
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1992 No. 1815

The Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) Regulations 1992

PART II

CALCULATION OR ESTIMATION OF CHILD SUPPORT MAINTENANCE

Calculation or estimation of amounts

2.—(1) Where any amount falls to be taken into account for the purposes of these Regulations, it shall be calculated or estimated as a weekly amount and, except where the context otherwise requires, any reference to such an amount shall be construed accordingly.

(2) Subject to [^{F1}regulations 11(6) and (7) and 13(2) and regulation 8(2) of the Maintenance Assessment Procedure Regulations], where any calculation made under [^{F2}the Act or] these Regulations results in a fraction of a penny that fraction shall be treated as a penny if it is either one half or exceeds one half, otherwise it shall be disregarded.

(3) A child support officer shall calculate the amounts to be taken into account for the purposes of these Regulations by reference, as the case may be, to the dates, weeks, months or other periods specified herein provided that if he becomes aware of a material change of circumstances occurring after such date, week, month or other period but before the effective date, he shall take that change of circumstances into account.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in reg. 2(2) substituted (18.4.1995) by [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), 42

F2 Words in reg. 2(2) inserted (18.4.1995) by [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), 42

Calculation of AG

3.—(1) The amounts to be taken into account for the purposes of calculating AG in the formula set out in paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 1 to the Act are—

(a) with respect to each qualifying child, an amount equal to the amount specified in column (2) of paragraph 2 of the relevant Schedule for a person of the same age (income support personal allowance for child or young person);

[^{F3}(b) with respect to a person with care of one or more qualifying children—

(i) where one or more of those children is aged less than 11, an amount equal to the amount specified in column (2) of paragraph 1(1)(e) of the relevant Schedule (income support personal allowance for a single claimant aged not less than 25);

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- (ii) where none of those children are aged less than 11 but one or more of them is aged less than 14, an amount equal to 75 per centum of the amount specified in head (i) above; and
 - (iii) where none of those children are aged less than 14 but one or more of them is aged less than 16, an amount equal to 50 per centum of the amount specified in head (i) above;]
 - (c) an amount equal to the amount specified in paragraph 3 of the relevant Schedule (income support family premium);
 - (d) where the person with care of the qualifying child or children has no partner, an amount equal to the amount specified in paragraph 15(1) of the relevant Schedule (income support lone parent premium).
- (2) The amounts referred to in paragraph (1) shall be the amounts applicable at the effective date.

Textual Amendments

F3 [Reg. 3\(1\)\(b\)](#) substituted (7.2.1994) by [The Child Support \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 1994 \(S.I. 1994/227\)](#), regs. 1, **4(2)**

Basic rate of child benefit

4. For the purposes of paragraph 1(4) of Schedule 1 to the Act "basic rate" means the rate of child benefit which is specified in regulation 2(1) of the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations 1976 ^{M1} (rates of child benefit) applicable to the child in question at the effective date.

Marginal Citations

M1 [S.I. 1976/1267](#); the relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1977/1328](#), 1991/502, 543, 1595.

The general rule

5. For the purposes of paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act—
- (a) the value of C, otherwise than in a case where the other parent is the person with care, is nil; and
 - (b) the value of P is 0.5.

The additional element

6.—^{F4}(1) For the purposes of the formula in paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act, the value of R is—

- (a) where the maintenance assessment in question relates to one qualifying child, 0.15;
 - (b) where the maintenance assessment in question relates to two qualifying children, 0.20; and
 - (c) where the maintenance assessment, in question relates to three or more qualifying children, 0.25.]
- (2) For the purposes of the alternative formula in paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 1 to the Act—
- (a) the value of Z is ^{F5}1.5];

- (b) the amount for the purposes of paragraph (b) of the definition of Q is the same as the amount specified in regulation 3(1)(c) (income support family premium) in respect of each qualifying child.

