

SCHEDULE 7

Regulation 53

Extended payments (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit) of housing benefit

Condition for an extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit)

1. The condition prescribed in this paragraph is that the claimant or the claimant's partner—
 - (a) notifies either the designated office or an appropriate DWP office that he or his partner—
 - (i) has commenced, or is about to commence, remunerative work;
 - (ii) has commenced, or is about to commence, receiving remuneration for work or an increased amount of remuneration for work; or
 - (iii) has commenced, or is about to commence, an increased number of hours of work, so that entitlement to severe disablement allowance or incapacity benefit ceases and that work, or as the case may be, remuneration, is expected to last 5 weeks or more; and
 - (b) the notification is made no later than 4 weeks after the day on which the claimant or his partner first undertakes the remunerative work referred to in sub-paragraph (a)(i), first receives remuneration for the work or an increased amount of remuneration for the work referred to in sub-paragraph (a)(ii), or first commences the increased number of hours of work referred to in sub-paragraph (a)(iii).

Calculation and payment of an extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit)

2.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph and except in the case of a mover, the amount of the extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit) shall be equal to the amount of housing benefit which was payable to the claimant for the last benefit week before he ceased to be entitled to housing benefit.

(2) In a case where the last benefit week referred to in sub-paragraph (1) fell, in whole or in part, within a rent free period, the last benefit week for the purposes of that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the last benefit week that did not fall within a rent free period.

(3) Where the last benefit week before he ceased to be entitled to housing benefit was a week in which the claimant's eligible rent was calculated in accordance with regulation 61(4)(c) (claimant ceases to occupy the dwelling as his home), sub-paragraph (1) shall have effect as if the reference to the last benefit week before he ceased to be entitled to housing benefit was a reference to the week before that week.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), the extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit) shall be payable for each of the weeks in the period specified in regulation 53(6)(a), and shall be paid at such time and in such manner as is appropriate, having regard to—

- (a) the times at which and the frequency with which a person's liability to make payment of rent arises; and
- (b) the reasonable needs and convenience of the person entitled thereto.

(5) No extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit) shall be payable for a week which is a rent free period for the purposes of regulation 62(1) (rent free periods).

Movers

3. Paragraphs 4 to 6 below apply to movers from—
 - (a) the day the move takes place where that day is a Monday; or
 - (b) from the Monday following the day the move takes place where that day is not a Monday.

Movers and rent allowances.

4.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), in the case of a mover whose housing benefit was in the form of a rent allowance, the authority which, prior to the mover ceasing to be entitled to housing benefit, was paying that allowance, shall make an extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit) to that mover calculated on the same basis as in paragraph 2, and, for these purposes, the mover shall be treated as continuing to occupy and be liable to make payments in respect of the dwelling he was occupying as his home immediately before he ceased to be entitled to housing benefit.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (1), in a case where that mover's liability to make payments in respect of the second dwelling would be to a housing authority, any extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit) shall be made by that housing authority and shall be determined as provided in paragraph 6(b).

Movers and rent rebates

5. Where, in the case of a mover—

- (a) his housing benefit was in the form of a rent rebate; and
- (b) he claims an extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit),

the authority in which the second dwelling is situated, or as the case may be, where the mover's liability to make payments in respect of the second dwelling is to a housing authority, that housing authority, shall upon receiving the mover's claim for an extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit), which meets the requirements of regulation 53(1), make an extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit), calculated in accordance with paragraph 6, to that mover.

Movers and extended payments (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit)

6. In a case to which paragraph 4(2) or 5 applies and where a mover's liability referred to in that paragraph is—

- (a) other than to a housing authority, the extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit) shall be a payment by way of rent allowance calculated in accordance with paragraph 2;
- (b) to a housing authority, the extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit) shall be by way of a rent rebate to the value of the lesser of—
 - (i) such part of the rent in respect of the period specified in regulation 53(6)(a) as is eligible for housing benefit, calculated in accordance with regulations 11 to 13, less, in a case where the rebate to which paragraph 5 refers, or the rent allowance to which paragraph 4 refers, as the case may be, was subject to any deductions in respect of non-dependants pursuant to regulations 50 and 55, the amount of those deductions; or
 - (ii) the amount of extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit) calculated in accordance with paragraph 2.

Maximum housing benefit

7. The maximum housing benefit of a mover the amount of whose extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit) is calculated in accordance with paragraph 6(b)(i) shall be calculated in accordance with regulation 50, save that no deduction shall be made in respect of non-dependants, other than any that fall to be taken into account pursuant to paragraph 6(b)(i).

Movers with two homes

8. Subject to paragraph 9, any extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit) shall be without prejudice to any entitlement the claimant may have pursuant to regulation 7(6) (liability to make payments in respect of two homes).

Adjustment of entitlement in respect of an extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit)

9. Where for any week—

- (a) a person is entitled to an extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit); and
- (b) he also claims and is awarded housing benefit,

then the amount of the housing benefit payable in respect of that week shall be reduced by a sum equal to the amount of the extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit) and only the balance, if any, shall be payable to him for that week.

Interpretation

10. In this Schedule—

“claimant” means a person claiming an extended payment (severe disablement allowance and incapacity benefit);

“mover” means a claimant who changes the dwelling which he occupies as his home in respect of which he is liable or treated as liable to make payments;

“second dwelling” means the dwelling to which a person has moved, or is about to move, which he is or will be occupying as his new home, and where the liability to make payments of rent in respect of his dwelling follows on immediately from the liability to make payments of rent in respect of his previous dwelling.