#### DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2018 No.

# The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2018

## PART 3

#### INCOME SUPPORT AND HOUSING BENEFIT

## **Applicable amounts for Income Support**

- **21.**—(1) The sums that are relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Income Support Regulations shall be the sums set out in this article and Schedules 2 and 3 to this Order; and unless stated otherwise, any reference in this article to a numbered Schedule is a reference to the Schedule to the Income Support Regulations bearing that number.
  - (2) In—
    - (a) regulations 17(1)(b)(1), 18(1)(c) and 21(1)(2); and
  - (b) paragraphs 13A(2)(a)(3) and 14(2)(a)(4) of Part III of Schedule 2,
- the sum specified is in each case £3,000 (which remains unchanged).
- (3) The sums specified in paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 2(5) (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 2 to this Order.
  - (4) In paragraph 3 of Part II of Schedule 2(6) (applicable amounts: family premium)—
    - (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) "£17.45" remains unchanged; and
    - (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) "£17.45" remains unchanged.
- (5) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 2(7) (applicable amounts: weekly amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 3 to this Order.
- (6) In paragraph 11(5) of Schedule 3(8) (general provisions applying to housing costs) "£100,000" remains unchanged.
  - (7) In paragraph 18 of Schedule 3(9) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—
    - (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for "£95.45" substitute "£98.30";
    - (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for "£14.80" substitute "£15.25";
    - (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for "£136.00" substitute "£139.00";
- Regulations 17(1)(b) and 18(1)(c) were omitted by S.I. 2003/455. Regulation 7 of that S.I. (as amended by S.I. 2005/2294) makes transitional arrangements in connection with the introduction of tax credits.
- (2) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1994/527, 1996/206 and 2431, 2000/636, 2001/3767 and 2003/455.
- (3) Paragraph 13A was inserted by S.I. 2000/2629 and amended by S.I. 2002/3019, 2003/455, 2007/719 and 2011/674 and 2425.
- (4) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2007/719 and 2011/674.
- (5) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/2545, 1999/2555, 2003/455, 2006/718 and 2015/457.
- (6) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/1803, 1998/766, 2003/455 and 2014/516.
- (7) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1990/1776, 1996/1803, 2000/2629, 2002/2497 and 3019, 2007/719, 2015/457 and 2017/260.
- (8) SeeS.I. 2008/3195 which modifies paragraph 11(5) so that it applies as if the reference to "£100,000" were to "£200,000" in relation to certain persons.
- (9) Schedule 3 was substituted by S.I. 1995/1613; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1995/2927, 1996/2518, 1999/3178, 2004/2327 and 2017/260.

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(d) in sub-paragraph (2)(b)—
       (i) for "£34.00" substitute "£35.00";
      (ii) for "£136.00" substitute "£139.00"; and
     (iii) for "£200.00" substitute "£204.00";
(e) in sub-paragraph (2)(c)—
      (i) for "£46.65" substitute "£48.05";
      (ii) for "£200.00" substitute "£204.00"; and
     (iii) for "£259.00" substitute "£265.00";
(f) in sub-paragraph (2)(d)—
      (i) for "£76.35" substitute "£78.65";
      (ii) for "£259.00" substitute "£265.00"; and
     (iii) for "£346.00" substitute "£354.00"; and
(g) in sub-paragraph (2)(e)—
      (i) for "£86.95" substitute "£89.55";
      (ii) for "£346.00" substitute "£354.00"; and
     (iii) for "£430.00" substitute "£439.00".
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#### **Income Support Transitional Protection**

**22.** It is directed(**10**) that the sums which are special transitional additions to income support payable in accordance with regulation 15 of the Income Support (Transitional) Regulations 1987(**11**) (special transitional addition) shall be increased by 3.0 per cent.

#### **Housing Benefit**

- **23.**—(1) The sums that are relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Housing Benefit Regulations shall be the sums set out in this article and Schedules 4 and 5 to this Order; and unless otherwise stated, any reference in this article to a numbered Schedule is a reference to the Schedule to the Housing Benefit Regulations bearing that number.
  - (2) In regulation 27(3) (calculation of income on a weekly basis)—
    - (a) in sub-paragraph (a) "£175.00" remains unchanged; and
    - (b) in sub-paragraph (b) "£300" remains unchanged.
  - (3) In regulation 74(12) (non-dependant deductions)—
    - (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£95.45" substitute "£98.30";
    - (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for "£14.80" substitute "£15.25";
    - (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for "£136.00" substitute "£139.00";
    - (d) in paragraph (2)(b)—
      - (i) for "£34.00" substitute "£35.00";
      - (ii) for "£136.00" substitute "£139.00"; and
      - (iii) for "£200.00" substitute "£204.00";
    - (e) in paragraph (2)(c)—

<sup>(10)</sup> See section 151(6) of the Administration Act.

<sup>(11)</sup> S.I. 1987/1969; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1988/521 and 670, 1989/1626, 1991/1600 and 2017/260.

<sup>(12)</sup> Regulation 74 was substituted by S.I. 2007/2868. Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2017/260.

