#### DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2019 No.

# The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2019

## 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 Schedule 2 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) In paragraph 2(1) of Part I of Schedule 2(5) (applicable amounts: personal allowances) in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of column (2) of the table "£66.90" remains unchanged.
  - (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 2 to this Order.
- (6) In paragraph 11(5) of Schedule 3(8) (general provisions applying to housing costs) as it has effect in a case falling within regulation 19, 19A or 20 of the Loans for Mortgage Interest Regulations 2017(9) "£100,000" remains unchanged.
  - (7) In paragraph 18 of Schedule 3(10) (housing costs: non-dependent deductions)—
    - (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for "£98.30" substitute "£100.65";
    - (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for "£15.25" substitute "£15.60";
- (1) 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 2018/281.
- (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) S.I. 2017/725. Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2018/307.
- (10) Schedule 3 was substituted by S.I. 1995/1613; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1995/2927, 1996/2518, 1999/3178, 2004/2327 and 2018/281.

- (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for "£139.00" substitute "£143.00"; (d) in sub-paragraph (2)(b)—
- - (i) for "£35.00" substitute "£35.85";
  - (ii) for "£139.00" substitute "£143.00"; and
  - (iii) for "£204.00" substitute "£209.00";
- (e) in sub-paragraph (2)(c)—
  - (i) for "£48.05" substitute "£49.20";
  - (ii) for "£204.00" substitute "£209.00"; and
  - (iii) for "£265.00" substitute "£272.00";
- (f) in sub-paragraph (2)(d)—
  - (i) for "£78.65" substitute "£80.55";
  - (ii) for "£265.00" substitute "£272.00"; and
  - (iii) for "£354.00" substitute "£363.00"; and
- (g) in sub-paragraph (2)(e)—
  - (i) for "£89.55" substitute "£91.70";
  - (ii) for "£354.00" substitute "£363.00"; and
  - (iii) for "£439.00" substitute "£451.00".

#### **Income Support Transitional Protection**

22. It is directed(11) that the sums which are special transitional additions to income support payable in accordance with regulation 15 of the Income Support (Transitional) Regulations 1987(12) (special transitional addition) shall be increased by 2.4 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 Schedule 3 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(13) (non-dependant deductions)—
    - (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£98.30" substitute "£100.65";
    - (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for "£15.25" substitute "£15.60";
    - (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for "£139.00" substitute "£143.00";
    - (d) in paragraph (2)(b)—
      - (i) for "£35.00" substitute "£35.85";
      - (ii) for "£139.00" substitute "£143.00"; and
      - (iii) for "£204.00" substitute "£209.00";

<sup>(11)</sup> See section 151(6) of the Administration Act.

<sup>(12)</sup> S.I. 1987/1969; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1988/521 and 670, 1989/1626, 1991/1600 and 2018/281.

<sup>(13)</sup> Regulation 74 was substituted by S.I. 2007/2868. Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2018/281.

- (e) in paragraph (2)(c)—
  - (i) for "£48.05" substitute "£49.20";
  - (ii) for "£204.00" substitute "£209.00"; and
  - (iii) for "£265.00" substitute "£272.00";
- (f) in paragraph (2)(d)—
  - (i) for "£78.65" substitute "£80.55";
  - (ii) for "£265.00" substitute "£272.00"; and
  - (iii) for "£354.00" substitute "£363.00"; and
- (g) in paragraph (2)(e)—
  - (i) for "£89.55" substitute "£91.70";
  - (ii) for "£354.00" substitute "£363.00"; and
  - (iii) for "£439.00" substitute "£451.00".
- (4) In paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 (ineligible service charges), for "£27.90", "£27.90", "£14.15", "£18.60", "£18.60", "£9.35" and "£3.45" substitute "£28.55", "£28.55", "£14.50", "£19.05", "£19.05", "£9.55" and "£3.55" respectively.
  - (5) In paragraph 6 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 (payments in respect of fuel charges)—
    - (a) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for "£30.30" substitute "£32.70";
    - (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) and (d) for "£3.50" substitute "£3.80"; and
    - (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) for "£2.40" substitute "£2.60".
- (6) In paragraph 2(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 3(14) (applicable amounts: personal allowances) in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of column (2) of the table "£66.90" remains unchanged.
- (7) In paragraph 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 3 (applicable amounts: family premium) as it has effect in a case falling within regulation 4 of the Housing Benefit (Abolition of the Family Premium and date of claim) (Amendment) Regulations 2015(15)—
  - (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 3 to this Order.
- (9) In paragraph 26 of Part 6 of Schedule 3(16) (amount of component) for "£37.65" substitute "£38.55".
- (10) In paragraph 17(1)(17) 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 4 and 5 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.