Textual Amendments

- F4** Reg. 6(1) substituted (7.2.1994) by [The Child Support \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 1994 \(S.I. 1994/227\)](#), regs. 1, **4(3)**
- F5** Word in reg. 6(2)(a) substituted (18.4.1995) by [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), **43** (with regs. 62, 64)

Net income: calculation or estimation of N

7.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, for the purposes of the formula in paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act, the amount of N (net income of absent parent) shall be the aggregate of the following amounts—

- (a) the amount, determined in accordance with Part I of Schedule 1, of any earnings of the absent parent;
- (b) the amount, determined in accordance with Part II of Schedule 1, of any benefit payments under the Contributions and Benefits Act paid to or in respect of the absent parent;
- (c) the amount, determined in accordance with Part III of Schedule 1, of any other income of the absent parent;
- (d) the amount, determined in accordance with Part IV of Schedule 1, of any income of a relevant child which is treated as the income of the absent parent;
- (e) any amount, determined in accordance with Part V of Schedule 1, which is treated as the income of the absent parent.
- (2) Any amounts referred to in Schedule 2 shall be disregarded.
- (3) Where an absent parent's income consists—
- (a) only of a youth training allowance; or
- (b) in the case of a student, only of grant, an amount paid in respect of grant contribution or student loan or any combination thereof; or
- (c) only of prisoner's pay,

then for the purposes of determining N such income shall be disregarded.

(4) Where a parent and any other person are beneficially entitled to any income but the shares of their respective entitlements are not ascertainable the child support officer shall estimate their respective entitlements having regard to such information as is available but where sufficient information on which to base an estimate is not available the parent and that other person shall be treated as entitled to that income in equal shares.

(5) Where any income normally received at regular intervals has not been received it shall, if it is due to be paid and there are reasonable grounds for believing it will be received, be treated as if it had been received.

Net income: calculation or estimation of M

8. For the purposes of paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 1 to the Act, the amount of M (net income of the parent with care) shall be calculated in the same way as N is calculated under regulation 7 but as if references to the absent parent were references to the parent with care.

Exempt income: calculation or estimation of E

9.—(1) For the purposes of paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act, the amount of E (exempt income of absent parent) shall, subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), be the aggregate of the following amounts—

- (a) an amount equal to the amount specified in column (2) of paragraph 1(1)(e) of the relevant Schedule (income support personal allowance for a single claimant aged not less than 25);
- (b) an amount in respect of housing costs determined in accordance with regulations 14 to 18;
- [^{F6}(bb) where applicable, an amount in respect of a qualifying transfer of property determined in accordance with Schedule 3A;]
- (c) where—
 - (i) the absent parent is the parent of a relevant child; and
 - (ii) if he were a claimant, the condition in paragraph 8 of the relevant Schedule (income support lone parent premium) would be satisfied but the conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(d) would not be satisfied;
 an amount equal to the amount specified in column (2) of paragraph 15(1) of that Schedule (income support lone parent premium);
- (d) where, if the parent were a claimant aged less than 60, the conditions in paragraph 11 of the relevant Schedule (income support disability premium) would be satisfied in respect of him, an amount equal to the amount specified in column (2) of paragraph 15(4)(a) of that Schedule (income support disability premium);
- (e) where—
 - (i) if the parent were a claimant, the conditions in paragraph 13 of the relevant Schedule (income support severe disability premium) would be satisfied, an amount equal to the amount specified in column (2) of paragraph 15(5)(a) of that Schedule (except that no such amount shall be taken into account in the case of an absent parent in respect of whom an invalid care allowance under section 70 of the Contributions and Benefits Act is payable to some other person);
 - (ii) if the parent were a claimant, the conditions in paragraph 14ZA of the relevant Schedule (income support carer premium) would be satisfied in respect of him, an amount equal to the amount specified in column (2) of paragraph 15(7) of that Schedule;
- (f) where, if the parent were a claimant, the conditions in paragraph 3 of the relevant Schedule (income support family premium) would be satisfied in respect of a relevant child of that parent, the amount specified in that paragraph or, where those conditions would be satisfied only by virtue of the case being one to which paragraph (2) applies, half that amount;
- (g) in respect of each relevant child—
 - (i) an amount equal to the amount of the personal allowance for that child, specified in column (2) of paragraph 2 of the relevant Schedule (income support personal allowance) or, where paragraph (2) applies, half that amount;
 - (ii) if the conditions set out in paragraph 14(b) and (c) of the relevant Schedule (income support disabled child premium) are satisfied in respect of that child, an amount equal to the amount specified in column (2) of paragraph 15(6) of the relevant Schedule or, where paragraph (2) applies, half that amount;
- (h) where the absent parent in question or his partner is living in—
 - (i) accommodation provided under Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948 ^{M2};

