£57.90” substitute “£58.90”; and
- (c) in paragraph (2) for “£38.55” substitute “£39.20”.

(89) Paragraph 12 was omitted by regulation 2(4)(c)(ii) of [S.R. 2017 No. 51](#) with savings provisions found in Schedule 2 to those Regulations and paragraph 13 was amended by Article 26(4) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(90) See [S.R. 2008 No. 503](#) which modifies paragraph 12(4) so that it applies as if the reference to “£100,000” were to “£200,000” in relation to certain persons

(91) Sub-paragraph (12) was added by regulation 3(30)(c) of [S.R. 2008 No. 413](#)

(92) Paragraph 19(1) and (2) was amended by Article 26(6) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

(93) Regulation 62(2) was substituted by regulation 3(4)(b) of [S.R. 2017 No. 51](#) (but that amendment does not apply where any of the circumstances in paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to those Regulations apply) and was amended by Article 27 of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

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(2) In regulation 62(2) of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016 (prescribed amounts), as it has effect in cases falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£29.05” substitute “£29.55”; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£38.55” substitute “£39.20”.

(3) In regulation 62 of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016 (prescribed amounts) as modified by paragraph 4(f) of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance (Transitional Provisions and Housing Benefit) (Existing Awards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010⁽⁹⁴⁾ as that paragraph is modified by paragraph 21(4)(e) of Schedule 3 to the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (Commencement No. 8 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2017⁽⁹⁵⁾—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a)(i) and (ii)(aa) for “£73.10” substitute “£74.35”; and
- (b) in paragraph (1)(a)(ii)(bb) for “£57.90” substitute “£58.90”.

Commencement Information

I36 Art. 32 comes into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(n)(2), see [art. 1\(1\)\(n\)\(2\)](#)

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PART 7 UNIVERSAL CREDIT

Universal credit

33.—(1) In the table in regulation 23 of the Universal Credit Regulations⁽⁹⁶⁾ (deduction of income and work allowance)—

- (a) for “£503”, in each place where it occurs, substitute “£512”; and
- (b) for “£287”, in each place where it occurs, substitute “£292”.

(2) The amounts specified in the table in regulation 38 of the Universal Credit Regulations (amounts of elements) shall be as set out in Schedule 13 to this Order.

(3) In paragraph 13(1) of Schedule 4 to the Universal Credit Regulations⁽⁹⁷⁾ (amount of housing cost contributions) for “£73.89” substitute “£75.15”.

(4) In Part 4 of Schedule 5 to the Universal Credit Regulations (calculation of amount of housing costs for owner-occupiers)—

⁽⁹⁴⁾ [S.R. 2010 No. 312](#); which modifies the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 for the purpose of the conversion of awards of incapacity benefit, income support and severe disablement allowance to employment and support allowance under the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

⁽⁹⁵⁾ [S.R. 2017 No. 190](#) (c. 11); which modifies the Employment and Support Allowance (Transitional Provisions and Housing Benefit) (Existing Awards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 so that they refer to a modified form of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 for the purpose of the conversion of awards of incapacity benefit and severe disablement allowance to employment and support allowance under the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

⁽⁹⁶⁾ Regulation 23 was amended by regulation 2(2) of [S.R. 2017 No. 147](#), regulation 6(7) of [S.R. 2018 No. 92](#) and Article 28(1) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

⁽⁹⁷⁾ Paragraph 13(1) was amended by Article 28(3) of [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

- (a) in paragraph 10(2) *Step 3*; and
- (b) in paragraph 11(2) *Step 2*,

as those paragraphs have effect in a case falling within regulation 20 of the Loans for Mortgage Interest Regulations the sum of £200,000 remains the same.

Commencement Information

I37 Art. 33 comes into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(o), see [art. 1\(1\)\(o\)](#)

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PART 8 REVOCATIONS

Revocations

- 34.** The following are revoked—
- (a) the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2015(**98**), to the extent that it remains in operation; and
 - (b) the Social Security Benefits Up-rating (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019(**99**).

