
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2023 No. 43

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

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 “£106.05” and “£16.45” substitute “£116.75” and “£18.10” respectively; and

(b) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£154.00” substitute “£162.00”,

(ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£154.00”, “£224.00” and “£37.80” substitute “£162.00”, “£236.00” and “£41.60” respectively,

(iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£224.00”, “£292.00” and “£51.85” substitute “£236.00”, “£308.00” and “£57.10” respectively,

(iv) in sub-paragraph (d) for “£292.00”, “£389.00” and “£84.85” substitute “£308.00”, “£410.00” and “£93.40” respectively, and

(v) in sub-paragraph (e) for “£389.00”, “£484.00” and “£96.60” substitute “£410.00”, “£511.00” and “£106.35” respectively.

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

(a) in paragraph 2 for “£30.10”, “£30.10”, “£15.25”, “£20.05”, “£20.05”, “£10.05” and “£3.70” substitute “£33.15”, “£33.15”, “£16.80”, “£22.10”, “£22.10”, “£11.05” and “£4.05” respectively; and

(b) in paragraph 6(2) the sums “£35.25”, “£4.10”, “£2.85” and “£4.10” remain the same.

(5) In Part I of Schedule 4(3) (applicable amounts: personal allowances)—

(1) Regulation 53(1) and (2) was amended by Article 24(3) of [S.R. 2023 No. 27](#)

(2) Paragraphs 2 and 6(2) were amended by Article 24(4) of [S.R. 2023 No. 27](#)

(3) Paragraphs 1 and 2(1) were amended by Article 24(5) of [S.R. 2023 No. 27](#)

- (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 “£70.80” substitute “£77.78”.

(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 “£17.85” substitute “£18.53”.

(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.

(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 24(6) of [S.R. 2023 No. 27](#)

(5) Paragraph 9 was amended by Article 24(8) of [S.R. 2023 No. 27](#)

(6) Paragraph 22 was amended by regulation 6(6)(d) of [S.R. 2008 No. 498](#) and Article 24(9) of [S.R. 2023 No. 27](#)