- (ii) accommodation provided under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 8 to the National Health Service Act 1977 ^{M3}; or
- (iii) a nursing home or residential care home,
- the amount of the fees paid in respect of the occupation of that accommodation or, as the case may be, that home.
- [^{F7}(i) where applicable, an amount in respect of travelling costs determined in accordance with Schedule 3B.]
- (2) This paragraph applies where—
- (a) the absent parent has a partner;
- (b) the absent parent and the partner are parents of the same relevant child; and
- (c) the income of the partner, calculated under regulation 7(1) [^{F8}(but excluding the amount mentioned in sub-paragraph (d) of that regulation)] as if that partner were an absent parent to whom that regulation applied, exceeds the aggregate of—
- (i) the amount specified in column 2 of paragraph 1(1)(e) of the relevant Schedule (income support personal allowance for a single claimant aged not less than 25);
- (ii) half the amount of the personal allowance for that child specified in column (2) of paragraph 2 of the relevant Schedule (income support personal allowance);
- (iii) half the amount of any income support disabled child premium specified in column (2) of paragraph 15(6) of that Schedule in respect of that child; [^{F9}and]
- (iv) half the amount of any income support family premium specified in paragraph 3 of the Schedule except where such premium is payable irrespective of that child; ^{F9}...
- ^{F10}(v)
- (3) Where an absent parent does not have day to day care of any relevant child for 7 nights each week but does have day to day care of one or more such children for fewer than 7 nights each week, any amounts to be taken into account under sub-paragraphs (1)(c) and (f) shall be reduced so that they bear the same proportion to the amounts referred to in those sub-paragraphs as the average number of nights each week in respect of which such care is provided has to 7.
- (4) Where an absent parent has day to day care of a relevant child for fewer than 7 nights each week, any amounts to be taken into account under sub-paragraph (1)(g) in respect of such a child shall be reduced so that they bear the same proportion to the amounts referred to in that sub-paragraph as the average number of nights each week in respect of which such care is provided has to 7.
- (5) The amounts referred to in paragraph (1) are the amounts applicable at the effective date.

Textual Amendments

- F6** Reg. 9(1)(bb) inserted (18.4.1995) by [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), **44(2)(a)** (with reg. 62)
- F7** Reg. 9(1)(i) inserted (18.4.1995) by [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), **44(2)(b)** (with reg. 62)
- F8** Words in reg. 9(2)(c) inserted (5.4.1993) by [The Child Support \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 1993 \(S.I. 1993/913\)](#), regs. 1(1), **20**
- F9** Word in reg. 9(2)(c)(iii) inserted and word omitted (18.4.1995) by [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), **44(3)(i)-(ii)**
- F10** Reg. 9(2)(c)(v) and word omitted (18.4.1995) by virtue of [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), **44(3)(ii)**

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M2 1948 c.29.

M3 1977 c.49.

Exempt income: calculation or estimation of F

10. For the purposes of paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 1 to the Act, the amount of F (exempt income of parent with care) shall be calculated in the same way as E is calculated under regulation 9 but as if references to the absent parent were references to the parent with care [^{F11}except that—

- (a) sub-paragraph (bb) of paragraph (1) of that regulation shall not apply unless at the time of the making of the qualifying transfer the parent with care would have been the absent parent had the Child Support Act 1991 been in force at the date of the making of the transfer; and
- (b) paragraph (3) and (4) of that regulation shall apply only where the parent with care shares day to day care of the child mentioned in those paragraphs with one or more other persons.]

