

*Order made by the Department for Communities and laid before the Assembly under section 166(1) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 for approval of the Assembly before the expiration of six months from the date of its coming into operation*

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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2017 No. 56**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**  
**STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY; STATUTORY**  
**SICK PAY; EMPLOYMENT; HOUSING; RATES**

The Social Security Benefits Up-  
rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2017

Made - - - - 15th March 2017

Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 132, 132A, 132B and 165(1), (4) and (5) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992<sup>(1)</sup> and now vested in the Department for Communities<sup>(2)</sup>.

The Secretary of State has made an Order<sup>(3)</sup> under sections 150, 150A, 151, 151A and 189(1), (4) and (5) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992<sup>(4)</sup>.

Accordingly, the Department for Communities makes the following Order:

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- (1) 1992 c. 8; section 132 was amended by paragraph 41 of Schedule 7 to the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 (c. 49), paragraph 9 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21), section 3 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2012 (c. 3 (N.I.)), regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2012 No. 120 and paragraph 55 of Schedule 13 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5 (N.I.)), section 132A was inserted by section 5(1) of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 1 (N.I.)), section 132B was inserted by paragraph 17 of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 and section 165(1) was amended by paragraph 49(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/671) and section 18(5) of the National Insurance Contributions Act 2014 (c. 7)
- (2) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481 and section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.))
- (3) S.I. 2017/260
- (4) 1992 c. 5

## PART 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### **Citation, commencement and effect**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2017 and, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), shall come into operation for the purposes of—

- (a) this Article and Articles 2 and 7, on 1st April 2017;
- (b) Article 3—
  - (i) in so far as it relates to any increase to which Article 7(9)(b) applies, on 1st April 2017, and
  - (ii) for all other purposes, on 10th April 2017;
- (c) Articles 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 19, on 10th April 2017;
- (d) 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 2017 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Computation of Earnings Regulations;
- (e) Article 9, on 6th April 2017;
- (f) Article 10, on 2nd April 2017, except for the purpose of determining the rate of maternity allowance in accordance with section 35A(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act<sup>(5)</sup> (appropriate weekly rate of maternity allowance under section 35) for which purpose it shall come into operation on 10th April 2017;
- (g) Article 11, on 2nd April 2017;
- (h) Articles 17 and 18, on 6th April 2017;
- (i) Articles 20 and 21, 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 10th April 2017 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (j) Articles 22 and 23, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 3rd April 2017, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2017;
- (k) 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 10th April 2017 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations;
- (l) Article 25, 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 10th April 2017 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the State Pension Credit Regulations;
- (m) Article 26, 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 10th April 2017 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008;
- (n) Article 27, 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 10th April 2017 and, for the

(5) 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.))

purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016;

(o) Article 28, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first assessment period to commence for that beneficiary on or after 10th April 2017 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “assessment period” has the same meaning as in Article 12(2) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015(6); and

(p) Article 29, on 9th May 2017.

(2) In so far as Articles 3, 4, 10, 12, 19 and 27 relate to a beneficiary in favour of whom an award of universal credit is in force, those Articles shall come into operation for the purposes of determining the beneficiary’s unearned income in relation to that award on the same day as Article 28 comes into operation for that beneficiary.

(3) The changes made in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit in Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14 shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in Article 7.

## **Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the Administration Act” means the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

“the Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(7);

“the Pensions Act” means the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015(8);

“the Pension Schemes Act” means the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(9);

“the Computation of Earnings Regulations” means the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(10);

“the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008” means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(11);

“the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016” means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(12);

“the Housing Benefit Regulations” means the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(13);

“the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for State Pension Credit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(14);

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(15);

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(6) S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1)

(7) 1992 c. 7

(8) 2015 c. 5 (N.I.)

(9) 1993 c. 49

(10) S.R. 1996 No. 520

(11) S.R. 2008 No. 280; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2008 Nos. 413 and 503, S.R. 2010 No. 340, S.R. 2015 No. 124 and S.R. 2016 Nos. 44 and 110

(12) S.R. 2016 No. 219

(13) S.R. 2006 No. 405; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2008 No. 378, S.R. 2009 No. 382, S.R. 2011 Nos. 136 and 357, S.R. 2012 No. 116, S.R. 2015 No. 124 and S.R. 2016 Nos. 110, 310 and 326

(14) S.R. 2006 No. 406; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2008 No. 498, S.R. 2012 No. 116, S.R. 2015 No. 124 and S.R. 2016 Nos. 110 and 310

(15) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1988 Nos. 146 and 318, S.R. 1990 Nos. 131 and 346, S.R. 1993 No. 373, S.R. 1994 No. 77, S.R. 1995 Nos. 301 and 434, S.R. 1996 Nos. 199, 288, 449 and 476, S.R. 1997 No. 3, S.R. 1998 No. 112, S.R. 1999 Nos. 371 (C. 28), 382 and 472 (C. 36), S.R. 2000 Nos. 4, 71 and 367, S.R. 2001 No. 406, S.R. 2002 Nos. 132 and

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(16);

“the State Pension Credit Regulations” means the State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(17); and

“the Universal Credit Regulations” means the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(18).

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(19) shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(3) For the purposes of this Order and notwithstanding section 39(2) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954, where a period of time is expressed to begin on, or to be reckoned from, a particular day, that day shall be included in the period.

## PART 2

### SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

#### **Rates or amounts of certain benefits under the Contributions and Benefits Act**

3.—(1) From and including the respective dates specified in Article 7, the sums specified in paragraph (2) shall be increased so that Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (rates of benefit, etc.), except paragraph 5 of Part III (guardian’s allowance) of that Schedule, has effect as set out in Schedule 1 to this Order.

(2) The sums mentioned in paragraph (1) are the sums specified in Parts I, III, IV and V of Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act except, in—

- (a) Part III, the sum specified for age addition to a pension of any category, and otherwise under section 79 of that Act;
- (b) Part IV, the sums specified in column (2) (increase for qualifying child); and
- (c) Part V(20), the sums specified for disablement pension for dependent children and death benefit allowance in respect of children and qualifying young persons.

#### **Rates or amounts of certain pensions and allowances under the Contributions and Benefits Act**

4.—(1) The sums specified in paragraphs (2) to (5) shall be increased from and including the respective dates specified in Article 7.

(2) The sums falling to be calculated under paragraph 13(4) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (calculation of weekly rate of a beneficiary’s retirement allowance) shall be increased by 1·0 per cent.

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323, S.R. 2003 Nos. 191 and 195, S.R. 2004 Nos. 394 and 461, S.R. 2006 No. 128, S.R. 2007 Nos. 154 and 396, S.R. 2008 No. 503, S.R. 2010 Nos. 58 and 340, S.R. 2011 No. 135, S.R. 2015 No. 124 and S.R. 2016 Nos. 44, 110 and 228

(16) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1996 Nos. 288, 356, 358 and 476, S.R. 1997 No. 3, S.R. 1998 No. 112, S.R. 1999 Nos. 382 and 428 (C. 32), S.R. 2000 Nos. 71, 350 and 367, S.R. 2001 Nos. 120 and 406, S.R. 2002 No. 323, S.R. 2003 Nos. 195 and 267, S.R. 2004 Nos. 394 and 461, S.R. 2006 No. 128, S.R. 2007 No. 154, S.R. 2008 No. 503, S.R. 2010 Nos. 69, 103 and 340, S.R. 2011 No. 135, S.I. 2013/3021, S.R. 2015 No. 124 and S.R. 2016 Nos. 44 and 110

(17) S.R. 2003 No. 28; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2004 Nos. 394 and 461, S.R. 2005 No. 580, S.R. 2006 Nos. 97 and 359, S.R. 2007 No. 396, S.R. 2008 No. 503, S.R. 2010 No. 340, S.R. 2015 No. 124 and S.R. 2016 Nos. 92 and 110

(18) S.R. 2016 No. 216

(19) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(20) Part V was amended by paragraph 41 of Schedule 1 to the Child Benefit Act 2005 (c. 6) and Article 71 of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.1))

(3) In section 44(4) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(21) (basic pension of Category A retirement pension)—

- (a) for “£101·10” substitute “£102·10”; and
- (b) for “£119·30” substitute “£122·30”.

(4) It is directed that the sums which are—

- (a) the additional pensions in long-term benefits calculated by reference to any final relevant year earlier than the tax year 2016-17;
- (b) the increases in the rates of retirement pensions under Schedule 5 to the Contributions and Benefits Act(22) (pension increase or lump sum where entitlement to retirement pension is deferred);
- (c) lump sums to which surviving spouses or civil partners will become entitled under paragraph 7A of that Schedule on becoming entitled to a Category A or Category B retirement pension (entitlement to lump sum where pensioner’s deceased spouse or civil partner has deferred entitlement); and
- (d) payable to a pensioner as part of their Category A or Category B retirement pension by virtue of an order made under section 120 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(23), Article 64 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(24) or section 132 of the Administration Act,

shall in each case be increased by 1·0 per cent.

(5) The sums which are shared additional pensions under section 55A and 55AA of the Contributions and Benefits Act(25), and the sums which are increases in the rates of such pensions under paragraph 2 of Schedule 5A to that Act(26), shall in each case be increased by 1·0 per cent.

### **Rates or amounts of certain benefits under the Pension Schemes Act**

5.—(1) It is directed that the sums specified in paragraph (2) shall be increased from and including the respective dates specified in Article 7.

