
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 526

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2003

PART III

INCOME SUPPORT, HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT

Applicable amounts for Income Support

17.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Income Support Regulations shall be the sums set out in the following provisions of this article and Schedules 2 to 5 to this Order; and for this purpose references in this article to a numbered regulation or Schedule are, unless the context otherwise requires, references to a regulation of, or a Schedule to, the Income Support Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In—

- (a) regulations 17(1)(b), 18(1)(c), 21(1) and 71(1)(a)(ii), (c)(ii) and (d)(i); and
- (b) paragraphs 13A(2)(a) and 14(a) of Part III of Schedule 2,

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

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

(4) In paragraph 3 of Part II of Schedule 2(2) (applicable amounts: family premium)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) “£15.90” remains unchanged; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for “£14.75” substitute “£15.75”.

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

(6) In paragraph 18 of Schedule 3(4) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) “£47.75” remains unchanged;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) “£7.40” remains unchanged;
- (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for “£88.00” substitute “£92.00”;
- (d) in sub-paragraph (2)(b)—
 - (i) for “£88.00” substitute “£92.00”;
 - (ii) for “£131.00” substitute “£137.00”;
 - (iii) “£17.00” remains unchanged;

(e) in sub-paragraph (2)(c)—

- (i) for “£131.00” substitute “£137.00”;

(1) Relevant amending instrument is [S.I. 1996/206](#).

(2) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1996/1803](#), [1998/766](#), [1999/2555](#) and [2000/1993](#).

(3) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1996/1803](#), [2000/2239](#) and [2002/668](#).

(4) Schedule 3 was substituted by [S.I. 1995/1613](#); relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1995/2927](#), [1996/2518](#) and [1999/3178](#).

- (ii) for “£170.00” substitute “£177.00”;
- (iii) “£23.35” remains unchanged;
- (f) in sub-paragraph (2)(d)—
 - (i) for “£170.00” substitute “£177.00”;
 - (ii) for “£225.00” substitute “£235.00”;
 - (iii) “£38.20” remains unchanged; and
- (g) in sub-paragraph (2)(e)—
 - (i) for “£225.00” substitute “£235.00”;
 - (ii) for “£281.00” substitute “£293.00”;
 - (iii) “£43.50” remains unchanged.
- (7) Those sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount which are specified in Schedule 7 (applicable amounts in special cases)—
 - (a) which are amended by this Order shall be as set out in Part I of Schedule 4 to this Order;
 - (b) which are not increased by this Order are the sums set out in Part II of that Schedule.
- (8) The sums specified in any provision of the Income Support Regulations set out in column (1) of Schedule 5 to this Order are the sums set out in column (2) of that Schedule.
- (9) In paragraph 19(b) of Schedule 9(5) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) for “£9.40” substitute “£9.65”.

Income Support Transitional Protection

18. It is hereby directed⁽⁶⁾ that the sums which are special transitional additions to income support payable in accordance with regulation 15 of the Income Support (Transitional) Regulations 1987⁽⁷⁾ (special transitional addition) shall be increased by 1.3 per cent. of their amount apart from this Order.

The Relevant Sum for Income Support

19. In section 126(7) of the Contributions and Benefits Act⁽⁸⁾ (trade disputes: the relevant sum) for “£29.00” substitute “£29.50”.

Housing Benefit

20.—(1) As from a date determined in accordance with article 1 of this Order, the sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Housing Benefit Regulations shall be the sums set out in the following provisions of this article and Schedules 6 and 7 to this Order; and for this purpose references in this article to a numbered regulation or Schedule are, unless the context otherwise requires, references to a regulation of, or a Schedule to, the Housing Benefit Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In—

- (a) regulations 16(b) and 17(c); and
- (b) paragraphs 13A(2)(a) and 14(a) of Part III of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts),

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

⁽⁵⁾ Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1994/527](#) and [1995/516](#).

⁽⁶⁾ See section 151(b) of the Administration Act.

⁽⁷⁾ [S.I. 1987/1969](#); relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1988/521](#) and [670](#), [1989/1626](#) and [1991/1600](#).

⁽⁸⁾ See section 126(8) of the Contributions and Benefits Act.