Commencement Information

I38 Art. 34 in operation at 5.5.2020, see [art. 1\(1\)\(p\)](#)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 20th March 2020

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Communities

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SCHEDULE 1

Article 3(1)

Provisions of Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act as amended by this Order

PART I

CONTRIBUTORY PERIODICAL BENEFITS

Commencement Information

I39 Sch. 1 Pt. I in operation at 1.4.2020 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(1\)\(b\)\(i\)\(2\)](#)

I40 Sch. 1 Pt. I in operation at 6.4.2020 in so far as not already in operation, see [art. 1\(1\)\(b\)\(ii\)\(2\)](#)

| <i>Description of benefit</i> | <i>Weekly rate</i> |
|--|---|
| 2.(100) Short-term incapacity benefit. | (a) lower rate £86·10 (b) higher rate £101·90. |
| 2A. Long-term incapacity benefit. | £114·15. |
| 5.(101) Category B retirement pension where section 48A(4) or 48AA(4) applies. | £80·45. |

PART III

NON-CONTRIBUTORY PERIODICAL BENEFITS

Commencement Information

I41 Sch. 1 Pt. III in operation at 1.4.2020 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(1\)\(b\)\(i\)\(2\)](#)

I42 Sch. 1 Pt. III in operation at 6.4.2020 in so far as not already in operation, see [art. 1\(1\)\(b\)\(ii\)\(2\)](#)

| <i>Description of benefit</i> | <i>Weekly rate</i> |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Attendance allowance. | (a) higher rate £89·15 (b) lower rate £59·70 (the appropriate rate being determined in accordance with section 65(3)). |
| 2. Severe disablement allowance. | £80·85. |
| 3. Age related addition. | (a) higher rate £12·10 (b) middle rate £6·70 (c) lower rate £6·70 |

(100) Paragraphs 2 and 2A were substituted for paragraph 2 by Article 4(2) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12))

(101) Paragraph 5 was amended by paragraph 18(11) of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22)) and paragraph 59 of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5 (N.I.))

| <i>Description of benefit</i> | <i>Weekly rate</i> |
|---|---|
| | (the appropriate rate being determined in accordance with section 69(1)). |
| 4.(102) Carer's allowance. | £67.25. |
| 7.(103) Category D retirement pension. | £80.45. |
| 8. Age addition (to a pension of any category, and otherwise under section 79). | £0.25. |

PART IV

INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

Commencement Information

I43 Sch. 1 Pt. IV in operation at 1.4.2020 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(1\)\(b\)\(i\)\(2\)](#)

I44 Sch. 1 Pt. IV in operation at 6.4.2020 in so far as not already in operation, see [art. 1\(1\)\(b\)\(ii\)\(2\)](#)

| <i>Benefit to which increase applies</i> | <i>Increase for qualifying child</i> | <i>Increase for adult dependant</i> |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>(1)</i> | <i>(2)</i> | <i>(3)</i> |
| | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> |
| 1A.(104) Short-term incapacity benefit— | | |
| (a) where the beneficiary is under pensionable age; | 11.35 | 51.65 |
| (b) where the beneficiary is over pensionable age. | 11.35 | 63.80 |
| 2. Long-term incapacity benefit. | 11.35 | 66.30 |
| 4. Widowed mother's allowance. | 11.35 | — |
| 4A.(105) Widowed parent's allowance. | 11.35 | — |
| 5.(106) Category A or B retirement pension. | 11.35 | — |
| 6. Category C retirement pension. | 11.35 | — |
| 8. Severe disablement allowance. | 11.35 | 39.75 |

(102) Paragraph 4 was amended by Article 2(2)(a)(vi) of [S.R. 2002 No. 321](#)

(103) Paragraph 7 was amended by paragraph 68(b) of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

(104) Paragraph 1A was inserted and paragraph 2 substituted by Article 4(5) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994

(105) Paragraph 4A was inserted by paragraph 13 of Schedule 8 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999; paragraphs 4 and 4A were repealed by Schedule 6 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21) and saved in certain circumstances by Article 2 of [S.R. 2003 No. 212](#)