(2) Sums which are payable by virtue of section 11(1) of the Pension Schemes Act (increase of guaranteed minimum where commencement of guaranteed minimum pension postponed) to a person who is also entitled to a Category A or Category B retirement pension (including sums payable by virtue of section 13(2) and (3) of that Act(27)) shall be increased by 1·0 per cent. where the increase under section 11(1) is attributable to earnings factors for the tax year 1987-88 and earlier tax years(28).

(21) Section 44(4) was substituted by Article 64 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10)) and amended by Article 4(3) of S.R. 2015 No. 124 and Article 4 of S.R. 2016 No. 92

(22) Schedule 5 was amended by paragraph 36 of Schedule 7 to the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993, paragraphs 6(2) to (4) and 18(12) to (17) of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22)), section 35(1) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4 (N.I.)), paragraphs 2 to 13 of Schedule 9 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/255 (N.I. 1)), paragraph 6 of the Schedule to S.R. 2005 No. 434 and paragraph 19 of Schedule 1 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008

(23) 1975 c. 15; section 120 was amended by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/396 (N.I. 5)) and repealed by Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 9)

(24) S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18); Article 64 was repealed by Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

(25) Section 55A was inserted by paragraph 3 of Schedule 6 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 and amended by section 37(3) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 and paragraph 4 of Schedule 11 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, and section 55AA was inserted by paragraph 5 of Schedule 11 to that Act

(26) Schedule 5A was inserted by paragraph 14 of Schedule 9 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005

(27) Section 13(2) was amended by paragraph 5(b) of Schedule 1 to S.R. 2005 No. 433

(28) See section 132(4) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 as amended by paragraph 41(c) of Schedule 7 to the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993; see also S.R. 2017 No. 47

**Rates or amounts of certain pensions under Part 1 of the Pensions Act**

6.—(1) The sums specified in paragraphs (2) to (4) shall be increased from and including the date specified in Article 7(10).

(2) In regulation 1A of the State Pension Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015<sup>(29)</sup> (full rate of state pension) for “£155·65” substitute “£159·55”.

(3) It is directed that the sums which are increases under section 17 of the Pensions Act in the rates of state pensions under Part 1 of that Act shall be increased by 1·0 per cent.

(4) The amounts which, under—

- (a) section 9 of the Pensions Act, are survivor’s pensions based on inheritance of deferred old state pension;
- (b) paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 2 to the Pensions Act, are the amounts of state pensions under Part 1 of the Pensions Act at the transitional rate which exceed the full rate for those who reach pensionable age before 10th April 2017;
- (c) paragraphs 5(3) and 6 of Schedule 4 to the Pensions Act, are the amounts of survivor’s pensions which either alone or in combination with certain other pensions under that Act exceed the full rate; and
- (d) paragraphs 5(3) and 6 of Schedule 9 to the Pensions Act, are the amounts of shared state pensions under Part 1 of the Pensions Act which either alone or in combination with certain other pensions under that Act exceed the full rate,

shall in each case be increased by 1·0 per cent.

(5) For the purpose of this Article, “old state pension” has the same meaning as in section 22 of the Pensions Act.

**Dates on which sums specified for rates or amounts of benefits in Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14 are changed by this Order**

7.—(1) Paragraphs (2) to (8), which are subject to the provisions of paragraph (9), specify the date on which the changes made by this Order in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit in Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14 shall take effect for each case.

(2) Any increases in the sums mentioned in Articles 3, 4, 12 and 13 for Category A and Category B retirement pension, graduated retirement benefit and Category C retirement pension together with, where appropriate, any increases for dependants, shall take effect on 10th April 2017.

(3) The increases in the sums mentioned in Article 5(2) shall take effect on 10th April 2017.

(4) Any increases in the sums specified for—

- (a) the rates of—
  - (i) Category C and Category D retirement pensions,
  - (ii) attendance allowance, and
  - (iii) carer’s allowance (except in a case where the Department has made arrangements for it to be paid on a Wednesday); and
- (b) any increases in—
  - (i) Category C retirement pension and carer’s allowance referred to in sub-paragraph (a) (i) and (iii), and
  - (ii) widowed mother’s allowance and widowed parent’s allowance, in respect of dependants,

<sup>(29)</sup> S.R. 2015 No. 315; regulation 1A was inserted by regulation 2 of S.R. 2016 No. 88

shall take effect on 10th April 2017.

- (5) Any increases in the sums specified for—
- (a) the rate of—
    - (i) carer’s allowance in a case where the Department has made arrangements for it to be paid on a Wednesday,
    - (ii) disablement benefit,
    - (iii) maximum disablement gratuity under paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act,
    - (iv) industrial death benefit by way of widow’s and widower’s pension,
    - (v) the maximum of the aggregate of weekly benefit payable for successive accidents under section 107(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act; and
  - (b) any increases in—
    - (i) the benefits referred to in sub-paragraph (a)(i), (iii) and (iv) in respect of dependants, and
    - (ii) disablement pension,

shall take effect on 12th April 2017.

(6) In any case where a person’s weekly rate of Category A or Category B retirement pension falls to be increased under the provisions of section 47(1) or 48C(2) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(30) by reference to the weekly rate of invalidity allowance or age addition to long-term incapacity benefit to which the person was previously entitled, any increase in such sum shall take effect on 10th April 2017.

(7) The changes in the sums specified for the rate of incapacity benefit and severe disablement allowance together with, where appropriate, any increases for dependants, shall take effect on 6th April 2017.

(8) The increases in the sums falling to be calculated in accordance with paragraph 13(4) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (retirement allowance) shall take effect on 12th April 2017.

(9) Any increases in the sums specified in Article 3 in so far as those sums are 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—

- (a) except in a case where sub-paragraph (b) applies, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for the beneficiary on or after 10th April 2017;
- (b) in a case where regulation 7(b) of the Computation of Earnings Regulations (date on which earnings are treated as paid) applies, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for the beneficiary on or after 1st April 2017,

and for the purposes of this paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Computation of Earnings Regulations.

(10) Any increases in the sums mentioned in Article 6 for state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act shall take effect on 10th April 2017.

(11) The increase in the sum mentioned in Article 14 shall take effect on 10th April 2017.

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(30) Section 47(1) was amended by paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12)) (see also regulation 23 of S.R. 1995 No. 35) and section 48C was inserted by paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 and amended by paragraph 6 of Schedule 8 and paragraph 11 of Schedule 9 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999, sections 33(12) and 35(1) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000, paragraph 2 of the Schedule to S.R. 2005 No. 434, paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and paragraph 55 of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

**Earnings limits**

**8.** In section 80(4) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(**31**) (earnings limits in respect of child dependency increases)—

- (a) in both places, the sum of £230 remains the same; and
- (b) the sum of £30 remains the same.

**Statutory sick pay**

**9.** In section 153(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(**32**) (rate of payment) for “£88·45” substitute “£89·35”.

**Statutory maternity pay**

**10.** In regulation 6 of the Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**33**) (prescribed rate of statutory maternity pay) for “£139·58” substitute “£140·98”.

**Statutory paternity pay, statutory adoption pay and statutory shared parental pay**

**11.**—(1) In the Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (Weekly Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002(**34**)—

- (a) in regulation 2(a) (weekly rate of payment of statutory paternity pay) for “£139·58” substitute “£140·98”; and
- (b) in regulation 3(a) (weekly rate of payment of statutory adoption pay) for “£139·58” substitute “£140·98”.

(2) In regulation 40(1)(a) of the Statutory Shared Parental Pay (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(**35**) (weekly rate of payment of statutory shared parental pay) for “£139·58” substitute “£140·98”.

**Graduated retirement benefit**

**12.**—(1) In section 35(1) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**36**) (graduated retirement benefit)—

- (a) the sum of 13·30 pence shall be increased by 1·0 per cent.; and
- (b) the reference in that provision to that sum shall have effect as a reference to 13·43 pence.

(2) The sums which are the increases of graduated retirement benefit under Schedule 2 to the Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978(**37**) (increases for deferred entitlement to a Category A or Category B retirement pension) shall be increased by 1·0 per cent.

(3) The sums which are lump sums to which surviving spouses or civil partners will become entitled under Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) Regulations

(31) Section 80 was repealed by Schedule 6 to the Tax Credits Act 2002; *see also* Article 2 of [S.R. 2003 No. 212](#) which saves the repealed provision in certain circumstances. Section 80(4) was amended by Article 7 of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(32) Section 153(1) was amended by Article 10(1) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 and Article 8 of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(33) [S.R. 1987 No. 30](#); regulation 6 was substituted by regulation 2(3) of [S.R. 2002 No. 354](#) and amended by Article 9 of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(34) [S.R. 2002 No. 380](#); relevant amending Rules are [S.R. 2004 No. 111](#) and [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(35) [S.R. 2015 No. 94](#); relevant amending Rule is [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(36) [1966 c. 6 \(N.I.\)](#); sections 35 and 36 were repealed by the Social Security Act 1973 ([c. 38](#)) but are continued in force by regulation 2 of [S.R. 1978 No. 105](#)

(37) [S.R. 1978 No. 105](#); Schedule 2 was amended by regulation 5(3) of [S.R. 1989 No. 373](#) and regulation 3 of [S.R. 2005 No. 121](#)



(Northern Ireland) 2005(38) (increases of graduated retirement benefit and lump sums) shall be increased by 1·0 per cent.

(4) The sums which are the additions under section 36(1) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (special provision as to graduated retirement benefit for widows and widowers) shall be increased by 1·0 per cent.

