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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 522**

**The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2005**

**PART 2**

**SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND PENSIONS**

**Dates on which sums specified for rates or amounts of benefits under the Contributions and Benefits Act or the Pension Schemes Act are increased by this Order**

6.—(1) Paragraphs (2) to (9), which are subject to the provisions of paragraphs (10) and (11), specify the date on which the increases made by this Order in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act or the Pension Schemes Act shall take effect for each case.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), any increases in the sums mentioned in articles 3, 4 and 12 for Category A and Category B retirement pension and graduated retirement benefit together with, where appropriate, any increases for dependants, shall take effect on 11th April 2005.

(3) In the case of a person over pensionable age—

- (a) whose entitlement to a Category A retirement pension is deferred; and
- (b) for whom the rate of short-term incapacity benefit falls to be calculated in accordance with section 30B(3) of the Contributions and Benefits Act<sup>(1)</sup>,

any increases in the sums mentioned in articles 3, 4 and 12 for Category A and Category B retirement pension and graduated retirement benefit together with, where appropriate, any increases for dependants, shall take effect on 14th April 2005.

(4) The increases in the sums mentioned in articles 4(4)(c) and 5(2) shall take effect on 11th April 2005.

(5) Any increases in the sums specified for—

- (a) the rate of—
  - (i) Category C and Category D retirement pension,
  - (ii) child's special allowance<sup>(2)</sup>,
  - (iii) attendance allowance, and
  - (iv) carer's allowance (except in a case where the Secretary of State has made arrangements for it to be paid on a Wednesday); and
- (b) any increases in—
  - (i) Category C retirement pension and carer's allowance referred to in sub-paragraph (a) (i) and (iv), and

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(1) Section 30B was inserted by section 2(1) of the 1994 Act and subsection (3) was amended by paragraph 21(3) of Schedule 4 to the Pensions Act 1995 and Schedule 6 to the Tax Credits Act.

(2) Child's special allowance was abolished except for existing beneficiaries as from 6th April 1987 (see section 56 of the Contributions and Benefits Act, which was amended by Schedule 6 to the Tax Credits Act).

(ii) maternity allowance, widowed mother's allowance and widowed parent's allowance,

in respect of dependants, shall in all cases take effect on 11th April 2005.

(6) Any increases in the sums specified for—

(a) the rate of—

(i) carer's allowance in a case where the Secretary of State has made arrangements for it to be paid on a Wednesday,

(ii) disablement benefit,

(iii) maximum disablement gratuity under paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act,

(iv) industrial death benefit by way of widow's and widower's pension and allowance in respect of children,

(v) the maximum of the aggregate of weekly benefit payable for successive accidents, under section 107(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act; and

(b) any increases in—

(i) the benefits referred to in heads (i), (iii) and (iv) of sub-paragraph (a) in respect of dependants, and

(ii) disablement pension,

shall in all cases take effect on 13th April 2005.

(7) In any case where a person's weekly rate of Category A or Category B retirement pension falls to be increased under the provisions of section 47(1) or 48C(2) of the Contributions and Benefits Act<sup>(3)</sup> by reference to the weekly rate of invalidity allowance or age addition to long-term incapacity benefit to which he was previously entitled, any increase in such sum shall take effect on 11th April 2005.

(8) The increases in the sums specified for the rate of incapacity benefit and severe disablement allowance (together with, where appropriate, any increases for dependants) shall take effect in all cases on 14th April 2005.

(9) The increases in the sums falling to be calculated in accordance with paragraph 13(4) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (retirement allowance) shall take effect on 13th April 2005.

(10) In the case of a person who is subject to the provisions of regulations made under section 73(1)(b) of the Administration Act<sup>(4)</sup> (adjustment of benefit for persons undergoing medical or other treatment as an in-patient in a hospital) the increase in the sum mentioned in article 4(3) (b) shall take effect in that case on the day on which the increase in the benefit payable to him apart from those regulations takes effect.

(11) Any increases in the sums specified in articles 3 and 23(c), in so far as those sums are relevant for the purposes of establishing whether the rate of any benefit is not to be increased in respect of an adult dependant because the earnings of the dependant exceed a specified amount<sup>(5)</sup>, shall take effect—

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(3) Section 47(1) was amended by paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to the 1994 Act. Section 48C was inserted by paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the Pensions Act 1995.

(4) Section 73(1) was amended by paragraph 49(2) of Schedule 2 to the 1995 Act.

(5) See sections 82(3)(a), 83(2)(b) and 84(2)(b) of the Contributions and Benefits Act, regulations 8 and 10(2) of, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 2 to, the Social Security Benefit (Dependency) Regulations 1977 (S.I. 1977/343) ("the 1977 Regulations") and regulation 10 of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit—Increases for Dependants) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/2945). Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1984/1698 and 1699, 1987/355, 1988/554, 1989/523 and 1642, 1992/3041, 1994/2945, 1996/1345 and 2745 and 2002/2497. Paragraph 7 of Schedule 2 to the 1977 Regulations was also amended by section 37 of the Social Security Act 1986.

- (a) except in a case where sub-paragraph (b) applies, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for the beneficiary on or after 11th April 2005;
- (b) in a case where regulation 7(b) of the Computation of Earnings Regulations (date on which earnings are treated as paid) applies, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for the beneficiary on or after 1st April 2005,

and for the purposes of this paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Computation of Earnings Regulations.