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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2020 No. 40**

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

**PART 3**

**INCOME SUPPORT AND HOUSING BENEFIT**

**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(1) (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(2) (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(3) (applicable amounts: personal allowances)—

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

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

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

- (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(4) (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(5) (sums disregarded from claimant’s earnings) the sum of £17·10 remains the same.

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

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(4) 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](#)

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

(6) 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](#)