### **Amount of Category C retirement pension under the Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979**

13. In regulation 11(3) of the Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(39) (Category C retirement pension for widows of men over pensionable age on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948) for “£71·50” substitute “£73·30”.

### **Maximum additional pension**

14. In regulation 2A of the Social Security (Maximum Additional Pension) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010(40) (prescribed maximum additional pension for survivors who become entitled on or after 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016) for “£165·60” substitute “£167·26”.

### **Disability living allowance**

15. In regulation 4 of the Social Security (Disability Living Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(41) (rate of benefit)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for “£82·30” substitute “£83·10”;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for “£55·10” substitute “£55·65”;
- (c) in paragraph (1)(c) for “£21·80” substitute “£22·00”;
- (d) in paragraph (2)(a) for “£57·45” substitute “£58·00”; and
- (e) in paragraph (2)(b) for “£21·80” substitute “£22·00”.

### **Personal independence payment**

16. In regulation 24 of the Personal Independence Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(42) (rate of personal independence payment)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for “£55·10” substitute “£55·65”;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for “£82·30” substitute “£83·10”;
- (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for “£21·80” substitute “£22·00”; and
- (d) in paragraph (2)(b) for “£57·45” substitute “£58·00”.

### **Age addition to long-term incapacity benefit**

17.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), in regulation 9(2) of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994(43) (increase in rate of incapacity benefit where beneficiary is under prescribed age on the qualifying date)—

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(38) S.R. 2005 No. 121; Schedule 1 was amended by regulation 4 of S.R. 2005 No. 541 and regulation 7(2) of S.R. 2006 No. 104  
(39) S.R. 1979 No. 243; regulation 11(3) was amended by regulation 2(4) of S.R. 1987 No. 404, regulation 8(7) of S.R. 1989 No. 373, Article 5(5) of S.R. 2015 No. 411 and Article 5 of S.R. 2016 No. 92

(40) S.R. 2010 No. 62; regulation 2A was inserted by Article 26(4) of S.R. 2015 No. 411

(41) S.R. 1992 No. 32; regulation 4 was amended by regulation 2(5) of S.R. 1993 No. 340 and Article 12 of S.R. 2015 No. 124

(42) S.R. 2016 No. 217

(43) S.R. 1994 No. 461; regulation 9(2) was amended by Article 13 of S.R. 2015 No. 124

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£21·50” substitute “£21·70”; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£10·80” substitute “£10·90”.

(2) In the case of a claimant entitled to long-term incapacity benefit the sums specified in regulation 9(2)(a) and (b) of those Regulations shall be increased to £11·25 and £6·25 respectively.

#### **Transitional invalidity allowance in long-term incapacity benefit cases**

**18.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), in regulation 18(2) of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995<sup>(44)</sup> (rate of long-term incapacity benefit in transitional cases)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£21·50” substitute “£21·70”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£13·90” substitute “£14·00”; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£6·95” substitute “£7·00”.

(2) In the case of a claimant entitled to long-term incapacity benefit the sums specified in regulation 18(2)(a), (b) and (c) of those Regulations shall be increased to £11·25, £6·25 and £6·25 respectively.

#### **Bereavement benefits**

**19.** In the Rate of Bereavement Benefits Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010<sup>(45)</sup>—

- (a) in regulation 2 (rate of widowed mother’s allowance and widow’s pension) for “£112·55” substitute “£113·70”; and
- (b) in regulation 3 (rate of widowed parent’s allowance and bereavement allowance) for “£112·55” substitute “£113·70”.

## PART 3

### INCOME SUPPORT AND HOUSING BENEFIT

#### **Applicable amounts for income support**

**20.**—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Income Support Regulations<sup>(46)</sup> shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 2 to 4 to this Order; and for this purpose a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the Income Support Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In—

- (a) regulations 17(1)(b), 18(1)(c) and 21(1)<sup>(47)</sup>; and
- (b) paragraphs 13A(2)(a) and 14(2)(a) of Part III of Schedule 2<sup>(48)</sup>,

the sum specified is in each case £3,000.

<sup>(44)</sup> [S.R. 1995 No. 35](#); regulation 18(2) was amended by Article 14 of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

<sup>(45)</sup> [S.R. 2010 No. 407](#); regulations 2 and 3 were amended by Article 15 of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

<sup>(46)</sup> *See* [S.R. 2003 No. 195](#) which omits provisions relating to children and young persons and makes transitional arrangements in connection with the introduction of child tax credit

<sup>(47)</sup> Regulation 17(1)(b) was amended by regulation 4(7) of [S.R. 1993 No. 373](#), regulation 18(1)(c) was amended by regulation 4(8) of [S.R. 1993 No. 373](#) and regulation 21(1) was amended by regulation 4(3) of [S.R. 1994 No. 77](#), regulation 12 of [S.R. 1996 No. 199](#), regulation 2(2) of [S.R. 1996 No. 449](#), paragraph 6(a) of the Schedule to [S.R. 2002 No. 132](#) and paragraph 4(a) of Schedule 1 to [S.R. 2003 No. 195](#)

<sup>(48)</sup> Paragraph 13A was inserted by regulation 2(c)(ii) of [S.R. 2000 No. 367](#) and sub-paragraph (2) was substituted by regulation 2(7)(f) of [S.R. 2007 No. 154](#) and paragraph 14 was substituted by regulation 2(7)(g) of [S.R. 2007 No. 154](#) and sub-paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 3(6)(b) of [S.R. 2011 No. 135](#) and regulation 11(5)(d)(ii) of [S.R. 2016 No. 228](#)

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

(4) In paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 2(**49**) (applicable amounts: family premium) the sum of £17·45, in both places, remains the same.

(5) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts: weekly amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 3 to this Order.

(6) In paragraph 18 of Schedule 3(**50**) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) for “£94·50” and “£14·65” substitute “£95·45” and “£14·80” respectively; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2)—

(i) in head (a) for “£133·00” substitute “£136·00”,

(ii) in head (b) for “£133·00”, “£195·00” and “£33·65” substitute “£136·00”, “£200·00” and “£34·00” respectively,

(iii) in head (c) for “£195·00”, “£253·00” and “£46·20” substitute “£200·00”, “£259·00” and “£46·65” respectively,

(iv) in head (d) for “£253·00”, “£338·00” and “£75·60” substitute “£259·00”, “£346·00” and “£76·35” respectively, and

(v) in head (e) for “£338·00”, “£420·00” and “£86·10” substitute “£346·00”, “£430·00” and “£86·95” respectively.

(7) The sums specified in any provision 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.** The sums which are special transitional additions to income support payable in accordance with regulation 15 of the Income Support (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**51**) shall be increased by 1·0 per cent.

### **Housing benefit**

**22.**—(1) The sums 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 for this purpose a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the Housing Benefit Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In regulation B14(3)(**52**) (determination of a maximum rent (social sector))—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) 14% remains the same; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (b) 25% remains the same.

(3) In regulation 24(3) (calculation of income on a weekly basis) the sums of £175·00 and £300·00 remain the same.

(4) In regulation 72(**53**) (non-dependant deductions)—

(**49**) Paragraph 3 was amended by regulation 18 of [S.R. 1988 No. 318](#), regulation 5(4)(a) of [S.R. 1996 No. 288](#), regulation 8 of [S.R. 1998 No. 112](#) and Article 16(4) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(**50**) Schedule 3 was substituted by Schedule 1 to [S.R. 1995 No. 301](#) and paragraph 18(1) and (2) was amended by regulation 2(3) (j)(i) and (ii) of [S.R. 1995 No. 434](#), regulation 3 of [S.R. 1997 No. 3](#), Article 7(2) of [S.R. 1999 No. 472 \(C. 36\)](#), regulation 4(b) (i) of [S.R. 2004 No. 394](#) and regulation 2(3) of [S.R. 2016 No. 110](#)

(**51**) [S.R. 1987 No. 460](#); regulation 15 was amended by regulation 10 of [S.R. 1988 No. 132](#), regulation 2(3) of [S.R. 1998 No. 153](#), regulation 4 of [S.R. 1989 No. 371](#) and regulation 3 of [S.R. 1991 No. 341](#)

(**52**) Regulation B14 was inserted by regulation 5(7) of [S.R. 2016 No. 326](#)

(**53**) Regulation 72(1) and (2) was amended by Article 20(3) of [S.R. 2012 No. 116](#) and regulation 5 of [S.R. 2016 No. 110](#)

- (a) in paragraph (1) for “£94·50” and “£14·65” substitute “£95·45” and “£14·80” respectively; and
- (b) in paragraph (2)—
- (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£133·00” substitute “£136·00”,
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£133·00”, “£195·00” and “£33·65” substitute “£136·00”, “£200·00” and “£34·00” respectively,
  - (iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£195·00”, “£253·00” and “£46·20” substitute “£200·00”, “£259·00” and “£46·65” respectively,
  - (iv) in sub-paragraph (d) for “£253·00”, “£338·00” and “£75·60” substitute “£259·00”, “£346·00” and “£76·35” respectively, and
  - (v) in sub-paragraph (e) for “£338·00”, “£420·00” and “£86·10” substitute “£346·00”, “£430·00” and “£86·95” respectively.
- (5) In Schedule 1(**54**) (ineligible service charges)—
- (a) in paragraph 2 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; and
  - (b) in paragraph 6(2) the sums of £28·80, £3·35, £2·30 and £3·35 respectively remain the same.
- (6) The sums specified in paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 5 to this Order.
- (7) In paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 4(**55**) (applicable amounts: family premium) the sums of £22·20 and £17·45 remain the same.
- (8) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 6 to this Order.
- (9) In paragraph 26 of Part VI of Schedule 4(**56**) (amount of components) for “£36·20” substitute “£36·55”.
- (10) In paragraph 17(1) and (3)(c) of Schedule 5(**57**) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of earnings) the sum of £17·10 remains the same.
- (11) In paragraph 58 of Schedule 6(**58**) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) the sum of £17·10 remains the same.

