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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2003 No. 155**

**The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2003**

**PART III**

**INCOME SUPPORT AND HOUSING 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 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 regulations 17(1)(b), 18(1)(c), 21(1) and 71(1)(a)(ii), (c)(ii) and (d)(i) and paragraphs 13A(2)(a)(1) 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 (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) the sum of £15·90 remains the same; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for “£14·75” there shall be substituted “£15·75”.

(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(3) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) the sums of £47·75 and £7·40 remain the same;

(b) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for “£88·00” there shall be substituted “£92·00”;

(c) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) for “£88·00” and “£131·00” there shall be substituted “£92·00” and “£137·00” respectively and the sum of £17·00 remains the same;

(d) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) for “£131·00” and “£170·00” there shall be substituted “£137·00” and “£177·00” respectively and the sum of £23·35 remains the same;

(e) in sub-paragraph (2)(d) for “£170·00” and “£225·00” there shall be substituted “£177·00” and “£235·00” respectively and the sum of £38·20 remains the same; and

(f) in sub-paragraph (2)(e) for “£225·00” and “£281·00” there shall be substituted “£235·00” and “£293·00” respectively and the sum of £43·50 remains the same.

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(1) Paragraph 13A was inserted by regulation 2(c)(ii) of S.R. 2000 No. 367

(2) Paragraph 3 was amended by regulation 18 of S.R. 1988 No. 318, regulation 5(4)(a) of S.R. 1996 No. 288 and regulation 8 of S.R. 1998 No. 112

(3) Schedule 3 was substituted by Schedule 1 to S.R. 1995 No. 301 and paragraph 18 was amended by regulation 2(3)(j) of S.R. 1995 No. 434, regulation 3 of S.R. 1997 No. 3, regulation 3 of S.R. 1997 No. 165 and Article 7(2) of S.R. 1999 No. 472 (C. 36)

(7) Those sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount which are specified in Schedule 7 (applicable amounts in special cases) shall be as set out in Schedule 4 to this Order.

(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(4) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) for “£9·40” there shall be substituted “£9·65”.

### **Income support transitional protection**

**18.** Sums which are special transitional additions to income support payable in accordance with regulation 15 of the Income Support (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(5) shall be increased by 1·3 per cent. of their amount apart from this Order.

### **Relevant sum for income support**

**19.** In section 125(7) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (trade disputes) for “£29·00” there shall be substituted “£29·50”.

### **Housing benefit**

**20.**—(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 the following provisions of this Article and Schedules 6 and 7 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 regulations 16(b) and 17(c) and paragraphs 13A(2)(a)(6) and 14(a) of Part III of Schedule 2 the sum specified is in each case £3,000.

(3) In regulation 18(1)(7) (patients)—

- (a) in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (d)(ii) for “£18·90” there shall be substituted “£19·35”;
- (b) in sub-paragraphs (c)(i) and (d)(i) for “£15·10” there shall be substituted “£15·50”; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (c)(ii) for “£37·80” there shall be substituted “£38·70”.

(4) In regulation 63 (non-dependant deductions)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) the sums of £47·75, £6·95, £7·40 and £2·30 remain the same; and
- (b) in paragraph (2)—
  - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£88·00” there shall be substituted “£92·00”;
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£88·00” and “£131·00” there shall be substituted “£92·00” and “£137·00” respectively and the sum of £17·00 remains the same,
  - (iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£131·00” and “£170·00” there shall be substituted “£137·00” and “£177·00” respectively and the sum of £23·35 remains the same,
  - (iv) in sub-paragraph (ca)(8) for “£170·00” and “£225·00” there shall be substituted “£177·00” and “£235·00” respectively and the sum of £38·20 remains the same,

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(4) Paragraph 19 was substituted by regulation 4(9)(b) of [S.R. 1994 No. 77](#) and amended by regulation 2(12)(c) of [S.R. 1995 No. 86](#)

(5) [S.R. 1987 No. 460](#); relevant amending regulations are [S.R. 1988 Nos. 132 and 153](#), [S.R. 1989 No. 371](#) and [S.R. 1991 No. 341](#)

(6) Paragraph 13A was inserted by regulation 3(b)(ii) of [S.R. 2000 No. 367](#) and amended by paragraph 1 of the Schedule to [S.R. 2002 No. 323](#)

(7) Regulation 18(1) was amended by regulation 7(c) of [S.R. 1996 No. 448](#)

(8) Sub-paragraphs (ca) and (cb) were inserted by regulation 2(b) of [S.R. 1997 No. 3](#)

- (v) in sub-paragraph (cb) for “£225·00” and “£281·00” there shall be substituted “£235·00” and “£293·00” respectively and the sum of £43·50 remains the same,
  - (vi) in sub-paragraph (d)(9) for “£131·00” there shall be substituted “£137·00”,
  - (vii) in sub-paragraph (e)(10) for “£131·00” and “£225·00” there shall be substituted “£137·00” and “£235·00” respectively and the sum of £4·60 remains the same, and
  - (viii) in sub-paragraph (f) for “£225·00” and “£281·00” there shall be substituted “£235·00” and “£293·00” respectively and the sum of £5·80 remains the same.
- (5) In Schedule 1 (ineligible service charges)–
- (a) in paragraph 1A(11) for “£19·25”, “£19·25”, “£9·70”, “£12·80”, “£12·80”, “£6·45” and “£2·35” there shall be substituted “£19·50”, “£19·50”, “£9·85”, “£12·95”, “£12·95”, “£6·55” and “£2·40” respectively; and
  - (b) in paragraph 5(2) for “£9·40” there shall be substituted “£9·65”.
- (6) The sums specified in Part I of Schedule 2(12) (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 6 to this Order.
- (7) In paragraph 3 of Part II of Schedule 2(13) (applicable amounts: family premium)–
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) the sum of £22·20 remains the same; and
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for “£14·75” there shall be substituted “£15·75”.
- (8) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 2(14) (applicable amounts: amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 7 to this Order.
- (9) In paragraph 22(b) of Schedule 4(15) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) for “£9·40” there shall be substituted “£9·65”.

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(9) Sub-paragraph (d) was added by regulation 7(b)(iii) of S.R. 1992 No. 549

(10) Sub-paragraphs (e) and (f) were added by regulation 2(c) of S.R. 1997 No. 3

(11) Paragraph 1A was inserted by regulation 7(b) of S.R. 1988 No. 314 and sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) were amended by regulation 14 of S.R. 1997 No. 22

(12) Part I was substituted by Schedule 1 to S.R. 1998 No. 73 and amended by regulation 2(1)(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 382 and regulation 2 of S.R. 2002 No. 267

(13) Paragraph 3(1) was amended by regulation 6(a) of S.R. 1997 No. 4 and regulation 5(a) of S.R. 1998 No. 112

(14) Part IV was substituted by Schedule 2 to S.R. 1998 No. 73 and amended by regulation 4(2)(c) of S.R. 2000 No. 260 and regulation 3(b)(iii) of S.R. 2000 No. 367

(15) Paragraph 22 was substituted by regulation 11(a) of S.R. 1994 No. 88