
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order increases from £350 to £380 from 1st October 2009 the maximum weekly amount used for the purposes of calculating certain awards made by industrial tribunals (including awards for unfair dismissal or redundancy) and certain payments made by the Department out of the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund, where an employer is insolvent. By virtue of Article 16(2) of the Work and Families (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, amounts may be increased under that Article on one occasion only. The increases apply where the event giving rise to the entitlement to compensation or other payments occurred on or after 1st October 2009.

Article 3 excludes, on this single occasion, the operation of Article 33 of the Employment Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1999, in relation to the sums covered by this Order. Therefore the sums will not increase (or decrease) in line with the retail prices index for September 2009, in February 2010.

An impact assessment in respect of this Order is available and a copy can be obtained from the Department for Employment and Learning.