(106) Paragraphs 5 and 6 were amended by paragraph 18 of Schedule 1 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008; see section 4 of that Act in relation to certain cases

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| <i>Benefit to which increase applies</i> | <i>Increase for qualifying child</i> | <i>Increase for adult dependant</i> |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| | £ | £ |
| 9.(107) Carer's allowance. | 11.35 | — |

PART V

RATE OF INDUSTRIAL INJURIES BENEFIT

Commencement Information

I45 Sch. 1 Pt. V in operation at 1.4.2020 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(1\)\(b\)\(i\)\(2\)](#)

I46 Sch. 1 Pt. V in operation at 6.4.2020 in so far as not already in operation, see [art. 1\(1\)\(b\)\(ii\)\(2\)](#)

| <i>Description of benefit, etc.</i> | <i>Rate</i> |
|---|--|
| 1.(108) Disablement pension (weekly rates). | For the several degrees of disablement set out in column (1) of the following Table, the respective amounts in column (2) of that Table. |
| TABLE | |
| | <i>Degree of disablement</i> |
| | <i>Amount</i> |
| | (1) (2) |
| | <i>Per cent.</i> £ |
| | 100 182.00 |
| | 90 163.80 |
| | 80 145.60 |
| | 70 127.40 |
| | 60 109.20 |
| | 50 91.00 |
| | 40 72.80 |
| | 30 54.60 |
| | 20 36.40 |
| 2. Maximum increase of weekly rate of disablement pension where | (a) except in cases of exceptionally severe disablement £72.80 |

(107) Paragraph 9 was amended by Article 2(2)(a)(vii) of [S.R. 2002 No. 321](#) and repealed by Part 2 of Schedule 4 to the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (c. 13 (N.I.)); see section 14 of that Act in relation to certain cases

(108) Part V was amended by paragraph 41 of Schedule 1 to the Child Benefit Act 2005 (c. 6) and Article 71 to the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 ([S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I. 1\)](#)). Widow's and widower's pension are payable in relation only to deaths occurring before 11th April 1988 (paragraph 14(1) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act)

| <i>Description of benefit, etc.</i> | | <i>Rate</i> | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | constant attendance needed. | (b) in any case of exceptionally severe disablement | £145·60 |
| 3. | Increase of weekly rate of disablement pension (exceptionally severe disablement). | £72·80 | |
| 4. | Maximum of aggregate of weekly benefit payable for successive accidents. | £182·00 | |
| 5. | Unemployability supplement under paragraph 2 of Schedule 7. | £112·55 | |
| 6. | Increase under paragraph 3 of Schedule 7 of weekly rate of unemployability supplement. | (a) if on the qualifying date the beneficiary was under the age of 35 or if that date fell before 5th July 1948 | £23·30 |
| | | (b) if head (a) above does not apply and on the qualifying date the beneficiary was under the age of 40 and he had not attained pensionable age before 6th April 1979 | £23·30 |
| | | (c) if heads (a) and (b) above do not apply and on the qualifying date the beneficiary was under the age of 45 | £14·90 |
| | | (d) if heads (a), (b) and (c) above do not apply and on the qualifying date the beneficiary was under the age of 50 and had not attained pensionable age before 6th April 1979 | £14·90 |
| | | (e) in any other case | £7·45 |
| 7. | Increase under paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 of weekly rate of disablement pension. | £11·35 | |
| 8. | Increase under paragraph 6 of Schedule 7 of weekly rate of disablement pension. | £67·25 | |
| 9. | Maximum disablement gratuity under paragraph 9 of Schedule 7. | £12,080·00 | |
| 10. | Widow's pension (weekly rates). | (b) higher permanent rate | £134·25 |
| | | (c) lower permanent rate | 30 per cent. of the first sum specified in section 44(4) (Category A basic retirement pension) |

