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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 281**

**The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2018**

**PART 3**

**INCOME SUPPORT AND HOUSING BENEFIT**

**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 Schedules 4 and 5 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(1) (non-dependant deductions)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for “£95.45” substitute “£98.30”;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for “£14.80” substitute “£15.25”;
- (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for “£136.00” substitute “£139.00”;

(d) in paragraph (2)(b)—

- (i) for “£34.00” substitute “£35.00”;
- (ii) for “£136.00” substitute “£139.00”; and
- (iii) for “£200.00” substitute “£204.00”;

(e) in paragraph (2)(c)—

- (i) for “£46.65” substitute “£48.05”;
- (ii) for “£200.00” substitute “£204.00”; and
- (iii) for “£259.00” substitute “£265.00”;

(f) in paragraph (2)(d)—

- (i) for “£76.35” substitute “£78.65”;
- (ii) for “£259.00” substitute “£265.00”; and
- (iii) for “£346.00” substitute “£354.00”; and

(g) in paragraph (2)(e)—

- (i) for “£86.95” substitute “£89.55”;
- (ii) for “£346.00” substitute “£354.00”; and
- (iii) for “£430.00” substitute “£439.00”.

(4) In paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 (ineligible service charges), for “£27.10”, “£27.10”, “£13.75”, “£18.05”, “£18.05”, “£9.10” and “£3.35” substitute “£27.90”, “£27.90”, “£14.15”, “£18.60”, “£18.60”, “£9.35” and “£3.45” respectively.

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

- (a) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for “£28.80” substitute “£30.30”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) and (d) for “£3.35” substitute “£3.50”; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) for “£2.30” substitute “£2.40”.

(6) The sums specified in paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 3(2) (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 4 to this Order.

(7) In paragraph 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 3(3) (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.

(8) The sums specified in Part 4 of Schedule 3 (applicable amounts: premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 5 to this Order.

(9) In paragraph 26 of Part 6 of Schedule 3(4) (amount of component) for “£36.55” substitute “£37.65”.

(10) In paragraph 17(1)(5) 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.

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(2) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 2008/1082](#) and [2015/457](#).

(3) 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.

(4) Part 6 was inserted by [S.I. 2008/1082](#) (as amended by [S.I. 2008/2428](#)) and amended by [S.I. 2017/204](#) and [260](#).

(5) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 2009/2608](#) and [2010/793](#).