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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2021 No. 82**

The Social Security Benefits Up-  
rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2021

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 “£102·35” and “£15·85” substitute “£102·85” and “£15·95” respectively; and

(b) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (a) the sum “£149·00” remains the same,

(ii) in sub-paragraph (b) the sums “£149·00” and “£217·00” remain the same and for “£36·45” substitute “£36·65,

(iii) in sub-paragraph (c) the sums “£217·00” and “£283·00” remain the same and for “£50·05” substitute “£50·30”,

(iv) in sub-paragraph (d) the sums “£283·00” and “£377·00” remain the same and for “£81·90” substitute “£82·30”, and

(v) in sub-paragraph (e) the sums “£377·00” and “£469·00” remain the same and for “£93·25” substitute “£93·70”.

(4) In Schedule 1(2) (ineligible service charges)—

(a) in paragraph 2 for “£29·05”, “£29·05”, “£14·75”, “£19·35”, “£19·35” and “£9·70” substitute “£29·20”, “£29·20”, “£14·80”, “£19·45”, “£19·45”, “£9·75” respectively and the sum “£3·60” remains the same; and

(b) in paragraph 6(2) the sums “£34·30”, “£4·00”, “£2·75” and “£4·00” remain the same.

(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 25(3) of [S.R. 2020 No. 40](#)

(2) Paragraphs 2 and 6(2) were amended by Article 25(4) of [S.R. 2020 No. 40](#)

(3) Paragraphs 1 and 2(1) were amended by Article 25(5) of [S.R. 2020 No. 40](#)

- (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 “£68·27” substitute “£68·60”.

(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 “£17·60” substitute “£17·65”.

(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 25(6) of [S.R. 2020 No. 40](#)

(5) Paragraph 9 was amended by Article 23(8) of [S.R. 2020 No. 40](#)

(6) Paragraph 22 was amended by regulation 6(6)(d) of [S.R. 2008 No. 498](#) and Article 25(9) of [S.R. 2020 No. 40](#)