Textual Amendments

F11 Reg. 10(a)(b) substituted (18.4.1995) by [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), 45 (with reg. 62)

Protected income

11.—(1) For the purposes of paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Act the protected income level of an absent parent shall, [^{F12}subject to paragraphs (3), (4) and (6),] be the aggregate of the following amounts—

- (a) where—
 - (i) the absent parent does not have a partner, an amount equal to the amount specified in column (2) of paragraph 1(1)(e) of the relevant Schedule (income support personal allowance for a single claimant aged not less than 25 years);
 - (ii) the absent parent has a partner, an amount equal to the amount specified in column (2) of paragraph 1(3)(c) of the relevant Schedule (income support personal allowance for a couple where both members are aged not less than 18 years);
 - (iii) the absent parent is a member of a polygamous marriage, an amount in respect of himself and one of his partners, equal to the amount specified in sub-paragraph (ii) and, in respect of each of his other partners, an amount equal to the difference between the amounts specified in sub-paragraph (ii) and sub-paragraph (i);
- (b) an amount in respect of housing costs determined in accordance with regulations 14, 15, 16 and 18, or, in a case where the absent parent is a non-dependant member of a household who is treated as having no housing costs by regulation 15(10)(a), the non-dependant amount which would be calculated in respect of him under [^{F13}paragraphs (1), (2) and (9) of regulation 63 of the Housing Benefit Regulations (non-dependant deductions) if he were a non-dependant in respect of whom a calculation were to be made under those paragraphs (disregarding any other provision of that regulation)];
- (c) where, if the absent parent were a claimant, the condition in paragraph 8 of the relevant Schedule (income support lone parent premium) would be satisfied but the condition set out in paragraph 11 of that Schedule (income support disability premium) would not be

- satisfied, an amount equal to the amount specified in column (2) of paragraph 15(1) of that Schedule (income support lone parent premium);
- (d) where, if the parent were a claimant, the conditions in paragraph 11 of the relevant Schedule (income support disability premium) would be satisfied, an amount equal to the amount specified in column (2) of paragraph 15(4) of that Schedule (income support disability premium);
 - (e) where, if the parent were a claimant, the conditions in paragraph 13 or 14ZA of the relevant Schedule (income support severe disability and carer premiums) would be satisfied in respect of either or both premiums, an amount equal to the amount or amounts specified in column (2) of paragraph 15(5) or, as the case may be, (7) of that Schedule in respect of that or those premiums (income support premiums);
 - (f) where, if the parent were a claimant, the conditions in paragraph 3 of the relevant Schedule (income support family premium) would be satisfied, the amount specified in that paragraph;
 - (g) in respect of each child who is a member of the family of the absent parent—
 - (i) an amount equal to the amount of the personal allowance for that child, specified in column (2) of paragraph 2 of the relevant Schedule (income support personal allowance);
 - (ii) if the conditions set out in paragraphs 14(b) and (c) of the relevant Schedule (income support disabled child premium) are satisfied in respect of that child, an amount equal to the amount specified in column (2) of paragraph 15(6) of the relevant Schedule;
 - (h) where, if the parent were a claimant, the conditions specified in Part III of the relevant Schedule would be satisfied by the absent parent in question or any member of his family in relation to any premium not otherwise included in this regulation, an amount equal to the amount specified in Part IV of that Schedule (income support premiums) in respect of that premium;
 - (i) where the absent parent in question or his partner is living in—
 - (i) accommodation provided under Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948 ^{M4};
 - (ii) accommodation provided under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 8 to the National Health Service Act 1977 ^{M5}; or
 - (iii) a nursing home or residential care home,the amount of the fees paid in respect of the occupation of that accommodation or, as the case may be, that home.
- [^{F14}(j) where—
- (i) the absent parent is, or that absent parent and any partner of his are, the only person or persons resident in, and liable to pay council tax in respect of, the home of which housing costs are included under sub-paragraph (b), the amount of weekly council tax for which he is liable in respect of that home, less any applicable council tax benefit;
 - (ii) where other persons are resident with the absent parent in, and liable to pay council tax in respect of, the home for which housing costs are included under sub-paragraph (b), an amount representing the share of the weekly council tax in respect of that home applicable to the absent parent, determined by dividing the total amount of council tax due in that week by the number of persons liable to pay it, less any council tax benefit applicable to that share, provided that, if the absent parent is required to pay and pays more than that share because of default by one or more of those other persons, the amount of the purposes of this regulation shall be the