### **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 for this purpose a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In regulation 28(3) (calculation of income on a weekly basis) the sums of £175·00 and £300·00 remain the same.

(3) In regulation 53(**59**) (non-dependant deductions)—

(54) Paragraphs 2 and 6(2) were amended by Article 19(4) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(55) Part II of Schedule 4 was omitted by regulation 3(1)(c) of [S.R. 2016 No. 310](#) and regulation 5 of that instrument makes transitional arrangements in connection with the abolition of the family premium; paragraph 3(1) was amended by regulation 19(7)(a) of [S.R. 2011 No. 357](#) and Article 19(6) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(56) Part VI was added by regulation 3(17)(d) of [S.R. 2008 No. 378](#) and amended by Article 19(8) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(57) Paragraph 17(1) and (3)(c) was amended by regulation 2(6)(b) of [S.R. 2009 No. 382](#) and Article 19(9) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(58) Paragraph 58 was amended by Article 19(10) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(59) Regulation 53(1) and (2) was amended by Article 21(3) of [S.R. 2012 No. 116](#) and regulation 6(2) of [S.R. 2016 No. 110](#)

- (a) in paragraph (1) for “£94·50” and “£14·65” substitute “£95·45” and “£14·80” respectively; and
- (b) in paragraph (2)—
- (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£133·00” substitute “£136·00”,
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£133·00”, “£195·00” and “£33·65” substitute “£136·00”, “£200·00” and “£34·00” respectively,
  - (iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£195·00”, “£253·00” and “£46·20” substitute “£200·00”, “£259·00” and “£46·65” respectively,
  - (iv) in sub-paragraph (d) for “£253·00”, “£338·00” and “£75·60” substitute “£259·00”, “£346·00” and “£76·35” respectively, and
  - (v) in sub-paragraph (e) for “£338·00”, “£420·00” and “£86·10” substitute “£346·00”, “£430·00” and “£86·95” respectively.
- (4) In Schedule 1 (ineligible service charges)—
- (a) in paragraph 2(60) 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; and
  - (b) in paragraph 6(2) the sums of £28·80, £3·35, £2·30 and £3·35 remain the same.
- (5) The sums specified in Part I of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 7 to this Order.
- (6) In paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 4(61) (applicable amounts: family premium) the sum of £17·45 remains the same.
- (7) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: amounts of premiums specified in Part III) shall be as set out in Schedule 8 to this Order.
- (8) In paragraph 9(1) and (3)(c) of Schedule 5(62) (sums disregarded from claimant’s earnings) the sum of £17·10 remains the same.
- (9) In paragraph 22 of Schedule 6(63) (amounts to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) the sum of £17·10 remains the same.

## PART 4

### JOBSEEKER’S ALLOWANCE

#### Applicable amounts for jobseeker’s allowance

**24.**—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations(64) shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 9 to 12 to this Order; and for this purpose a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In—

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(60) Paragraphs 2 and 6(2) were amended by Article 20(4) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(61) Part II of Schedule 4 was omitted by regulation 3(1)(c) of [S.R. 2016 No. 310](#) and regulation 5 of that instrument makes transitional arrangements in connection with the abolition of the family premium; paragraph 3(1) was amended by Article 20(6) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(62) Paragraph 9 was amended by Article 20(8) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(63) Paragraph 22 was amended by regulation 6(6)(d) of [S.R. 2008 No. 498](#) and Article 20(9) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(64) See [S.R. 2003 No. 195](#) which omits provisions relating to children and young persons and makes transitional arrangements in connection with the introduction of child tax credit

- (a) regulations 83(b), 84(1)(c) and 85(1)(65); and
- (b) paragraphs 15A(2)(a) and 16(2)(a) of Part III of Schedule 1(66),
- the sum specified is in each case £3,000.
- (3) The sums specified in paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 9 to this Order.
- (4) In paragraph 4(1) of Part II of Schedule 1(67) (applicable amounts: family premium) the sum of £17·45, in both places, remains the same.
- (5) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts: weekly amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 10 to this Order.
- (6) The sums specified in Part IVB of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts: weekly amounts of premiums for joint-claim couples) shall be as set out in Schedule 11 to this Order.
- (7) In paragraph 17 of Schedule 2(68) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) for “£94·50” and “£14·65” substitute “£95·45” and “£14·80” respectively; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (2)—
- (i) in head (a) for “£133·00” substitute “£136·00”,
- (ii) in head (b) for “£133·00”, “£195·00” and “£33·65” substitute “£136·00”, “£200·00” and “£34·00” respectively,
- (iii) in head (c) for “£195·00”, “£253·00” and “£46·20” substitute “£200·00”, “£259·00” and “£46·65” respectively,
- (iv) in head (d) for “£253·00”, “£338·00” and “£75·60” substitute “£259·00”, “£346·00” and “£76·35” respectively, and
- (v) in head (e) for “£338·00”, “£420·00” and “£86·10” substitute “£346·00”, “£430·00” and “£86·95” respectively.
- (8) The sums specified in any provision of the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations set out in column (1) of Schedule 12 to this Order are the sums set out in column (2) of that Schedule.

## PART 5

### STATE PENSION CREDIT

#### State pension credit

**25.**—(1) The sums specified in the State Pension Credit Regulations shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedule 13 to this Order; and for this purpose a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the State Pension Credit Regulations bearing that number.

- (65) Regulation 83(b) and 84(1)(c) were omitted, and regulation 85(1) was amended, by Schedule 2 to [S.R. 2003 No. 195](#) and regulation 8 of that instrument makes transitional arrangements in connection with the introduction of child tax credit. Regulation 85(1) was also amended by regulation 4(5)(a) of [S.R. 2003 No. 267](#)
- (66) Paragraph 15A was inserted by regulation 4(c)(ii) of [S.R. 2000 No. 367](#) and sub-paragraph (2) was substituted by regulation 3(8)(e) of [S.R. 2007 No. 154](#) and paragraph 16 was substituted by regulation 3(8)(f) of [S.R. 2007 No. 154](#) and paragraph 2 was amended by regulation 7(7)(b)(iii) of [S.R. 2011 No. 135](#) and Article 17(7)(e)(ii) of [S.I. 2013/3021](#)
- (67) Paragraph 4(1) was amended by regulation 9(4)(a) of [S.R. 1996 No. 288](#), regulation 10(a) of [S.R. 1998 No. 112](#) and Article 22(4) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)
- (68) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) were amended by regulation 3 of [S.R. 1997 No. 3](#), Article 9(5)(l) of [S.R. 1999 No. 428 \(C. 32\)](#), regulation 5(b)(i) of [S.R. 2004 No. 394](#) and regulation 3(3) of [S.R. 2016 No. 110](#)

- (2) In regulation 6(**69**) (amount of the guarantee credit)—
- (a) in paragraph (1) for “£237.55” and “£155.60” substitute “£243.25” and “£159.35” respectively;
  - (b) in paragraph (5) for “£61.85” and “£123.70” substitute “£62.45” and “£124.90” respectively; and
  - (c) in paragraph (8) for “£34.60” substitute “£34.95”.
- (3) In regulation 7(**70**) (savings credit)—
- (a) in paragraph (1)(a), (b) and (c) “60 per cent.”, “60 per cent.” and “40 per cent.” respectively remain the same; and
  - (b) in paragraph (2) for “£133.82” and “£212.97” substitute “£137.35” and “£218.42” respectively.
- (4) In paragraph 14 of Schedule 2 (housing costs: persons residing with the claimant)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(**71**) for “£94.50” and “£14.65” substitute “£95.45” and “£14.80” respectively; and
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(**72**)—
    - (i) in head (a) for “£133.00” substitute “£136.00”,
    - (ii) in head (b) for “£133.00”, “£195.00” and “£33.65” substitute “£136.00”, “£200.00” and “£34.00” respectively,
    - (iii) in head (c) for “£195.00”, “£253.00” and “£46.20” substitute “£200.00”, “£259.00” and “£46.65” respectively,
    - (iv) in head (d) for “£253.00”, “£338.00” and “£75.60” substitute “£259.00”, “£346.00” and “£76.35” respectively, and
    - (v) in head (e) for “£338.00”, “£420.00” and “£86.10” substitute “£346.00”, “£430.00” and “£86.95” respectively.
- (5) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 3(**73**) (special groups: polygamous marriages)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (5), which substitutes regulation 6(1), for “£237.55” and “£81.95” substitute “£243.25” and “£83.90” respectively; and
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (7), which substitutes regulation 7(2), for “£212.97” substitute “£218.42”.
- (6) The sums specified in any provision of the State Pension Credit Regulations set out in column (1) of Schedule 13 to this Order are the sums set out in column (2) of that Schedule.

