
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 92

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2008

PART I

INTRODUCTION

Citation, commencement and effect

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2008 and, subject to paragraph (2), shall come into operation for the purposes of—

- (a) this Article and Articles 2 and 6 on 1st April 2008;
- (b) Article 3—
 - (i) in so far as it relates to any increase to which Article 6(10)(b) applies, on 1st April 2008, and
 - (ii) for all other purposes, on 7th April 2008;
- (c) Article 8, 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 1st April 2008 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Computation of Earnings Regulations;
- (d) Article 10 on 6th April 2008, except for the purpose of determining the rate of maternity allowance in accordance with section 35A(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(1) for which purpose it shall come into operation on 7th April 2008;
- (e) Article 11 on 6th April 2008;
- (f) Article 9 on 6th April 2008;
- (g) Articles 4, 5, 7, 12 and 13 on 7th April 2008;
- (h) Articles 14, 15 and 25 on 10th April 2008;
- (i) Articles 16 to 18, 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 7th April 2008 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (j) Articles 19 and 20, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 7th April 2008, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2008;
- (k) Articles 21 to 23, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary—
 - (i) for the purposes of Article 21(c), in so far as it relates to an increase to which Article 6(10)(b) applies, on 1st April 2008, and

(1) Section 35A was inserted by Article 50(3) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11)) and subsection (1) was substituted by section 4(1)(a) of the Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 10 (N.I.))

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- (ii) for all other purposes, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary, on or after 7th April 2008, and for the purposes of this head “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations; and
- (1) Article 24, 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 7th April 2008 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the State Pension Credit Regulations.
- (2) The increases made—
 - (a) in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act or the Pension Schemes Act; and
 - (b) by Article 21(c), in so far as it is relevant for the purposes referred to in Article 6(10),shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in Article 6.