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amount of weekly council tax the absent parent pays, less any council tax benefit applicable to such amount;]

- (k) an amount of [^{F15}£30.00;]
- [^{F16}(kk) an amount in respect of travelling costs determined in accordance with Schedule 3B;]
- (l) where the income of—
- (i) the absent parent in question;
 - (ii) any partner of his; and
 - (iii) any child or children for whom an amount is included under sub-paragraph (g)(i);
- exceeds the sum of the amounts to which reference is made in sub-paragraphs [^{F17}(a) to (kk)], [^{F18}15 per centum] of the excess.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (l) of paragraph (1) "income" shall be calculated—
- (a) in respect of the absent parent in question or any partner of his, in the same manner as N (net income of absent parent) is calculated under regulation 7 except—
 - (i) there shall be taken into account the basic rate of any child benefit and any maintenance which in either case is in payment in respect of any member of the family of the absent parent;
 - (ii) there shall be deducted the amount of any maintenance under a maintenance order which the absent parent or his partner is paying in respect of a child in circumstances where an application for a maintenance assessment could not be made in accordance with the Act in respect of that child; ^{F19} ...
 - [^{F20}(iii) to the extent that it falls under sub-paragraph (b), the income of any child in that family shall not be treated as the income of the parent or his partner and Part IV of Schedule 1 shall not apply; and]
 - (b) in respect of any child in that family, as being the total of [^{F21}that child's relevant income (within the meaning of paragraph 23 of Schedule 1), there being disregarded any maintenance in payment to or in respect of him,] but only to the extent that such income does not exceed the amount included under sub-paragraph (g) of paragraph (1) (income support personal allowance for a child and income support disabled child premium) reduced, as the case may be, under paragraph (4).
- (3) Where an absent parent does not have day to day care of any child (whether or not a relevant child) for 7 nights each week but does have day to day care of one or more such children for fewer than 7 nights each week, any amounts to be taken into account under sub-paragraphs (c) and (f) of paragraph (1) (income support lone parent premium and income support family premium) shall be reduced so that they bear the same proportion to the amounts referred to in those sub-paragraphs as the average number of nights each week in respect of which such care is provided has to 7.
- (4) Where an absent parent has day to day care of a child (whether or not a relevant child) for fewer than 7 nights each week any amounts in relation to that child to be taken into account under sub-paragraph (g) of paragraph (1) (income support personal allowance for child and income support disabled child premium) shall be reduced so that they bear the same proportion to the amounts referred to in that sub-paragraph as the average number of nights in respect of which such care is provided has to 7.
- (5) The amounts referred to in paragraph (1) shall be the amounts applicable at the effective date.
- [^{F22}(6) If the application of the above provisions of this regulation would result in the protected income level of an absent parent being less than 70 per centum of his net income, as calculated in accordance with regulation 7, those provisions shall not apply in his case and instead his protected income level shall be 70 per centum of his net income as so calculated.

(7) Where any calculation under paragraph (6) results in a fraction of a penny, that fraction shall be treated as a penny.]