## PART 6

### EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE

#### **Applicable amounts for the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008**

**26.**—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 14 and 15 to this Order; and for this purpose a reference in this Article to a numbered

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(69) Regulation 6 was amended by Article 24(2) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#) and Article 6 of [S.R. 2016 No. 92](#)

(70) Regulation 7 was amended by Article 24(3) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#) and regulation 4(2) of [S.R. 2016 No. 110](#)

(71) Sub-paragraph (1) was amended by regulation 6(5)(b)(i) of [S.R. 2004 No. 394](#) and regulation 4(3)(a) of [S.R. 2016 No. 110](#)

(72) Sub-paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 14(5)(a) of [S.R. 2006 No. 359](#) and regulation 4(3)(b) of [S.R. 2016 No. 110](#)

(73) Paragraph 1(5) and (7) was amended by regulation 4(4) of [S.R. 2016 No. 110](#)

Schedule is a reference to the Schedule to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 bearing that number.

(2) The sums specified in Part 3 of Schedule 4 (weekly amount of premiums specified in Part 2) shall be as set out in Schedule 14 to this Order.

(3) In paragraph 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 4(74) (the components) for “£36·20” substitute “£36·55”.

(4) In paragraph 19 of Schedule 6(75) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) for “£94·50” and “£14·65” substitute “£95·45” and “£14·80” respectively; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2)—

(i) in head (a) for “£133·00” substitute “£136·00”,

(ii) in head (b) for “£133·00”, “£195·00” and “£33·65” substitute “£136·00”, “£200·00” and “£34·00” respectively,

(iii) in head (c) for “£195·00”, “£253·00” and “£46·20” substitute “£200·00”, “£259·00” and “£46·65” respectively,

(iv) in head (d) for “£253·00”, “£338·00” and “£75·60” substitute “£259·00”, “£346·00” and “£76·35” respectively, and

(v) in head (e) for “£338·00”, “£420·00” and “£86·10” substitute “£346·00”, “£430·00” and “£86·95” respectively.

(5) The sums specified in any provision of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 set out in column (1) of Schedule 15 to this Order are the sums set out in column (2) of that Schedule.

### **Prescribed amount for the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016**

27. In regulation 62(2)(b) of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016 (prescribed amounts) for “£36·20” substitute “£36·55”.

## **PART 7**

### **UNIVERSAL CREDIT**

#### **Universal credit**

28.—(1) In regulation 35(1)(a) of the Universal Credit Regulations (amount of childcare costs element) “85 percent” remains the same.

(2) The amounts of the child element, the additional amount in respect of each child or qualifying young person who is disabled (higher rate), the limited capability for work and work-related activity element, the carer element and the maximum amounts of the childcare costs element specified in the table in regulation 38 of the Universal Credit Regulations (amounts of elements) shall be as set out in Schedule 16 to this Order.

(3) In paragraph 13 of Schedule 4 to the Universal Credit Regulations (amount of housing cost contributions)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) for “£69·37” substitute “£70·06”; and

(74) Paragraph 13 was amended by Article 25(4) of S.R. 2015 No. 124

(75) Paragraph 19(1) and (2) was amended by regulation 7(3) of S.R. 2016 No. 110



(b) in sub-paragraph (3)(a) “nil” remains the same.

(4) The amounts specified in any provision of the Universal Credit Regulations set out in column (1) of Schedule 17 to this Order are the amounts set out in column (2) of that Schedule.

## PART 8 REVOCATIONS

### Revocations

**29.** The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2015(**76**) save for Articles 16(3), 18, 19(5) and (8)(a), 21, 22(3), 23, 25(2) and (4)(a) and Schedules 2, 5, 9 and 14 and the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2016(**77**) are revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 15th March 2017

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## SCHEDULE 1

Article 3(1)

Provisions of Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act as amended by this Order

## PART I

## CONTRIBUTORY PERIODICAL BENEFITS

<i>Description of benefit</i>	<i>Weekly rate</i>
2.(78) Short-term incapacity benefit.	(a) lower rate £80·25 (b) higher rate £95·00.
2A. Long-term incapacity benefit.	£106·40.
5.(79) Category B retirement pension where section 48A(4) or 48AA(4) applies.	£73·30.

## PART II(80)

## BEREAVEMENT PAYMENT

Bereavement payment.	£2,000·00
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## PART III

## NON-CONTRIBUTORY PERIODICAL BENEFITS

<i>Description of benefit</i>	<i>Weekly rate</i>
1. Attendance allowance.	(a) higher rate £83·10 (b) lower rate £55·65 (the appropriate rate being determined in accordance with section 65(3)).
2. Severe disablement allowance.	£75·40.
3. Age related addition.	(a) higher rate £11·25 (b) middle rate £6·25 (c) lower rate £6·25 (the appropriate rate being determined in accordance with section 69(1)).

(78) Paragraphs 2 and 2A were substituted for paragraph 2 by Article 4(2) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12))

(79) Paragraph 5 was amended by paragraph 18(11) of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22)) and paragraph 59 of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5 (N.I.))

(80) Part II was substituted by Article 51(2) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/3147 (N.I. 11))

<i>Description of benefit</i>	<i>Weekly rate</i>
4.(81) Carer's allowance.	£62·70.
7.(82) Category D retirement pension.	£73·30.
8. Age addition (to a pension of any category, and otherwise under section 79).	£0·25.

## PART IV

### INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

<i>Benefit to which increase applies</i>	<i>Increase for qualifying child</i>	<i>Increase for adult dependant</i>
(1)	(2) £	(3) £
(1)	(2) £	(3) £
1A.(83) Short-term incapacity benefit—		
(a) where the beneficiary is under pensionable age;	11·35	48·15
(b) where the beneficiary is over pensionable age.	11·35	59·50
2. Long-term incapacity benefit.	11·35	61·80
4. Widowed mother's allowance.	11·35	—
4A.(84) Widowed parent's allowance.	11·35	—
5.(85) Category A or B retirement pension.	11·35	66·35
6. Category C retirement pension.	11·35	39·70
8. Severe disablement allowance.	11·35	37·10
9.(86) Carer's allowance.	11·35	36·90

(81) Paragraph 4 was amended by Article 2(2)(a)(vi) of [S.R. 2002 No. 321](#)

(82) Paragraph 7 was amended by paragraph 68(b) of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

(83) Paragraph 1A was inserted and paragraph 2 substituted by Article 4(5) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994

(84) Paragraph 4A was inserted by paragraph 13 of Schedule 8 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999

(85) Paragraphs 5 and 6 were amended by paragraph 18 of Schedule 1 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008; *see* section 4 of that Act in relation to certain cases

(86) Paragraph 9 was amended by Article 2(2)(a)(vii) of [S.R. 2002 No. 321](#) and repealed by Part 2 of Schedule 4 to the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (c. 13); *see* section 14 of that Act in relation to certain cases

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**PART V**  
**RATE OF INDUSTRIAL INJURIES BENEFIT**

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(87) Part V was amended by paragraph 41 of Schedule 1 to the Child Benefit Act 2005 (c. 6) and Article 71 to the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1)). Widow's and widower's pension are payable in relation only to deaths occurring before 11th April 1988 (paragraph 14(1) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act)

<i>Description of benefit, etc.</i>	<i>Rate</i>
unemployability supplement.	
	(b) if head (a) above does not apply and on the qualifying date the beneficiary was under the age of 40 and he had not attained pensionable age before
	6th April 1979                      £21·70
	(c) if heads (a) and (b) above do not apply and on the qualifying date the beneficiary was under the age of 45                      £14·00
	(d) if heads (a), (b) and (c) above do not apply and on the qualifying date the beneficiary was under the age of 50 and had not attained pensionable age before
	6th April 1979                      £14·00
	(e) in any other case                      £7·00
7. Increase under paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 of weekly rate of disablement pension.	£11·35
8. Increase under paragraph 6 of Schedule 7 of weekly rate of disablement pension.	£62·70
9. Maximum disablement gratuity under paragraph 9 of Schedule 7.	£11,260·00
10. Widow's pension (weekly rates).	(b) higher permanent rate                      £122·30
	(c) lower permanent rate                      30 per cent.
	of the first sum specified in section 44(4) (Category A basic retirement pension)
	(the appropriate rate being determined in accordance with paragraph 16 of Schedule 7)
11. Widower's pension (weekly rate).	£122·30
12. Weekly rate of allowance in respect of children and qualifying young persons under paragraph 18 of Schedule 7.	In respect of each child or qualifying young person                      £11·35.

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## SCHEDULE 2

Article 20(3)

Paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 2 to the Income Support Regulations as amended by this Order

## PART I

## PERSONAL ALLOWANCES

2.—(1) **(88)** The weekly amounts specified in column (2) in respect of each person specified in column (1) shall, for the relevant period specified in column (1), be the weekly amounts specified for the purposes of regulations 17(1)(b) and 18(1)(c).

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Child or young person</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Amount</i>
Person in respect of the period—	
(a) beginning on, and including, that person's date of birth and ending on the day preceding the first Monday in September following that person's sixteenth birthday;	(a) £66·90;
(b) beginning on, and including, the first Monday in September following that person's sixteenth birthday and ending on the day preceding that person's twentieth birthday.	(b) £66·90.

## SCHEDULE 3

Article 20(5)

Part IV of Schedule 2 to the Income Support Regulations as amended by this Order

## PART IV

## WEEKLY AMOUNTS OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART III

<i>Premium</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>15.—(2)(89)</b> Pensioner premium for persons to whom paragraph 9 applies.	(2) £128·40.
(2A) Pensioner premium for persons to whom paragraph 9A applies.	(2A) £128·40.
(3) Higher pensioner premium for persons to whom paragraph 10 applies.	(3) £128·40.

