
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 242

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2024

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Citation, extent, commencement and effect

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2024.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales and Scotland, save for the following provisions which extend to England and Wales only—

- (a) paragraphs (3) and (5) in so far as they provide for the coming into force, or taking effect, dates for the provisions mentioned in sub-paragraphs (b) to (e) of this paragraph;
- (b) article 3, in so far as it either states or increases the sums specified in—
 - (i) Part III of Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act for attendance allowance, severe disablement allowance, age related addition and carer’s allowance;
 - (ii) Part IV of Schedule 4 to that Act for the increase for an adult dependant payable with severe disablement allowance; and
 - (iii) Part V of Schedule 4 to that Act;
- (c) article 7, in so far as it specifies the taking into effect dates for the provision made in article 3 as to the sums specified in the provisions referred to in sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph;
- (d) article 14; and
- (e) article 15.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), this Order shall come into force for the purposes of—

- (a) this article and articles 2, 7, 23 and 24 on 1st April 2024;
- (b) article 3—
 - (i) in so far as it relates to any increase to which article 7(9)(b) applies, on 1st April 2024; and
 - (ii) for all other purposes, on 8th April 2024;
- (c) articles 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18 and 19, on 8th April 2024;
- (d) article 8, on 6th April 2024;
- (e) article 9, on 7th April 2024, except for the purpose of determining the rate of maternity allowance in accordance with section 35A(1)(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (appropriate weekly rate of maternity allowance under section 35), for which purpose it shall come into force on 8th April 2024;

(1) Section 35A was inserted by section 53 of the 1999 Act. Subsection (1) was substituted by section 48 of the Employment Act 2002 (c. 22). The rate of maternity allowance is linked to the prescribed rate of statutory maternity pay set out in regulation 6 of S.I. 1986/1960.

- (f) article 10, on 7th April 2024;
- (g) articles 16 and 17, on 11th April 2024;
- (h) articles 20, 21 and 22, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 8th April 2024, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (i) articles 25, 26 and 27, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 8th April 2024, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the JSA Regulations 1996;
- (j) article 28, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 8th April 2024, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the JSA Regulations 2013;
- (k) article 29, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 8th April 2024, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the State Pension Credit Regulations;
- (l) article 30, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 8th April 2024, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the ESA Regulations 2008;
- (m) article 31, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 8th April 2024, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the ESA Regulations 2013;
- (n) articles 32 and 33, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first assessment period to commence for that beneficiary on or after 8th April 2024⁽²⁾, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “assessment period” has the same meaning as in section 7(2) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012⁽³⁾; and
- (o) article 34, on 7th May 2024.

(4) In so far as articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 28 and 31 relate to a beneficiary in favour of whom an award of universal credit is in force, those articles shall come into force for the purposes of determining the beneficiary’s unearned income in relation to that award on the same day as articles 32 and 33 come into force for that beneficiary.

(5) The changes made in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit in—

- (a) articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13; and
- (b) article 25(b), in so far as that sum is 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,

shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in article 7.

(2) See S.I. 2014/2888 which amends section 150(10) of the Administration Act and also inserts section 150(10ZA) and (10ZB) into that Act so that it aligns with the monthly assessment period cycle in universal credit.

(3) 2012 c. 5.