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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 216**

**The Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

**PART 3**

**AWARDS**

**Deduction of income and work allowance**

**23.**—(1) The amounts to be deducted from the maximum amount in accordance with Article 13(3) of the Order (calculation of awards) to determine the amount of an award of universal credit are—

- (a) all of the claimant's unearned income (or in the case of joint claimants all of their combined unearned income) in respect of the assessment period, and
- (b) the following amount of the claimant's earned income (or, in the case of joint claimants, their combined earned income) in respect of the assessment period—
  - (i) in a case where no work allowance is specified in the table below (that is where a single claimant does not have, or neither of joint claimants has, responsibility for a child or qualifying young person or limited capability for work), [<sup>F1</sup>63%] of that earned income, or
  - (ii) in any other case, [<sup>F1</sup>63%] of the amount by which that earned income exceeds the work allowance specified in the table.

(2) The amount of the work allowance is—

- (a) if the award contains no amount for the housing costs element, the applicable amount of the higher work allowance specified in the table below, and
- (b) if the award does contain an amount for the housing costs element, the applicable amount of the lower work allowance specified in that table.

(3) In the case of an award where the claimant is a member of a couple, but makes a claim as a single person, the amount to be deducted from the maximum amount in accordance with Article 13(3) of the Order is the same as the amount that would be deducted in accordance with paragraph (1) if the couple were joint claimants.

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***Higher work allowance***

Single claimant—

responsible for one or more children or qualifying young persons and/or has [<sup>F2</sup>£512]  
limited capability for work

Joint claimants—

responsible for one or more children or qualifying young persons and/or [<sup>F2</sup>£512]  
where one or both have limited capability for work

***Lower work allowance***

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Single claimant—

responsible for one or more children or qualifying young persons and/or has [F3£292]  
limited capability for work

Joint claimants—

responsible for one or more children or qualifying young persons and/or [F3£292]  
where one or both have limited capability for work

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in reg. 23(1)(b)(i)(ii) substituted (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1(2) of the amending Rule) by [The Universal Credit \(Reduction of the Earnings Taper Rate\) \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2017 \(S.R. 2017/147\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(2)**
- F2** Sum in reg. 23 Table substituted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(1)(o) of the amending Rule) by [The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/40\)](#), arts. 1(1)(o), **33(1)(a)**
- F3** Sum in reg. 23 Table substituted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(1)(o) of the amending Rule) by [The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/40\)](#), arts. 1(1)(o), **33(1)(b)**

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