Textual Amendments

- F12** Words in reg. 11(1) substituted (18.4.1995) by The Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/1045), regs. 1(2), **46(2)(a)**
- F13** Words in reg. 11(1)(b) substituted (18.4.1995) by The Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/1045), regs. 1(2), **46(2)(b)**
- F14** Reg. 11(1)(j) substituted (18.4.1995) by The Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/1045), regs. 1(2), **46(2)(c)**
- F15** Sum in Reg. 11(1)(k) substituted (7.2.1994) by The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/227), regs. 1, **4(4)**
- F16** Reg. 11(1)(kk) inserted (18.4.1995) by The Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/1045), regs. 1(2), **46(2)(d)** (with reg. 62)
- F17** Words in reg. 11(1) substituted (18.4.1995) by The Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/1045), regs. 1(2), **46(2)(e)** (with reg. 62)
- F18** Words in reg. 11(1)(l) substituted (7.2.1994) by The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/227), regs. 1, **4(5)**
- F19** Word in reg. 11(2)(a)(ii) omitted (18.4.1995) by virtue of The Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/1045), regs. 1(2), **46(3)**
- F20** Reg. 11(2)(a)(iii) inserted (18.4.1995) by The Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/1045), regs. 1(2), **46(4)** (with reg. 62)
- F21** Words in reg. 11(2)(b) substituted (18.4.1995) by The Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/1045), regs. 1(2), **46(5)**
- F22** Reg. 11(6)(7) added (18.4.1995) by The Child Support and Income Support (Amendment) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/1045), regs. 1(2), **46(6)** (with regs. 62, 64)

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- M4** 1948 c.29.
M5 1977 c.49.

Disposable income

12.—^{F23}(1) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 1 to the Act (protected income), the disposable income of an absent parent shall be—

- (a) except in a case to which regulation 11(6) applies, the aggregate of his income and any income of any member of his family calculated in like manner as under regulation 11(2); and
- (b) in a case to which regulation 11(6) applies, his net income as calculated in accordance with regulation 7.]

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), where a maintenance assessment has been made with respect to the absent parent and payment of the amount of that assessment would reduce his disposable income below his protected income level the amount of the assessment shall be reduced by the minimum amount necessary to prevent his disposable income being reduced below his protected income level.

(3) Where the prescribed minimum amount fixed by regulations under paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the Act is applicable (such amount being specified in regulation 13) the amount payable under the assessment shall not be reduced to less than the prescribed minimum amount.

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F23 Reg. 12(1) substituted (18.4.1995) by [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), **47** (with regs. 62, 64)

The minimum amount

13.—(1) Subject to regulation 26, for the purposes of paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act the minimum amount shall be 5 per centum of the amount specified in paragraph 1(1)(e) of the relevant Schedule (income support personal allowance for single claimant aged not less than 25).

(2) Where an amount calculated under paragraph (1) results in a sum other than a multiple of 5 pence, it shall be treated as the sum which is the next higher multiple of 5 pence.

Eligible housing costs

14. Schedule 3 shall have effect for the purpose of determining the costs which are eligible to be taken into account as housing costs for the purposes of these Regulations.

Amount of housing costs

15.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation and [^{F24}regulations 16 and 18], a parent’s housing costs shall be the aggregate of the eligible housing costs payable in respect of his home.

(2) Where a local authority has determined that a parent is entitled to housing benefit, the amount of his housing costs shall, subject to paragraphs (4) to (9), be the weekly amount treated as rent under regulations 10 and 69 of the Housing Benefit Regulations (rent and calculation of weekly amounts) less the amount of housing benefit.

(3) Where a parent has eligible housing costs and another person who is not a member of his family is also liable to make payments in respect of the home, the amount of the parent’s housing costs shall be his share of those costs.

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[^{F26}(10) A parent shall be treated as having no housing costs where he is a non-dependant member of a household and is not responsible for meeting housing costs except to another member, or other members, of that household.]

