
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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), [^{F1}55%] of that earned income, or
 - (ii) in any other case, [^{F2}55%] 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.

Higher work allowance

Single claimant—

responsible for one or more children or qualifying young persons and/or has limited capability for work [^{F3}£573]

Joint claimants—

responsible for one or more children or qualifying young persons and/or where one or both have limited capability for work [^{F3}£573]

Lower work allowance

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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016, Section 23. (See end of Document for details)

Single claimant—

responsible for one or more children or qualifying young persons and/or has limited capability for work [F4£344]

Joint claimants—

responsible for one or more children or qualifying young persons and/or where one or both have limited capability for work [F4£344]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in reg. 23(1)(b)(i) substituted (24.11.2021) by [The Universal Credit \(Work Allowance and Taper\) \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/302\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(1)**
- F2** Word in reg. 23(1)(b)(ii) substituted (24.11.2021) by [The Universal Credit \(Work Allowance and Taper\) \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/302\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(1)**
- F3** Sum in Reg. 23 Table substituted (27.3.2023) by [The Social Security \(2022 Benefits Up-rating\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2023 \(S.R. 2023/27\)](#), arts. 1, **32(1)(a)**, 33
- F4** Sum in Reg. 23 Table substituted (27.3.2023) by [The Social Security \(2022 Benefits Up-rating\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2023 \(S.R. 2023/27\)](#), arts. 1, **32(1)(b)**, 33

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