<sup>(14)</sup> Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2006/718 and 2015/457.

<sup>(15)</sup> S.I. 2015/1857. Part 2 of Schedule 3 was omitted by regulation 2 of that S.I. subject to transitional arrangements in regulation 4.

<sup>(16)</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 2018/281.

<sup>(17)</sup> Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2009/2608 and 2010/793.

- (2) In regulation 30(3) (calculation of income on a weekly basis)—
  - (a) in sub-paragraph (a) "£175.00" remains unchanged; and
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (b) "£300.00" remains unchanged.
- (3) In regulation 55(18) (non-dependant deductions)—
  - (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£98.30" substitute "£100.65";
  - (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for "£15.25" substitute "£15.60";
  - (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for "£139.00" substitute "£143.00";
  - (d) in paragraph (2)(b)—
    - (i) for "£35.00" substitute "£35.85";
    - (ii) for "£139.00" substitute "£143.00"; and
    - (iii) for "£204.00" substitute "£209.00";
  - (e) in paragraph (2)(c)—
    - (i) for "£48.05" substitute "£49.20";
    - (ii) for "£204.00" substitute "£209.00"; and
    - (iii) for "£265.00" substitute "£272.00";
  - (f) in paragraph (2)(d)—
    - (i) for "£78.65" substitute "£80.55";
    - (ii) for "£265.00" substitute "£272.00"; and
    - (iii) for "£354.00" substitute "£363.00"; and
  - (g) in paragraph (2)(e)—
    - (i) for "£89.55" substitute "£91.70";
    - (ii) for "£354.00" substitute "£363.00"; and
    - (iii) for "£439.00" substitute "£451.00".
- (4) In paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 (ineligible service charges), for "£27.90", "£27.90", "£14.15", "£18.60", "£18.60", "£9.35" and "£3.45" substitute "£28.55", "£28.55", "£14.50", "£19.05", "£19.05", "£9.55" and "£3.55" respectively.
  - (5) In paragraph 6 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 (payments in respect of fuel charges)—
    - (a) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for "£30.30" substitute "£32.70";
    - (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) and (d) for "£3.50" substitute "£3.80"; and
    - (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) for "£2.40" substitute "£2.60".
  - (6) In Part 1 of Schedule 3 (applicable amounts: personal allowances)—
    - (a) the sums specified in paragraph 1(19) shall be as set out in Schedule 4 to this Order; and
    - (b) in paragraph 2(1)(**20**), in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of column (2) of the table "£66.90" remains unchanged.
- (7) In paragraph 3(1) of Part 2 of Schedule 3 (applicable amounts: family premium) as it has effect in a case falling within regulation 4 of the Housing Benefit (Abolition of the Family Premium and date of claim) (Amendment) Regulations 2015(21) "£17.45" remains unchanged.

<sup>(18)</sup> Regulation 55 was substituted by S.I. 2007/2869. Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2018/281.

<sup>(19)</sup> Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2016/242.

<sup>(20)</sup> Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2006/718 and 2015/457.

<sup>(21)</sup> S.I. 2015/1857. Part 2 of Schedule 3 was omitted by regulation 2 of that S.I. subject to transitional arrangements in regulation 4.

- (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 5 to this Order.
- (9) In paragraph 9(1) and (3)(c) of Schedule 4 (sums disregarded from claimant's earnings) "£17.10" remains unchanged.
- (10) In paragraph 21 of Schedule 5(22) (amounts to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) "£17.10" remains unchanged.