
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 2006

The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015

PART 2

Universal credit

CHAPTER 1

Entitlement and awards

Elements of an award

Standard allowance

14.—(1) The calculation of an award of universal credit is to include an amount by way of an allowance for—

- (a) a single claimant, or
 - (b) joint claimants.
- (2) Regulations are to specify the amount to be included under paragraph (1).
- (3) Regulations may provide for exceptions to paragraph (1).

Commencement Information

- I1** Art. 14 in operation at 2.5.2016 for specified purposes by S.R. 2016/215, art. 2(2)(a)
- I2** Art. 14 in operation at 27.9.2017 for specified purposes by S.R. 2017/190, art. 4(3)-(6), Sch. 1 (with art. 5)
- I3** Art. 14 in operation at 15.11.2017 and 13.12.2017 for specified purposes by S.R. 2017/216, art. 3 (with art. 6) (as amended (15.1.2018) by S.R. 2018/1, art. 7)
- I4** Art. 14 in operation at 17.1.2018 and further specified dates for specified purposes by S.R. 2018/1, art. 3 (with art. 6)

Responsibility for children and young persons

15.—(1) The calculation of an award of universal credit is to include an amount for each child or qualifying young person for whom a claimant is responsible.

[^{F1}(1A) But the amount mentioned in paragraph (1) is to be available in respect of a maximum of two persons who are either children or qualifying young persons for whom a claimant is responsible.]

(2) Regulations may make provision for the inclusion of an additional amount [^{F2}for each] child or qualifying young person [^{F3}for whom a claimant is responsible who] is disabled.

(3) Regulations are to specify, or provide for the calculation of, amounts to be included under paragraph (1) or (2).

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- (4) Regulations may provide for exceptions to paragraph (1) [^{F4}or (1A)] .
- (5) In this Part, “qualifying young person” means a person of a prescribed description.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Art. 15(1A) inserted (11.3.2017) by The Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/999), arts. 2(1), **10(2)**; S.R. 2017/46, art. 2(b)
- F2** Words in art. 15(2) substituted (11.3.2017) by The Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/999), arts. 2(1), **10(3)(a)**; S.R. 2017/46, art. 2(b)
- F3** Words in art. 15(2) inserted (11.3.2017) by The Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/999), arts. 2(1), **10(3)(b)**; S.R. 2017/46, art. 2(b)
- F4** Words in art. 15(4) inserted (11.3.2017) by The Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/999), arts. 2(1), **10(4)**; S.R. 2017/46, art. 2(b)

Commencement Information

- I5** Art. 15 in operation at 2.5.2016 for specified purposes by S.R. 2016/215, **art. 2(2)(a)**
- I6** Art. 15 in operation at 27.9.2017 for specified purposes by S.R. 2017/190, **art. 4(3)-(6)**, **Sch. 1** (with art. 5)
- I7** Art. 15 in operation at 15.11.2017 and 13.12.2017 for specified purposes by S.R. 2017/216, **art. 3** (with art. 6) (as amended (15.1.2018) by S.R. 2018/1, art. 7)
- I8** Art. 15 in operation at 17.1.2018 and further specified dates for specified purposes by S.R. 2018/1, **art. 3** (with art. 6)

Housing costs

16.—(1) The calculation of an award of universal credit is to include an amount in respect of any liability of a claimant to make payments in respect of the accommodation the claimant occupies as his or her home.

- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)—
- the accommodation must be in Northern Ireland;
 - the accommodation must be residential accommodation;
 - it is immaterial whether the accommodation consists of the whole or part of a building and whether or not it comprises separate and self-contained premises.
- (3) Regulations may make provision as to—
- what is meant by payments in respect of accommodation for the purposes of this Article (and, in particular, the extent to which such payments include mortgage payments);
 - circumstances in which a claimant is to be treated as liable or not liable to make such payments;
 - circumstances in which a claimant is to be treated as occupying or not occupying accommodation as his or her home (and, in particular, for temporary absences to be disregarded);
 - circumstances in which land used for the purposes of any accommodation is to be treated as included in the accommodation.
- (4) Regulations are to provide for the determination or calculation of any amount to be included under this Article.
- (5) Regulations may—
- provide for exceptions to paragraph (1);

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- (b) provide for inclusion of an amount under this Article in the calculation of an award of universal credit—
 - (i) to end at a prescribed time, or
 - (ii) not to start until a prescribed time.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Art. 16(1) excluded (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1 of the amending Rule) by The Universal Credit Regulations (NorthernIreland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/216), reg. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 4**
- C2** Art. 16(1) excluded (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1 of the amending Rule) by The Universal Credit Regulations (NorthernIreland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/216), reg. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 4(1)**

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- I9** Art. 16 in operation at 2.5.2016 for specified purposes by S.R. 2016/215, **art. 2(2)(a)**
- I10** Art. 16 in operation at 27.9.2017 for specified purposes by S.R. 2017/190, art. 4(3)-(6), **Sch. 1** (with art. 5)
- I11** Art. 16 in operation at 15.11.2017 and 13.12.2017 for specified purposes by S.R. 2017/216, **art. 3** (with art. 6) (as amended (15.1.2018) by S.R. 2018/1, art. 7)
- I12** Art. 16 in operation at 17.1.2018 and further specified dates for specified purposes by S.R. 2018/1, **art. 3** (with art. 6)

Other particular needs or circumstances

17.—(1) The calculation of an award of universal credit is to include amounts in respect of such particular needs or circumstances of a claimant as may be prescribed.

(2) The needs or circumstances prescribed under paragraph (1) may include—

^{F5}(a)

- (b) the fact that a claimant has limited capability for work and work-related activity;
- (c) the fact that a claimant has regular and substantial caring responsibilities for a severely disabled person.

(3) Regulations are to specify, or provide for the determination or calculation of, any amount to be included under paragraph (1).

(4) Regulations may—

- (a) provide for inclusion of an amount under this Article in the calculation of an award of universal credit—
 - (i) to end at a prescribed time, or
 - (ii) not to start until a prescribed time;
- (b) provide for the manner in which a claimant's needs or circumstances are to be determined.

Textual Amendments

- F5** Art. 17(2)(a) omitted (27.9.2017) by virtue of The Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/999), arts. 2(1), **11**; S.R. 2017/166, art. 3(a)

Commencement Information

- I13** Art. 17 in operation at 2.5.2016 for specified purposes by S.R. 2016/215, **art. 2(2)(a)**
- I14** Art. 17 in operation at 27.9.2017 for specified purposes by S.R. 2017/190, art. 4(3)-(6), **Sch. 1** (with art. 5)

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- I15** [Art. 17](#) in operation at 15.11.2017 and 13.12.2017 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2017/216](#), **art. 3** (with [art. 6](#)) (as amended (15.1.2018) by [S.R. 2018/1](#), art. 7)
- I16** [Art. 17](#) in operation at 17.1.2018 and further specified dates for specified purposes by [S.R. 2018/1](#), **art. 3** (with [art. 6](#))

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