
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide for an increase in various values of forms of assistance payable by virtue of regulations made under the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 and make other amendments to the Welfare Foods (Best Start Foods) (Scotland) Regulations 2019. The Regulations come into force on 1 April 2022, with the exception of regulations 2 and 4, which come into force on 11 April 2022.

Regulation 2 increases the value of Adult Disability Payment payable under the Disability Assistance for Working Age People (Scotland) Regulations 2022. Paragraph 1 of the schedule makes saving provision so that the previous value of this assistance is still payable in certain circumstances.

Regulation 3 increases the thresholds below which qualifying forms of assistance allow relevant persons to qualify for the Best Start Foods scheme under the Welfare Foods (Best Start Foods) (Scotland) Regulations 2019.

Regulation 4 increases the value of the three grants payable under the Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (the pregnancy and baby grant, the early learning grant, and the school age grant). Paragraph 2 of the schedule makes saving provision so that the previous value of this assistance is still payable in certain circumstances.

Regulation 5 increases the value of Child Disability Payment payable under the Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2021. Paragraph 3 of the schedule makes saving provision so that the previous value of this assistance is still payable in certain circumstances.

Regulation 6 increases the amount of child winter heating assistance payable under the Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020. Paragraph 4 of the schedule makes saving provision so that the previous value of this assistance is still payable in certain circumstances.

Regulation 7 increases the amounts of funeral expense assistance payable under the Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Regulations 2019. Paragraph 5 of the schedule makes saving provision so that the previous values of this assistance are still payable in certain circumstances.

Regulation 8 increases the value of Scottish Child Payment payable under the Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020. Paragraph 6 of the schedule makes saving provision so that the previous value of this assistance is still payable in certain circumstances.

Regulation 9 increases the value of Young Carer Grant payable under the Carer's Assistance (Young Carer Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2019. Paragraph 7 of the schedule makes saving provision so that the previous value of this grant is still payable in certain circumstances.

Regulation 10 gives effect to the schedule.