**(88)** Sub-paragraph (1) was amended by regulation 18 of S.R. 1988 No. 318, regulation 2 of S.R. 1996 No. 476, regulation 2(1)(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 382 and regulation 2(8) of S.R. 2006 No. 128

**(89)** Sub-paragraphs (2), (2A) and (3) were substituted by regulation 24(5)(g) of S.R. 2003 No. 191

<i>Premium</i>	<i>Amount</i>
(4)(90) Disability premium—	(4)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 11(1)(a);	(a) £32.55;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 11(1)(b).	(b) £46.40.
(5)(91) Severe disability premium—	(5)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 13(2)(a);	(a) £62.45;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 13(2)(b)—	(b)
(i) if there is someone in receipt of a carer's allowance or if he or any partner satisfies that condition only by virtue of paragraph 13(3A),	(i) £62.45,
(ii) if no-one is in receipt of such an allowance.	(ii) £124.90.
(6)(92) Disabled child premium.	(6) £60.90 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the condition specified in paragraph 14 is satisfied.
(7)(93) Carer premium.	(7) £34.95 in respect of each person who satisfies the condition specified in paragraph 14ZA.
(8)(94) Enhanced disability premium where the conditions in paragraph 13A are satisfied.	(8)
	(a) £24.78 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 13A are satisfied;
	(b) £15.90 in respect of each person who is neither—
	(i) a child or young person, nor
	(ii) a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage,
	in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 13A are satisfied;

(90) Sub-paragraph (4) was amended by regulation 2(7)(h) of [S.R. 2007 No. 154](#)(91) Sub-paragraph (5) was amended by regulation 30(e) of [S.R. 1988 No. 146](#) and paragraph 1 of the Schedule to [S.R. 2002 No. 323](#)(92) [See S.R. 2003 No. 195](#) which omits provisions relating to children and young persons and makes transitional arrangements in connection with the introduction of child tax credit(93) Sub-paragraph (7) was added by regulation 6(e) of [S.R. 1990 No. 346](#)(94) Sub-paragraph (8) was added by regulation 2(c)(iii) of [S.R. 2000 No. 367](#); [see S.R. 2003 No. 195](#) which omits provisions relating to children and young persons and makes transitional arrangements in connection with the introduction of child tax credit

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<i>Premium</i>	<i>Amount</i>
	(c) £22.85 where the claimant is a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage and the conditions specified in paragraph 13A are satisfied in respect of a member of that couple or polygamous marriage.

SCHEDULE 4

Article 20(7)

Applicable amounts specified in the Income Support Regulations

<i>Column (1) Provisions in Income Support Regulations</i>	<i>Column (2) Specified Sum</i>
Regulation 22A(1)(95)	Applicable amount to be reduced by a sum equivalent to 20 per cent. of the specified amount.
Schedule 3(96), paragraph 6(1)(b)	Half the amount which would fall to be met by applying the provisions of sub-paragraph (a).
Schedule 3, paragraph 6(1)(c)	Nil.
Schedule 3, paragraph 7(8)	100 per cent. of the eligible interest.
Schedule 3, paragraph 8(1)(b)	Nil.
Schedule 3, paragraph 10	The weekly amount of housing costs is the amount calculated by applying the formula— $\frac{A \times B}{52}$
Schedule 3, paragraph 11(5)(97)	£100,000.
Schedule 3, paragraph 11(7)(a)	A sum determined by applying the formula $P \times Q$ .
Schedule 3, paragraph 11(11)	The qualifying portion of a loan shall be determined by applying the formula— $\frac{R \times S}{T}$
Schedule 3, paragraph 12(2)	The standard rate is to be the average mortgage rate published by the Bank of England in August

(95) Regulation 22A was inserted by regulation 13 of S.R. 1996 No. 199 and paragraph (1) was amended by Article 9(2)(a) of S.R. 1999 No. 371 (C. 28), regulation 4(2)(a) of S.R. 2000 No. 4, paragraph 7 of Part I of the Schedule to S.R. 2002 No. 132 and regulation 4(4) of S.R. 2007 No. 396

(96) Schedule 3 was substituted by Schedule 1 to S.R. 1995 No. 301; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1995 No. 434, S.R. 2001 No. 406, S.R. 2004 No. 461, S.R. 2010 No. 340 and S.R. 2016 No.44

(97) Paragraph 11 is modified in relation to certain persons so that it applies as if the reference to £100,000 were to £200,000 (see S.R. 2008 No. 503)



<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Provisions in Income Support Regulations</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Specified Sum</i>
	2010 varied each time that sub-paragraph (2B) applies such that the average mortgage rate published on the reference day then becomes the new standard rate in accordance with sub-paragraph (2D).
Schedule 7, paragraph 2A(98)	Nil.
Schedule 7, paragraph 7	Nil.
Schedule 7, paragraph 8(a)	Nil
Schedule 7, paragraph 15(99)	Nil.

SCHEDULE 5

Article 22(6)

Paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefit Regulations as amended by this Order

PART I

PERSONAL ALLOWANCES

2.—(1) The amount specified in column (2) in respect of each person specified in column (1) shall, for the relevant period specified in column (1), be the amounts specified for the purposes of regulations 20(b) and 21(c)—

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Child or young person</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Amount</i>
Person in respect of the period—	
(a) beginning on that person’s date of birth and ending on the day preceding the first Monday in September following that person’s sixteenth birthday;	(a) £66·90;
(b) beginning on the first Monday in September following that person’s sixteenth birthday and ending on the day preceding that person’s twentieth birthday.	(b) £66·90

(98) Paragraph 2A was inserted by regulation 19(5) of [S.R. 1990 No. 131](#) and substituted by regulation 3(3) of [S.R. 2010 No. 58](#)

(99) Paragraph 15 was substituted by regulation 5(10)(b) of [S.R. 2000 No. 71](#)

## SCHEDULE 6

Article 22(8)

Part IV of Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefit Regulations as amended by this Order

## PART IV

## AMOUNTS OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART III

<i>Premium</i>	<i>Amount</i>
20.—(5) Disability premium—	(5)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 12(a);	(a) £32·55;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 12(b).	(b) £46·40.
(6) Severe disability premium—	(6)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 14(2)(a);	(a) £62·45;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 14(2)(b)—	(b)
(i) in a case where there is someone in receipt of carer's allowance or if he or any partner satisfies that condition only by virtue of paragraph 14(5);	(i) £62·45;
(ii) in a case where there is no-one in receipt of such an allowance.	(ii) £124·90.
(7) Disabled child premium.	(7) £60·90 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the condition specified in paragraph 16 is satisfied.
(8) Carer premium.	(8) £34·95 in respect of each person who satisfies the condition specified in paragraph 17.
(9)(100) Enhanced disability premium.	(9)
	(a) £24·78 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 15 are satisfied;
	(b) £15·90 in respect of each person who is neither—
	(i) a child or young person, nor
	(ii) a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage,

(100) Sub-paragraph (9) was amended by regulation 4(7)(b) of S.R. 2011 No. 136

<i>Premium</i>	<i>Amount</i>
	<p>in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 15 are satisfied;</p> <p>(c) £22.85 where the claimant is a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage and the conditions specified in paragraph 15 are satisfied in respect of a member of that couple or polygamous marriage.</p>

SCHEDULE 7

Article 23(5)

Part I of Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations as amended by this Order

PART I

PERSONAL ALLOWANCES

1. The amount specified in column (2) in respect of each person or couple specified in column (1) shall be the amount specified for the purposes of regulation 20—

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Person, couple or polygamous marriage</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Amount</i>
(1) Single claimant or lone parent aged—	(1)
(a) under 65;	(a) £159.35;
(b) 65 or over.	(b) £172.55.
(2) Couple—	(2)
(a) both members aged under 65;	(a) £243.25;
(b) one member or both members aged 65 or over.	(b) £258.15.
(3) If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and none of the members of the marriage have attained the age of 65—	(3)
(a) for the claimant and the other party to the marriage;	(a) £243.25;
(b) for each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant.	(b) £83.90.
(4) If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and one or more members are aged 65 or over—	(4)
(a) for the claimant and the other party to the marriage;	(a) £258.15;

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<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Person, couple or polygamous marriage</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Amount</i>
(b) for each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant.	(b) £85·60.

2.—(1) The amounts specified in column (2) in respect of each person specified in column (1) shall, for the relevant period specified in column (1), be the amounts specified for the purposes of regulation 20—

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Child or young person</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Amount</i>
Persons in respect of the period—	
(a) beginning on that person's date of birth and ending on the day preceding the first Monday in September following that person's sixteenth birthday;	(a) £66·90;
(b) beginning on the first Monday in September following that person's sixteenth birthday and ending on the day preceding that person's twentieth birthday.	(b) £66·90.

## SCHEDULE 8

Article 23(7)

Part IV of Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations as amended by this Order

### PART IV

#### AMOUNTS OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART III

<i>Premium</i>	<i>Amount</i>
12.—(1) Severe disability premium—	(1)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 6(2)(a);	(a) £62·45;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 6(2)(b)—	(b)
(i) in a case where there is someone in receipt of a carer's allowance or if he or any partner satisfies that condition only by virtue of paragraph 6(7);	(i) £62·45;
(ii) in a case where there is no-one in receipt of such an allowance.	(ii) £124·90.
(2) Enhanced disability premium.	(2) £24·78 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 7 are satisfied.