Textual Amendments

F24 Words in reg. 15(1) substituted (18.4.1995) by [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), **48(2)** (with reg. 62)

F25 Reg. 15(4)-(9) omitted (18.4.1995) by [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), **48(3)** (with reg. 62)

F26 Reg. 15(10) substituted (18.4.1995) by [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), **48(4)**

Weekly amount of housing costs

16. Where a parent pays housing costs—

- (a) on a weekly basis, the amount of such housing costs shall be the weekly rate payable at the effective date;
- (b) on a monthly basis, the amount of such housing costs shall be the monthly rate payable at the effective date, multiplied by 12 and divided by 52;
- [^{F27}(bb) by way of rent payable to a housing association, as defined in section 1(1) of the Housing Associations Act 1985, which is registered in accordance with section 5 of that Act, or to a local authority, on a free week basis, that is to say the basis that he pays an amount by way of rent for a given number of weeks in a 52 week period, with a lesser number of weeks in which there is no liability to pay (“free weeks”), the amount of such housing costs shall be the amount which he pays
 - (i) in the relevant week if it is not a free week; or
 - (ii) in the last week before the relevant week which is not a free week, if the relevant week is a free week;]
- (c) on any other basis, the amount of such housing costs shall be the rate payable at the effective date, multiplied by the number of payment periods, or the nearest whole number of payment periods (any fraction of one half being rounded up), falling within a period of 365 days and divided by 52.

Textual Amendments

- F27** Reg. 16(bb) inserted (18.4.1995) by [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), **49**

Apportionment of housing costs: exempt income

17. [^{F28}For the purposes of calculating or estimating exempt income the amount of the housing costs of a parent shall be—

- (a) where the parent does not have a partner, the whole amount of the housing costs;
- (b) where the parent has a partner, the proportion of the amount of the housing costs calculated by multiplying those costs by—

$$0.75+(A \times 0.2)1.00+(B \times 0.2)$$

where—

A is the number of relevant children (if any); B is the number of children in that parent’s family (if any);

- (c) where the parent is a member of a polygamous marriage the proportion of the amount of the housing costs calculated by multiplying those costs by—

$$0.75+(A \times 0.2)1.00+(X \times 0.25)+(B \times 0.2)$$

where—

A and B have the same meanings as in sub-paragraph (b); and

X is the number which is one less than the number of partners.]

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Textual Amendments

F28 Reg. 17 revoked (18.4.1995) by [The Child Support and Income Support \(Amendment\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/1045\)](#), regs. 1(2), **50** (with reg. 64)

Excessive housing costs

18.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the amount of the housing costs of an absent parent which are to be taken into account—

- (a) under regulation 9(1)(b) shall not exceed the greater of £80·00 or half the amount of N as calculated or estimated under regulation 7;
 - (b) under regulation 11(1)(b) shall not exceed the greater of £80·00 or half of the amount calculated in accordance with regulation 11(2).
- (2) The restriction imposed by paragraph (1) shall not apply where—
- (a) the absent parent in question—
 - (i) has been awarded housing benefit (or is awaiting the outcome of a claim to that benefit);
 - (ii) has the day to day care of any child; or
 - (iii) is a person to whom a disability premium under paragraph 11 of the relevant Schedule applies in respect of himself or his partner or would so apply if he were entitled to income support and were aged less than 60;
 - (b) the absent parent in question, following a divorce from, or the breakdown of his relationship with, his former partner, remains in the home he occupied with his former partner;
 - (c) the absent parent in question has paid the housing costs under the mortgage, charge or agreement in question for a period in excess of 52 weeks before the date of the first application for child support maintenance in relation to a qualifying child of his and there has been no increase in those costs other than an increase in the interest payable under the mortgage or charge or, as the case may be, in the amount payable under the agreement under which the home is held;
 - (d) the housing costs in respect of the home in question would not exceed the amount set out in paragraph (1) but for an increase in the interest payable under a mortgage or charge secured on that home or, as the case may be, in the amount payable under any agreement under which it is held; or
 - (e) the absent parent is responsible for making payments in respect of housing costs which are higher than they would be otherwise by virtue of the unavailability of his share of the equity of the property formerly occupied with his partner and which remains occupied by that former partner.

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