
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 82

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2004

PART I

INTRODUCTION

Citation, commencement and effect

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2004 and, subject to paragraph (2), shall come into operation for the purposes of –

- (a) Articles 1, 2 and 6 on 1st April 2004;
- (b) 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 2004 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Computation of Earnings Regulations;
- (c) Articles 10 and 11 on 4th April 2004;
- (d) Article 9 on 6th April 2004;
- (e) Articles 3 to 5, 7, 12 and 13 and 24 on 12th April 2004;
- (f) Articles 14, 15 and 25 on 15th April 2004;
- (g) Articles 16 to 18, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 12th April 2004 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (h) Articles 19 and 20, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 5th April 2004, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2004; and
- (i) Articles 21 to 23, 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 12th April 2004 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations.

(2) The increases made –

- (a) in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act or the Pension Schemes Act; and
- (b) by Article 21(c), in so far as it is relevant for the purposes referred to in Article 6(11),

shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in Article 6.

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⁽¹⁾;

“the Pension Schemes Act” means the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993⁽²⁾;

“the Computation of Earnings Regulations” means the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996⁽³⁾;

“the Housing Benefit Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987⁽⁴⁾;

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987⁽⁵⁾;

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996⁽⁶⁾;

“the State Pension Credit Regulations” means the State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003⁽⁷⁾.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954⁽⁸⁾ shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(1) 1992 c. 7

(2) 1993 c. 49

(3) S.R. 1996 No. 520

(4) S.R. 1987 No. 461; relevant amending rules are S.R. 1988 No. 314, S.R. 1992 No. 549, S.R. 1994 No. 88, S.R. 1996 Nos. 93 and 448, S.R. 1997 Nos. 3, 4, 22 and 515, S.R. 1998 Nos. 73 and 112, S.R. 1999 No. 298 and 382, S.R. 2000 Nos. 260 and 367, S.R. 2001 No. 259, S.R. 2002 No. 323 and S.R. 2003 Nos. 1, 155, 196, 197, 261, 338, and 418

(5) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending rules are S.R. 1988 Nos. 146, 318 and 431, S.R. 1989 Nos. 139 and 249, S.R. 1990 Nos. 131, 213 and 346, S.R. 1994 No. 77, S.R. 1995 Nos. 86, 301 and 434, S.R. 1996 Nos. 199, 288 and 476, S.R. 1997 Nos. 3 and 165, S.R. 1998 Nos. 81 and 112, S.R. 1999 Nos. 371(C. 28), 382 and 472 (C. 36), S.R. 2000 Nos. 4, 71, 260 and 367, S.R. 2001 No. 406, S.R. 2002 Nos. 132 and 323 and S.R. 2003 Nos. 155, 191 and 261 and S.R. 2004 No. 72

(6) 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, 260, 350 and 367, S.R. 2001 Nos. 120 and 406, S.R. 2002 Nos. 132, 267 and 323 and S.R. 2003 Nos. 155, 261 and 267

(7) S.R. 2003 No. 28; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 2003 Nos. 261 and 421

(8) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)