<i>Premium</i>	<i>Amount</i>
(3) Disabled child premium.	(3) £60.90 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the condition specified in paragraph 8 is satisfied.
(4) Carer premium.	(4) £34.95 in respect of each person who satisfies the condition specified in paragraph 9.

SCHEDULE 9

Article 24(3)

Paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 1 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations as amended by this Order

PART I

PERSONAL ALLOWANCES

1.—(1) **(101)** The weekly amounts specified in column (2) in respect of each person specified in column (1) shall, for the relevant period specified in column (1), be the weekly amounts specified for the purposes of regulations 83(b) and 84(1)(c).

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Child or young person</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Amount</i>
Person in respect of the period—	
(a) beginning on, and including, that person's date of birth and ending on the day preceding the first Monday in September following that person's sixteenth birthday;	(a) £66.90;
(b) beginning on, and including, the first Monday in September following that person's sixteenth birthday and ending on the day preceding that person's twentieth birthday.	(b) £66.90.

**(101)** Sub-paragraph (1) was amended by regulation 2 of S.R. 1996 No. 476, regulation 2(1)(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 382 and regulation 4(10) of S.R. 2006 No. 128

## SCHEDULE 10

Article 24(5)

Part IV of Schedule 1 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations as amended by this Order

## PART IV

## WEEKLY AMOUNTS OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART III

<i>Premium</i>	<i>Amount</i>
20.—(2)( <b>102</b> ) Pensioner premium for persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit—	(2)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 10(a);	(a) £86.25;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 10(b);	(b) £128.40;
(c) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 10(c).	(c) £128.40.
(3) Pensioner premium for claimants whose partner has attained the age of 75 where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 11.	(3) £128.40.
(4) Higher pensioner premium—	(4)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 12(1)(a);	(a) £86.25;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 12(1)(b) or (c).	(b) £128.40.
(5)( <b>103</b> ) Disability premium—	(5)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 13(1)(a);	(a) £32.55;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 13(1)(b) or (c).	(b) £46.40.
(6)( <b>104</b> ) Severe disability premium—	(6)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 15(1);	(a) £62.45;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 15(2)—	(b)
(i) if there is someone in receipt of a carer's allowance or if any partner of the claimant satisfies that condition by virtue of paragraph 15(5);	(i) £62.45;

**(102)** Sub-paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 5(5)(e) of [S.R. 2010 No. 103](#)**(103)** Sub-paragraph (5) was amended by regulation 3(8)(g) of [S.R. 2007 No. 154](#)**(104)** Sub-paragraph (6) was amended by paragraph 1 of the Schedule to [S.R. 2002 No. 323](#)

<i>Premium</i>	<i>Amount</i>
(ii) if no-one is in receipt of such an allowance.	(ii) £124·90.
(7) Disabled child premium.	(7) £60·90 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 16 are satisfied.
(8) Carer premium.	(8) £34·95 in respect of each person who satisfied the condition specified in paragraph 17.
(9)(105) Enhanced disability premium where the conditions in paragraph 15A are satisfied.	(9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) £24·78 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 15A are satisfied;</li> <li>(b) £15·90 in respect of each person who is neither— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a child or young person, nor</li> <li>(ii) a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage, in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 15A are satisfied;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(c) £22·85 where the claimant is a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage and the conditions specified in paragraph 15A are satisfied in respect of a member of that couple or polygamous marriage.</li> </ul>

(105) Sub-paragraph (9) was added by regulation 4(c)(iii) of S.R. 2000 No. 367

## SCHEDULE 11

Article 24(6)

Part IVB of Schedule 1 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations as amended by this Order

**PART IVB(106)**

## WEEKLY AMOUNTS OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART IVA

<i>Premium</i>	<i>Amount</i>
20M.—(1) Pensioner premium where one member of a joint-claim couple has attained the qualifying age for state pension credit and the condition in paragraph 20E is satisfied.	(1) £128·40.
(2) Higher pensioner premium where one member of a joint-claim couple satisfies the condition in paragraph 20F.	(2) £128·40.
(3) Disability premium where one member of a joint-claim couple satisfies the condition in paragraph 20G(1).	(3) £46·40.
(4) Severe disability premium where one member of a joint-claim couple satisfies the condition in paragraph 20I(1)—	(4)
(i) if there is someone in receipt of a carer's allowance or if either member satisfies that condition only by virtue of paragraph 20I(4);	(i) £62·45;
(ii) if no-one is in receipt of such an allowance.	(ii) £124·90.
(5) Carer premium.	(5) £34·95 in respect of each person who satisfied the condition specified in paragraph 20J.
(6) Enhanced disability premium where the conditions in paragraph 20IA are satisfied.	(6) £22·85 where the conditions specified in paragraph 20IA are satisfied in respect of a member of a joint-claim couple.

(106) Part IVB was inserted by paragraph 53(4) of Schedule 2 to [S.R. 2000 No. 350](#) and paragraph 20M was amended by regulation 4(c)(vi) of [S.R. 2000 No. 367](#), regulation 2(7) of [S.R. 2001 No. 120](#), paragraph 1 of the Schedule to [S.R. 2002 No. 323](#), regulation 3(8)(l) of [S.R. 2007 No. 154](#) and regulation 5(5)(j) of [S.R. 2010 No. 103](#)



## SCHEDULE 12

Article 24(8)

## Applicable amounts specified in the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Provisions in Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Specified Sum</i>
Regulation 145(1)( <b>107</b> )	Applicable amount to be reduced by a sum equivalent to 40 per cent. or, as the case may be, 20 per cent. of the specified amount.
Regulation 146G(1)( <b>108</b> )	Applicable amount to be reduced by a sum equivalent to 40 per cent. or, as the case may be, 20 per cent. of the specified amount.
Schedule 2( <b>109</b> ), paragraph 6(1)(b)	Half the amount which would fall to be met by applying the provisions of sub-paragraph (a).
Schedule 2, paragraph 6(1)(c)	Nil.
Schedule 2, paragraph 7(1)(b)	Nil.
Schedule 2, paragraph 9	The weekly amount of housing costs is the amount calculated by applying the formula— $\frac{A \times B}{52}$
Schedule 2, paragraph 10(4)( <b>110</b> )	£100,000.
Schedule 2, paragraph 10(6)(a)	A sum determined by applying the formula $P \times Q$ .
Schedule 2, paragraph 10(10)	The qualifying portion of a loan shall be determined by applying the formula— $\frac{R \times S}{T}$
Schedule 2, paragraph 11(2)	The standard rate is to be the average mortgage rate published by the Bank of England in August 2010 varied each time that sub-paragraph (2B) applies such that the average mortgage rate published on the reference day then becomes the new standard rate in accordance with sub-paragraph (2D).
Schedule 4, paragraph 4	Nil.
Schedule 4, paragraph 14( <b>111</b> )	Nil.
Schedule 4A( <b>112</b> ), paragraph 3	Nil.

**(107)** Regulation 145(1) was amended by regulation 13(a) of [S.R. 1996 No. 356](#) and regulation 28 of [S.R. 1996 No. 358](#)**(108)** Regulation 146G was inserted by regulation 2(3) of [S.R. 2000 No. 350](#) and paragraph (1) was substituted by regulation 4(11) of [S.R. 2010 No. 69](#)**(109)** Relevant amending Regulations are [S.R. 2001 No. 406](#), [S.R. 2004 No. 461](#), [S.R. 2010 No. 340](#) and [S.R. 2016 No. 44](#)**(110)** Paragraph 10 is modified in relation to certain persons so that it applies as if the reference to £100,000 were to £200,000 ([see S.R. 2008 No. 503](#))**(111)** Paragraph 14 was substituted by regulation 10(7)(b) of [S.R. 2000 No. 71](#)**(112)** Schedule 4A was inserted by paragraph 57 of Schedule 2 to [S.R. 2000 No. 350](#)

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## SCHEDULE 13

Article 25(6)

## Other amounts specified in the State Pension Credit Regulations

<i>Column (1) Provisions in State Pension Credit Regulations</i>	<i>Column (2) Specified Sum</i>
Regulation 6(3)(a)	Nil.
Regulation 6(3)(b)	Nil.
Regulation 7(3)	Nil.
Schedule 2( <b>113</b> ), paragraph 7(1)	The weekly amount of housing costs shall be calculated by applying the formula— $\frac{A \times B}{52}$
Schedule 2, paragraph 8(2)( <b>114</b> )	£100,000.
Schedule 2, paragraph 8(4)(a)	The sum shall be determined by applying the formula $P \times Q$ .
Schedule 2, paragraph 8(8)	The qualifying portion of a loan shall be determined by applying the formula— $R \times \frac{S}{T}$
Schedule 2, paragraph 9(2)	The standard rate is to be the average mortgage rate published by the Bank of England in August 2010 varied each time that sub-paragraph (2B) applies such that the average mortgage rate published on the reference day then becomes the new standard rate in accordance with sub-paragraph (2D).
Schedule 3, paragraph 2(2)(b)( <b>115</b> )	Nil.