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| <i>Description of benefit, etc.</i> | <i>Rate</i> |
|--|---|
| | (the appropriate rate being determined in accordance with paragraph 16 of Schedule 7) |
| 11. Widower's pension (weekly rate). | £134.25 |
| 12. Weekly rate of allowance in respect of children and qualifying young persons under paragraph 18 of Schedule 7. | In respect of each child or qualifying young person £11.35. |

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SCHEDULE 2 Article 21(3)

Part I of Schedule 2 to the Income Support Regulations as amended by this Order
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SCHEDULE 3 Article 21(5)

Part IV of Schedule 2 to the Income Support Regulations as amended by this Order
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SCHEDULE 4 Article 24(5)

Part I of Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefit Regulations as amended by this Order

PART I

PERSONAL ALLOWANCES

1. The amounts specified in column (2) in respect of each person or couple specified in column (1) shall be the amounts specified for the purposes of regulations 20(a) and 21(a) and (b)—

| <i>Column (1)</i> <i>Person or Couple</i> | <i>Column (2)</i> <i>Amount</i> |
|--|------------------------------------|
| (1)(117) Single claimant who— | (1) |

(117) Sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) were substituted by regulation 3(17)(a) of S.R. 2008 No. 378

| <i>Column (1) Person or Couple</i> | <i>Column (2) Amount</i> |
|--|------------------------------|
| (a) is entitled to main phase employment and support allowance; | (a) £74.35; |
| (b) is aged not less than 25; | (b) £74.35; |
| (c) is aged less than 25. | (c) £58.90. |
| (2) Lone parent who— | (2) |
| (a) is entitled to main phase employment and support allowance; | (a) £74.35; |
| (b) is aged not less than 18; | (b) £74.35; |
| (c) is aged less than 18. | (c) £58.90. |
| (3) Couple where— | (3) |
| (a) the claimant is entitled to main phase employment and support allowance; | (a) £116.80; |
| (b) at least one member is aged not less than 18; | (b) £116.80; |
| (c) both members are aged less than 18. | (c) £89.00. |

Commencement Information

I49 Sch. 4 para. 1 in operation at 1.4.2020 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(1\)\(i\)](#)

I50 Sch. 4 para. 1 in operation at 6.4.2020 in so far as not already in operation, see [art. 1\(1\)\(i\)](#)

SCHEDULE 5

Article 24(7)

Part IV of Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefit Regulations as amended by this Order

PART IV

AMOUNTS OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART III

Commencement Information

I51 Sch. 5 Pt. IV in operation at 1.4.2020 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(1\)\(i\)](#)

I52 Sch. 5 Pt. IV in operation at 6.4.2020 in so far as not already in operation, see [art. 1\(1\)\(i\)](#)

| <i>Premium</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
|--|---------------|
| 20.—(5) Disability premium— | (5) |
| (a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 12(a); | (a) £34.95; |

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| <i>Premium</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
|---|--|
| (b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 12(b). | (b) £49·80. |
| (6)(118) Severe disability premium— | (6) |
| (a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 14(2)(a); | (a) £66·95; |
| (b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 14(2)(b)— | (b) |
| (i) in a case where there is someone in receipt of carer’s allowance or who has an award of universal credit which includes the carer element under regulation 30 of the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 or if he or any partner satisfies that condition only by virtue of paragraph 14(5); | (i) £66·95; |
| (ii) in a case where there is no-one in receipt of such an allowance or such an award of universal credit. | (ii) £133·90. |
| (7) Disabled child premium. | (7) £65·52 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the condition specified in paragraph 16 is satisfied. |
| (8) Carer premium. | (8) £37·50 in respect of each person who satisfies the condition specified in paragraph 17. |
| (9)(119) Enhanced disability premium. | (9) |
| | (a) £26·60 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 15 are satisfied; |
| | (b) £17·10 in respect of each person who is neither— |
| | (i) a child or young person, nor |
| | (ii) a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage, |
| | in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 15 are satisfied; |
| | (c) £24·50 where the claimant is a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage and the conditions specified in paragraph |

