# 2017 No. 260

## The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2017

## PART 3

### INCOME SUPPORT AND HOUSING BENEFIT

#### **Applicable amounts for Income Support**

**20.**—(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 to 4 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.

(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 18 of Schedule 3(8) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for "£94.50" substitute "£95.45";
- (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for "£14.65" substitute "£14.80";
- (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for "£133.00" substitute "£136.00";
- (d) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) for "£133.00", "£195.00" and "£33.65" substitute "£136.00", "£200.00" and "£34.00" respectively;

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1994/527, 1996/206 and 2431, 2000/636, 2001/3767 and 2003/455.

<sup>(3)</sup> 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.

<sup>(4)</sup> Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2007/719 and 2011/674.

<sup>(5)</sup> Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/2545, 1999/2555, 2003/455, 2006/718 and 2015/457.

<sup>(6)</sup> Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/1803, 1998/766, 2003/455 and 2014/516.

 <sup>(7)</sup> Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1990/1776, 1996/1803, 2000/2629, 2002/2497 and 3019, 2007/719, 2015/457 and 2016/242.

<sup>(8)</sup> Schedule 3 was substituted by S.I. 1995/1613; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1995/2927, 1996/2518, 1999/3178, 2004/2327 and 2016/242.

- (e) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) for "£195.00", "£253.00" and "£46.20" substitute "£200.00", "£259.00" and "£46.65" respectively;
- (f) in sub-paragraph (2)(d) for "£253.00", "£338.00" and "£75.60" substitute "£259.00", "£346.00" and "£76.35" respectively; and
- (g) in sub-paragraph (2)(e) for "£338.00", "£420.00" and "£86.10" substitute "£346.00", "£430.00" and "£86.95" respectively.

(7) The sums specified in the provisions of the Income Support Regulations set out in column (1) of Schedule 4 to this Order are the sums set out in column (2) of that Schedule.

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

**21.** It is directed(9) that the sums which are special transitional additions to income support payable in accordance with regulation 15 of the Income Support (Transitional) Regulations 1987(10) (special transitional addition) shall be increased by 1.0 per cent.

#### **Housing Benefit**

**22.**—(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 5 and 6 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 B13(3)(11) (determination of a maximum rent (social sector))—
  - (a) in sub-paragraph (a) "14%" remains unchanged; and
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (b) "25%" remains unchanged.
- (3) 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) "£300.00" remains unchanged.
- (4) In regulation 74(12) (non-dependent deductions)—
  - (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£94.50" substitute "£95.45";
  - (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for "£14.65" substitute "£14.80";
  - (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for "£133.00" substitute "£136.00";
  - (d) in paragraph (2)(b) for "£133.00", "£195.00" and "£33.65" substitute "£136.00", "£200.00" and "£34.00" respectively;
  - (e) in paragraph (2)(c) for "£195.00", "£253.00" and "£46.20" substitute "£200.00", "£259.00" and "£46.65" respectively;
  - (f) in paragraph (2)(d) for "£253.00", "£338.00" and "£75.60" substitute "£259.00", "£346.00" and "£76.35" respectively; and
  - (g) in paragraph (2)(e) for "£338.00", "£420.00" and "£86.10" substitute "£346.00", "£430.00" and "£86.95" respectively.

(5) In paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 (ineligible service charges), for "£26.85", "£26.85", "£13.60", "£17.85", "£17.85", "£9.00" and "£3.30" substitute "£27.10", "£27.10", "£13.75", "£18.05", "£18.05", "£9.10" and "£3.35" respectively.

(6) In paragraph 6 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 (payments in respect of fuel charges)—

<sup>(9)</sup> See section 151(6) of the Administration Act.

<sup>(10)</sup> S.I. 1987/1969; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1988/521 and 670, 1989/1626, 1991/1600 and 2015/457.

<sup>(11)</sup> Regulation B13 was inserted by S.I. 2012/3040.

<sup>(12)</sup> Regulation 74 was substituted by S.I. 2007/2868. The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2016/242.

- (a) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) "£28.80" remains unchanged;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) and (d) "£3.35" remains unchanged; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) "£2.30" remains unchanged.

(7) The sums specified in paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 3(13) (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 5 to this Order.

(8) 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.

(9) The sums specified in Part 4 of Schedule 3 (applicable amounts: premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 6 to this Order.

(10) In paragraph 26 of Part 6 of Schedule 3(15) (amount of components) for "£36.20" substitute "£36.55".

(11) In paragraph 17(1)(16) and (3)(c) of Schedule 4 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of earnings) "£17.10" remains unchanged.

(12) 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

**23.**—(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 7 and 8 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)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) "£175.00" remains unchanged; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) "£300.00" remains unchanged.

(3) In regulation 55(17) (non-dependant deductions)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£94.50" substitute "£95.45";
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for "£14.65" substitute "£14.80";
- (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for "£133.00" substitute "£136.00";
- (d) in paragraph (2)(b) for "£133.00", "£195.00" and "£33.65" substitute "£136.00", "£200.00" and "£34.00" respectively;
- (e) in paragraph (2)(c) for "£195.00", "£253.00" and "£46.20" substitute "£200.00", "£259.00" and "£46.65" respectively;
- (f) in paragraph (2)(d) for "£253.00", "£338.00" and "£75.60" substitute "£259.00", "£346.00" and "£76.35" respectively; and
- (g) in paragraph (2)(e) for "£338.00", "£420.00" and "£86.10" substitute "£346.00", "£430.00" and "£86.95" respectively.

<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. 2015/457.

<sup>(16)</sup> Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2009/2608 and 2010/793.

<sup>(17)</sup> Regulation 55 was substituted by S.I. 2007/2869. The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2016/242.

(4) In paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 (ineligible service charges), for "£26.85", "£26.85", "£13.60", "£17.85", "£17.85", "£9.00" and "£3.30" substitute "£27.10", "£27.10", "£13.75", "£18.05", "£18.05", "£9.10" and "£3.35" respectively.

(5) In paragraph 6 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 (payments in respect of fuel charges)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) "£28.80" remains unchanged;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) and (d) "£3.35" remains unchanged; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) "£2.30" remains unchanged.

(6) The sums specified in Part 1 of Schedule 3 (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 7 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 8 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(19) (amounts to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) "£17.10" remains unchanged.

<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.

<sup>(19)</sup> Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2008/3157 and 2010/793.