**(113)** Relevant amending Regulations are [S.R. 2004 No. 461](#), [S.R. 2007 No. 396](#) and [S.R. 2010 No. 340](#)**(114)** Paragraph 8(2) is modified in relation to certain persons so that it applies as if the reference to £100,000 were to £200,000 ([see S.R. 2008 No. 503](#))**(115)** Paragraph 2 was substituted by regulation 7(5) of [S.R. 2005 No. 580](#) and sub-paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 5(5) of [S.R. 2006 No. 97](#)

## SCHEDULE 14

Article 26(2)

## Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 as amended by this Order

## PART 3

## WEEKLY AMOUNT OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART 2

<i>Premium</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>11.—(1) Pensioner premium for a person to whom paragraph 5 applies who—</b>	(1)
(a) is a single claimant and—	(a)
(i) is entitled to the work-related activity component,	(i) £57·20;
(ii) is entitled to the support component, or	(ii) £49·70;
(iii) is not entitled to either of those components;	(iii) £86·25;
(b) is a member of a couple and—	(b)
(i) is entitled to the work-related activity component,	(i) £99·35;
(ii) is entitled to the support component, or	(ii) £91·85;
(iii) is not entitled to either of those components	(iii) £128·40.
<b>(2) Severe disability premium—</b>	(2)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 6(2)(a);	(a) £62·45;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 6(2)(b)—	(b)
(i) if there is someone in receipt of a carer's allowance or if the person or any partner satisfies that condition only by virtue of paragraph 6(5),	(i) £62·45;
(ii) if no-one is in receipt of such an allowance.	(ii) £124·90.
<b>(3) Carer Premium</b>	(3) £34·95 in respect of each person who satisfies the condition specified in paragraph 8(1).
<b>(4) Enhanced disability premium where the condition in paragraph 7 is satisfied.</b>	(4)
	(a) £15·90 in respect of each person who is neither—

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<i>Premium</i>	<i>Amount</i>
	<p>(i) a child or young person, nor</p> <p>(ii) a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage,</p> <p>in respect of whom the condition specified in paragraph 7 is satisfied;</p> <p>(b) £22.85 where the claimant is a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage and the condition specified in paragraph 7 is satisfied in respect of a member of that couple or polygamous marriage.</p>

SCHEDULE 15

Article 26(5)

Applicable amounts specified in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008

<i>Column (1) Provisions in Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008</i>	<i>Column (2) Specified Sum</i>
Schedule 6(116), paragraph 8(1)(b)	Half the amount which would fall to be met by applying the provisions of head (a).
Schedule 6, paragraph 8(1)(c)	Nil.
Schedule 6, paragraph 9(1)(b)	Nil.
Schedule 6, paragraph 11	The weekly amount of housing costs is the amount calculated by applying the formula— $\frac{A \times B}{52}$
Schedule 6, paragraph 12(4)(117)	£100,000.
Schedule 6, paragraph 12(6)(a)	A sum determined by applying the formula P x Q.
Schedule 6, paragraph 12(10)	The qualifying portion of a loan shall be determined by applying the formula— $R \times \frac{S}{T}$
Schedule 6, paragraph 12(12)(b)	£150,000.
Schedule 6, paragraph 12(12)(c)	£125,000.

(116) Relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2008 No. 413, S.R. 2010 No. 340 and S.R. 2016 No. 44

(117) Paragraph 12 is modified in relation to certain persons so that it applies as if the reference to £100,000 were to £200,000 (see S.R. 2008 No. 503)

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Provisions in Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Specified Sum</i>
Schedule 6, paragraph 13(2)	The standard rate is to be the average mortgage rate published by the Bank of England in August 2010 varied each time that sub-paragraph (2B) applies such that the average mortgage rate published on the reference day then becomes the new standard rate in accordance with sub-paragraph (2D).

## SCHEDULE 16

Article 28(2)

Amounts of certain elements specified in the table in regulation 38 of the Universal Credit Regulations as amended by this Order

<i>Element</i>	<i>Amount for each assessment period</i>
Child element—	
first child or qualifying young person	£277·08
second and each subsequent child or qualifying young person	£231·67
Additional amount for disabled child or qualifying young person—	
higher rate	£372·30
LCW and LCWRA elements—	
limited capability for work and work-related activity	£318·76
Carer element	£151·89
Childcare costs element—	
maximum amount for one child	£646·35
maximum amount for 2 or more children	£1,108·04

## SCHEDULE 17

Article 28(4)

Other amounts specified in the Universal Credit Regulations

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Provisions in Universal Credit Regulations</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Specified Sum</i>
Regulation 36(2) Step 2	Apply the formula— $\left[ \frac{PA}{D} \right] \times AP$

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<i>Column (1) Provisions in Universal Credit Regulations</i>	<i>Column (2) Specified Sum</i>
Schedule 4, paragraph 23(4)	The allocated amount is to be found by applying the formula— $\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) \times C$
Schedule 4, paragraph 32	The amount of the renter’s housing costs element is to be calculated by reference to the formula— $S - HCC$
Schedule 4, paragraph 34(4)	Amount S is to be found by applying the formula— $\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) \times C$
Schedule 4, paragraph 35(2)	The amount of the deduction is to be determined by the formula— $A \times B$
Schedule 4, paragraph 35(3)	The relevant percentage is 14% in the case of one excess bedroom
Schedule 4, paragraph 35(4)	The relevant percentage is 25% in the case of two or more excess bedrooms
Schedule 5, paragraph 10(2) <i>Step 3</i>	£200,000
Schedule 5, paragraph 10(2) <i>Step 4</i>	Apply the formula— $\frac{(A \times SR)}{12}$
Schedule 5, paragraph 11(2) <i>Step 2</i>	£200,000
Schedule 5, paragraph 11(2) <i>Step 3</i>	Apply the formula— $\frac{(A \times SR)}{12}$
Schedule 5, paragraph 12(1)	The standard rate is the average mortgage rate published by the Bank of England which has effect for the purposes of paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 to the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 varied each time that sub-paragraph (3) applies such that the average mortgage rate published on the reference day then becomes the new standard rate in accordance with sub-paragraph (5).

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order, which corresponds to an Order (S.I. 2017/260) made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions under sections 150, 150A and 151A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992, alters the rates and amounts of certain social security benefits and other sums.

Part 2 relates to social security benefits, pensions and allowances.

Article 3 and Schedule 1 alter the rates of benefits and increases of benefit (except those referred to in Article 3(2)) specified in Parts I, III, IV and V of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (“the Contributions and Benefits Act”).

Article 4 increases the rates and amounts of certain pensions and allowances under the Contributions and Benefits Act.

Article 5 increases the sums payable as part of a Category A or Category B retirement pension under sections 11(1) and 13(2) and (3) of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 (“the Pension Schemes Act”) on account of increases in guaranteed minimum pensions.

Article 6 increases the rates and amounts relating to the state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (“the Pensions Act”) including the full rate, amounts exceeding the full rate, the rate of increments and inherited increments.

Article 7 specifies the dates from which the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit under Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14 are changed.

Article 8 specifies earnings limits for child dependency increases.

Article 9 increases the rate of statutory sick pay.

Article 10 increases the rate of statutory maternity pay.

Article 11 increases the rates of statutory paternity pay, statutory adoption pay and statutory shared parental pay.

Article 12 increases the rate of graduated retirement benefit.

Article 13 increases the amount of a Category C retirement pension.

Article 14 increases the prescribed maximum additional pension for the purposes of section 52(3) of the Contributions and Benefits Act.

Article 15 increases the rates of disability living allowance.

Article 16 increases the rates of personal independence payment.

Article 17 increases the rates of age addition and the rates referred to in Article 17(2) for claimants entitled to long-term incapacity benefit.

Article 18 increases the rates of transitional invalidity allowance and the rates referred to in Article 18(2) for claimants entitled to long-term incapacity benefit.

Article 19 increases the rates of widowed mother’s allowance, widow’s pension, widowed parent’s allowance and bereavement allowance.

Part 3 relates to income support and housing benefit.

Article 20 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of income support. Article 20(3) and Schedule 2 set out the personal allowances; Article 20(4) and (5) and Schedule 3 set out the premiums; and Article 20(7) and Schedule 4 set out other miscellaneous amounts.

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Article 21 provides for the percentage increase of sums payable by way of special transitional additions to income support.

Article 22 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of housing benefit. Article 22(6) and Schedule 5 set out the personal allowances and Article 22(8) and Schedule 6 set out the premiums.

Article 23 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of housing benefit for persons over the qualifying age for state pension credit. Article 23(5) and Schedule 7 set out the personal allowances and Article 23(6) and (7) and Schedule 8 set out the premiums.

Part 4 relates to jobseeker's allowance.

Article 24 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of income-based jobseeker's allowance. Article 24(3) and Schedule 9 set out the personal allowances; Article 24(4) and (5) and Schedule 10 set out the premiums; Article 24(6) and Schedule 11 set out the amounts of premiums relevant to joint-claim couples; and Article 24(8) and Schedule 12 set out other miscellaneous amounts.

Part 5 relates to state pension credit.

Article 25 and Schedule 13 specify sums relevant to state pension credit.

Part 6 relates to employment and support allowance.

Article 26 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of employment and support allowance under the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008. Article 26(2) and Schedule 14 set out the premiums; Article 26(3) increases the support component; and Article 26(5) and Schedule 15 set out other miscellaneous amounts.

Article 27 increases the support component for employment and support allowance under the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Part 7 relates to universal credit.

Article 28 and Schedules 16 and 17 specify the amounts relevant to universal credit.

Article 29 revokes the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 save for Articles 16(3), 18, 19(5) and (8)(a), 21, 22(3), 23, 25(2) and (4)(a) and Schedules 2, 5, 9 and 14, which relate to amounts frozen under section 8 of the Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016 ([S.I. 2016/999 \(N.I. 1\)](#)). Article 29 also provides for the revocation of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.