(118) Sub-paragraph (6) was amended by regulation 34(10)(b) of S.R. 2016 No. 236

(119) Sub-paragraph (9) was amended by regulation 4(7)(b) of S.R. 2011 No. 136

| <i>Premium</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
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| | 15 are satisfied in respect of a member of that couple or polygamous marriage. |

SCHEDULE 6

Article 25(5)(a)

Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations as amended by this Order

PART I

PERSONAL ALLOWANCES

1. The amount specified in column (2)(**120**) in respect of each person or couple specified in column (1) shall be the amount specified for the purposes of regulation 20—

| <i>Column (1) Person, couple or polygamous marriage</i> | <i>Column (2) Amount</i> |
|---|------------------------------|
| (1) Single claimant or lone parent— | (1) |
| (b) who has attained pensionable age. | (b) £187·75. |
| (2) Couple— | (2) |
| (b) one member or both members who has attained pensionable age. | (b) £280·85. |
| (4) If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and one or more members of the marriage have attained pensionable age— | (4) |
| (a) for the claimant and the other party to the marriage; | (a) £280·85; |
| (b) for each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant. | (b) £93·10. |

Commencement Information

I53 Sch. 6 para. 1 in operation at 1.4.2020 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(1\)\(i\)](#)

I54 Sch. 6 para. 1 in operation at 6.4.2020 in so far as not already in operation, see [art. 1\(1\)\(i\)](#)

(120) The Table in paragraph 1 was amended by regulation 7(7) of [S.R. 2017 No. 242](#) and by Schedule 4 to [S.R. 2019 No. 188](#)

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SCHEDULE 7

Article 25(7)

Part IV of Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations as amended by this Order

PART IV

AMOUNTS OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART III

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| Commencement Information | |
| I55 | Sch. 7 Pt. IV in operation at 1.4.2020 for specified purposes, see art. 1(1)(i) |
| I56 | Sch. 7 Pt. IV in operation at 6.4.2020 in so far as not already in operation, see art. 1(1)(i) |

| <i>Premium</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
|---|---|
| 12.—(1)(121) Severe disability premium— | (1) |
| (a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 6(2)(a); | (a) £66·95; |
| (b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 6(2)(b)— | (b) |
| (i) in a case where there is someone in receipt of a carer’s allowance or who has an award of universal credit which includes the carer element under regulation 30 of the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 if he or any partner satisfies that condition only by virtue of paragraph 6(7); | (i) £66·95; |
| (ii) in a case where there is no-one in receipt of such an allowance or such an award of universal credit. | (ii) £133·90. |
| (2) Enhanced disability premium. | (2) £26·60 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 7 are satisfied. |
| (3) Disabled child premium. | (3) £65·52 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the condition specified in paragraph 8 is satisfied. |
| (4) Carer premium. | (4) £37·50 in respect of each person who satisfies the condition specified in paragraph 9. |

(121) Sub-paragraph (1) was amended by regulation 35(7)(b) of [S.R. 2016 No. 236](#)

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SCHEDULE 8

Article 27(3)(a)

Part I of Schedule 1 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 as amended by this Order

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SCHEDULE 9

Article 27(5)

Part IV of Schedule 1 to the Jobseeker's Allowance
Regulations 1996 as amended by this Order

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SCHEDULE 10

Article 27(6)

Part IVB of Schedule 1 to the Jobseeker's Allowance
Regulations 1996 as amended by this Order

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SCHEDULE 11

Article 31(1),(2) and (3)

Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Employment and Support
Allowance Regulations 2008 as amended by this Order

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SCHEDULE 12

Article 31(1), (4) and (5)

Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 as amended by this Order

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SCHEDULE 13

Article 33(2)

Amounts of certain elements specified in the table in regulation 38 of the Universal Credit Regulations as amended by this Order

Commencement Information

I65 Sch. 13 comes into operation in accordance with art. 1(1)(o), see **art. 1(1)(o)**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, which corresponds to an Order ([S.I. 2020/234](#)) made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions under sections 150, 150A, 151 and 151A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992, alters the rates and amounts of certain social security benefits and other sums.

Part 2 relates to social security benefits, pensions and allowances.