- (i) for "£46.65" substitute "£48.05";
- (ii) for "£200.00" substitute "£204.00"; and
- (iii) for "£259.00" substitute "£265.00";
- (f) in paragraph (2)(d)—
  - (i) for "£76.35" substitute "£78.65";
  - (ii) for "£259.00" substitute "£265.00"; and
  - (iii) for "£346.00" substitute "£354.00"; and
- (g) in paragraph (2)(e)—
  - (i) for "£86.95" substitute "£89.55";
  - (ii) for "£346.00" substitute "£354.00"; and
  - (iii) for "£430.00" substitute "£439.00".
- (4) In paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 (ineligible service charges), for "£27.10", "£27.10", "£13.75", "£18.05", "£18.05", "£9.10" and "£3.35" substitute "£27.90", "£27.90", "£14.15", "£18.60", "£18.60", "£9.35" and "£3.45" respectively.
  - (5) In paragraph 6 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 (payments in respect of fuel charges)—
    - (a) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for "£28.80" substitute "£30.30";
    - (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) and (d) for "£3.35" substitute "£3.50"; and
    - (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) for "£2.30" substitute "£2.40".
- (6) The sums specified in paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 3(13) (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 4 to this Order.
  - (7) In paragraph 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 3(14) (applicable amounts: family premium)—
    - (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) "£22.20" remains unchanged; and
    - (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) "£17.45" remains unchanged.
- (8) The sums specified in Part 4 of Schedule 3 (applicable amounts: premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 5 to this Order.
- (9) In paragraph 26 of Part 6 of Schedule 3(15) (amount of component) for "£36.55" substitute "£37.65".
- (10) In paragraph 17(1)(16) and (3)(c) of Schedule 4 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of earnings) "£17.10" remains unchanged.
- (11) In paragraph 56 of Schedule 5 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) "£17.10" remains unchanged.

#### Housing Benefit for certain persons over the qualifying age for State Pension Credit

- **24.**—(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, any reference in this article to a numbered Schedule is a reference to the Schedule to the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations bearing that number.
  - (2) In regulation 30(3) (calculation of income on a weekly basis)—

<sup>(13)</sup> Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2008/1082 and 2015/457.

<sup>(14)</sup> Part 2 of Schedule 3 was omitted by S.I. 2015/1857. Regulation 4 of that S.I. makes transitional arrangements in connection with the abolition of the Family Premium.

<sup>(15)</sup> Part 6 was inserted by S.I. 2008/1082 (as amended by S.I. 2008/2428) and amended by S.I. 2017/204 and 260.

 $<sup>\</sup>textbf{(16)} \ \ Relevant \ amending \ instruments \ are \ S.I. \ 2009/2608 \ and \ 2010/793.$ 

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) "£175.00" remains unchanged; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) "£300" remains unchanged.
- (3) In regulation 55(17) (non-dependant deductions)—
  - (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£95.45" substitute "£98.30";
  - (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for "£14.80" substitute "£15.25";
  - (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for "£136.00" substitute "£139.00";
  - (d) in paragraph (2)(b)—
    - (i) for "£34.00" substitute "£35.00";
    - (ii) for "£136.00" substitute "£139.00"; and
    - (iii) for "£200.00" substitute "£204.00";
  - (e) in paragraph (2)(c)—
    - (i) for "£46.65" substitute "£48.05";
    - (ii) for "£200.00" substitute "£204.00"; and
    - (iii) for "£259.00" substitute "£265.00";
  - (f) in paragraph (2)(d)—
    - (i) for "£76.35" substitute "£78.65";
    - (ii) for "£259.00" substitute "£265.00"; and
    - (iii) for "£346.00" substitute "£354.00"; and
  - (g) in paragraph (2)(e)—
    - (i) for "£86.95" substitute "£89.55";
    - (ii) for "£346.00" substitute "£354.00"; and
    - (iii) for "£430.00" substitute "£439.00".
- (4) In paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 (ineligible service charges), for "£27.10", "£27.10", "£13.75", "£18.05", "£18.05", "£9.10" and "£3.35" substitute "£27.90", "£27.90", "£14.15", "£18.60", "£18.60", "£9.35" and "£3.45" respectively.
  - (5) In paragraph 6 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 (payments in respect of fuel charges)—
    - (a) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for "£28.80" substitute "£30.30";
    - (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) and (d) for "£3.35" substitute "£3.50"; and
    - (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) for "£2.30" substitute "£2.40".
- (6) The sums specified in Part 1 of Schedule 3 (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 6 to this Order.
- (7) In paragraph 3(1) of Part 2 of Schedule 3(18) (applicable amounts: family premium) "£17.45" remains unchanged.
- (8) The sums specified in Part 4 of Schedule 3 (applicable amounts: amounts of premiums specified in Part 3) shall be as set out in Schedule 7 to this Order.
- (9) In paragraph 9(1) and (3)(c) of Schedule 4 (sums disregarded from claimant's earnings) "£17.10" remains unchanged.

<sup>(17)</sup> Regulation 55 was substituted by S.I. 2007/2869. Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2017/260.

<sup>(18)</sup> Part 2 of Schedule 3 was omitted by S.I. 2015/1857. Regulation 4 of that S.I. makes transitional arrangements in connection with the abolition of the Family Premium.

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(10) In paragraph 21 of Schedule 5(19) (amounts to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) "£17.10" remains unchanged.