- (3) In regulation 18(1)(9) (patients)—
- (a) in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (d)(ii) for “£18.90” substitute “ £19.35” in each case;
 - (b) in sub-paragraphs (c)(i) and (d)(i) for “£15.10” substitute “ £15.50” in each case; and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (c)(ii) for “£37.80” substitute “£38.70 ”.
- (4) In regulation 63(10) (non-dependant deductions)—
- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) “£47.75” remains unchanged;
 - (b) in paragraph (1)(b) “£7.40” remains unchanged;
 - (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for “£88.00” substitute “£92.00 ”;
 - (d) in paragraph (2)(b)—
 - (i) for “£88.00” substitute “£92.00”;
 - (ii) for “£131.00” substitute “£137.00”;
 - (iii) “£17.00” remains unchanged;
 - (e) in paragraph (2)(c)—
 - (i) for “£131.00” substitute “£137.00”;
 - (ii) for “£170.00” substitute “£177.00”;
 - (iii) “£23.35” remains unchanged;
 - (f) in paragraph (2)(d)—
 - (i) for “£170.00” substitute “£177.00”;
 - (ii) for “£225.00” substitute “£235.00”;
 - (iii) “£38.20” remains unchanged; and
 - (g) in paragraph (2)(e)—
 - (i) for “£225.00” substitute “£235.00”;
 - (ii) for “£281.00” substitute “£293.00”;
 - (iii) “£43.50” remains unchanged.
- (5) In paragraph 1A of Part I of Schedule 1(11) (ineligible service charges), for “£19.25”, “£19.25”, “£9.70”, “ £12.80”, “£12.80”, “£6.45” and “£2.35 ” substitute “£19.50”, “£19.50”, “£9.85”, “ £12.95”, “£12.95”, “£6.55” and “£2.40 ” respectively.
- (6) In paragraph 5(2)(a) of Part II of Schedule 1(12) (payments in respect of fuel charges) for “£9.40” substitute “£9.65 ”.
- (7) The sums specified in Part I of Schedule 2(13) (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 6 to this Order.
- (8) In paragraph 3 of Part II of Schedule 2(14) (applicable amounts: family premium)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) “£22.20” remains unchanged; and
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£14.75” substitute “£15.75 ”.
- (9) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 2(15) (applicable amounts: premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 7 to this Order.

(9) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1996/1803](#) and [2432](#).

(10) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1990/546](#), [1992/50](#) and [1996/2518](#).

(11) Paragraph 1A was inserted by [S.I. 1988/1444](#) and amended by [S.I. 1989/416](#) and [1997/65](#).

(12) Relevant amending instrument is [S.I. 1988/1444](#).

(13) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1996/2545](#) and [1999/2555](#).

(14) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1996/1803](#) and [1998/766](#).

(15) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1996/1803](#) and [2000/2239](#).

(10) In paragraph 20(b) of Schedule 4(**16**) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings), for “£9.40” substitute “£9.65”.

Council Tax Benefit

21.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Council Tax Benefit Regulations shall be the sums set out in the following provisions of this article and Schedules 8 and 9 to this Order; and for this purpose references in this article to a numbered regulation or Schedule are, unless the context otherwise requires, references to a regulation of, or a Schedule to, the Council Tax Benefit Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In—

- (a) regulations 8(b) and 9(c); and
- (b) paragraphs 14A(2)(a) and 15(a) of Part III of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts),

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

(3) In regulation 10(1)(**17**) (patients)—

- (a) in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (d)(ii) for “£18.90” substitute “ £19.35” in each case;
- (b) in sub-paragraphs (c)(i) and (d)(i) for “£15.10” substitute “ £15.50” in each case; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (c)(ii) for “£37.80” substitute “£38.70 ”.

(4) In regulation 52(**18**) (non-dependant deductions)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) “£6.95” remains unchanged;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b) “£2.30” remains unchanged;
- (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for “£131.00” substitute “£137.00 ”;
- (d) in paragraph (2)(b)—
 - (i) for “£131.00” substitute “£137.00”;
 - (ii) for “£225.00” substitute “£235.00”;
 - (iii) “£4.60” remains unchanged; and

(e) in paragraph (2)(c)—

- (i) for “£225.00” substitute “£235.00”;
- (ii) for “£281.00” substitute “£293.00”;
- (iii) “£5.80” remains unchanged.

(5) The sums specified in Part I of Schedule 1 (**19**)(applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 8 to this Order.

(6) In paragraph 3 of Part II of Schedule 1(**20**) (applicable amounts: family premium)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) “£22.20” remains unchanged; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£14.75” substitute “£15.75 ”.

(7) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 1(**21**) (applicable amounts: premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 9 to this Order.

(8) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 (amount of alternative maximum council tax benefit)—

(16) Relevant amending instrument is [S.I. 1994/578](#).
 (17) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1993/688](#) and [1996/1803](#).
 (18) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1996/2518](#) and [2002/668](#).
 (19) Relevant amending instrument is [S.I. 1999/2555](#).
 (20) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1996/1803](#) and [1998/766](#).
 (21) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1996/1803](#) and [2000/2239](#).

- (a) in sub-paragraph (2)(b)(i) for “£131.00” substitute “£137.00 ”;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(b)(ii) for “£131.00” and “£170.00 ” substitute “£137.00” and “£177.00” respectively.
- (9) In paragraph 20(b) of Schedule 4(22) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings), for “£9.40” substitute “£9.65”.