Article 3 and Schedule 1 alter the rates of benefits and increases of benefit (except those referred to in Article 3(2)) specified in Parts I, III, IV and V of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (“the Contributions and Benefits Act”).

Article 4 increases the rates and amounts of certain pensions and allowances under the Contributions and Benefits Act.

Article 5 increases the sums payable as part of a Category A or Category B retirement pension under sections 11(1) and 13(2) and (3) of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 on account of increases in guaranteed minimum pensions.

Article 6 increases the rates and amounts relating to the state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 including the full rate, amounts exceeding the full rate, the rate of increments and inherited increments.

Article 7 specifies the dates from which the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefits in Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14 are altered.

Article 8 specifies earnings limits for child dependency increases.

Article 9 increases the rate of statutory sick pay.

Article 10 increases the rate of statutory maternity pay.

Article 11 increases the rates of statutory paternity pay, statutory adoption pay and statutory shared parental pay.

Article 12 increases the rate of graduated retirement benefit.

Article 13 increases the amount of a Category C retirement pension.

Article 14 increases the prescribed maximum additional pension for the purposes of section 52(3) of the Contributions and Benefits Act.

Article 15 increases the rates of disability living allowance.

Article 16 increases the rates of personal independence payment.

Article 17 increases the rates of age addition and the rates referred to in Article 17(2) for claimants entitled to long-term incapacity benefit in so far as they correspond to a claimant in Great Britain who was subject to regulation 2(3) of the Employment and Support Allowance (Up-rating Modification) (Transitional) Regulations 2008.

Article 18 increases the rates of transitional invalidity allowance and the rates referred to in Article 18(2) for claimants entitled to long-term incapacity benefit in so far as they correspond to a claimant in Great Britain who was subject to regulation 2(3) of the Employment and Support Allowance (Up-rating Modification) (Transitional) Regulations 2008.

Article 19 increases the rates of widowed mother's allowance, widow's pension and widowed parent's allowance.

Article 20 specifies the rates of bereavement support payment.

Part 3 relates to income support and housing benefit.

Article 21 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of income support. Article 21(3) and Schedule 2 sets out certain personal allowances and Article 21(4) and (5) and Schedule 3 set out the premiums.

Article 22 provides for the percentage increase of sums payable by way of special transitional additions to income support.

Article 23 states the sum by which any income support of a person involved in a trade dispute is reduced.

Article 24 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of housing benefit. Article 24(5) and Schedule 4 sets out certain personal allowances and Article 24(7) and Schedule 5 set out the premiums.

Article 25 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of housing benefit for persons over the qualifying age for state pension credit. Article 25(5) and Schedule 6 set out the personal allowances and Article 25(6) and (7) and Schedule 7 set out the premiums.

Part 4 relates to jobseeker's allowance.

Article 26 increases the age-related amounts for contribution-based jobseeker's allowance.

Article 27 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of income-based jobseeker's allowance. Article 27(3) and Schedule 8 sets out certain personal allowances; Article

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27(4) and (5) and Schedule 9 set out the premiums; Article 27(6) and Schedule 10 set out the amounts of premiums relevant to joint-claim couples.

Article 28 states the sum by which any jobseeker's allowance of a person involved in a trade dispute is reduced.

Article 29 increases the amounts of jobseeker's allowance for the purposes of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Part 5 relates to state pension credit.

Article 30 specifies sums relevant to state pension credit.

Part 6 relates to employment and support allowance.

Article 31 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of employment and support allowance under the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008. Article 31(2) and (3) and Schedule 11 increase the contributory allowance of employment and support allowance and the prescribed amounts for income-related employment and support allowance; Article 31(3), (4) and (5) and Schedule 12 sets out the premiums and Article 31(6) increases the components.

Article 32 increases the prescribed amounts for employment and support allowance set out in regulation 62 of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Part 7 relates to universal credit.

Article 33 and Schedule 13 specify the amounts relevant to universal credit.

Article 34 revokes the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2015, to the extent that remains in operation. Article 34 also revokes the Social Up-rating (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019.

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