
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2023 No. 27

The Social Security (2022 Benefits Up-rating) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Social Security (2022 Benefits Up-rating) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023 and shall come into operation on 27th March 2023.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the Administration Act” means the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

“the Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(1);

“the Pensions Act” means the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015(2);

“the Pension Schemes Act” means the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(3);

“the Computation of Earnings Regulations” means the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(4);

“the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008” means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(5);

“the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016” means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(6);

“the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017” means the Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Amendments and Transitional and Savings Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017(7);

“the Great Britain Up-rating Order” means the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2022(8);

(1) 1992 c. 7

(2) 2015 c. 5 (N.I.)

(3) 1993 c. 49

(4) S.R. 1996 No. 520

(5) S.R. 2008 No. 280; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2008 Nos. 413 and 503, S.R. 2009 No. 338, S.R. 2010 No. 312, S.R. 2011 No. 368, S.R. 2017 Nos. 51 and 148 and S.R. 2022 No. 231

(6) S.R. 2016 No. 219; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2017 No. 51 and S.R. 2022 No. 231

(7) S.R. 2017 No. 51; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2017 No. 148

(8) S.I. 2022/292

“the Housing Benefit Regulations” means the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(9);

“the Housing Benefit (Abolition of the Family Premium and date of claim) Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (Abolition of the Family Premium and date of claim) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(10);

“the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(11);

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(12);

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(13);

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 2016” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(14)

“the Loans for Mortgage Interest Regulations” means the Loans for Mortgage Interest Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017(15);

“the State Pension Credit Regulations” means the State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(16); and

“the Universal Credit Regulations” means the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(17).

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (18) shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(3) For the purposes of this Order and notwithstanding section 39(2) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954, where a period of time is expressed to begin on, or to be reckoned from, a particular day, that day shall be included in the period.

(9) S.R. 2006 No. 405; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2008 No. 378, S.R. 2009 No. 382, S.R. 2011 Nos. 136 and 357, S.R. 2012 No. 116, S.R. 2016 Nos. 236 and 310, S.R. 2017 No. 51 and S.R. 2022 No. 231

(10) S.R. 2016 No. 310

(11) S.R. 2006 No. 406; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2008 No. 498, S.R. 2016 Nos. 236 and 310, S.R. 2017 No. 242 and S.R. 2022 No. 231

(12) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1988 Nos. 146 and 318, S.R. 1990 Nos. 213 and 346, S.R. 1993 No. 373, S.R. 1994 No. 77, S.R. 1995 Nos. 301 and 434, S.R. 1996 Nos. 199, 288, 449 and 476, S.R. 1997 No. 3, S.R. 1998 No. 112, S.R. 1999 Nos. 382 and 472 (C. 36), S.R. 2000 No. 367, S.R. 2002 Nos. 132 and 323, S.R. 2003 Nos. 191 and 195, S.R. 2004 No. 394, S.R. 2006 No. 128, S.R. 2007 No. 154, S.R. 2008 No. 503, S.R. 2010 No. 69, S.R. 2011 No. 135, S.I. 2013/3021, S.R. 2016 No. 228, S.R. 2017 No. 187, S.R. 2018 No. 37, S.I. 2021/786 and S.R. 2022 No. 231; *see also* regulation 4 of S.R. 2017 No. 79

(13) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1996 Nos. 288 and 356, S.R. 1998 No. 112, S.R. 1999 No. 428 (C. 32), S.R. 2000 Nos. 350 and 367, S.R. 2001 No. 120, S.R. 2002 No. 323, S.R. 2003 Nos. 195 and 267, S.R. 2004 No. 394, S.R. 2005 No. 536, S.R. 2007 No. 154, S.R. 2008 Nos. 112, 286 and 503, S.R. 2009 No. 261, S.R. 2010 No. 103, S.R. 2011 No. 135, S.I. 2013/3021, S.R. 2016 No. 228, S.R. 2017 No. 116, S.I. 2021/786 and S.R. 2022 No. 231; *see also* regulation 5 of S.R. 2017 No. 79

(14) S.R. 2016 No. 218;

(15) S.R. 2017 No. 176; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2018 No. 37

(16) S.R. 2003 No. 28; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2004 No. 394, S.R. 2006 No. 359, S.R. 2008 No. 503, S.R. 2016 No. 236, S.R. 2017 Nos. 176 and 187, S.R. 2018 No. 135 and S.R. 2022 No. 231

(17) S.R. 2016 No. 216; relevant amending Rules are S.I. 2016/999 (N.I. 1), S.R. 2016 No. 226, S.R. 2017 Nos. 79, 146 and 176, S.R. 2021 No. 67 and S.R. 2021 No. 302, and S.R. 2022 No. 231

(18) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)