
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2009 No. 89

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2009

PART I

INTRODUCTION

Citation, commencement and effect

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2009 and, subject to paragraph (2), shall come into operation for the purposes of—

- (a) this Article and Articles 2 and 6 on 1st April 2009;
- (b) Article 3—
 - (i) in so far as it relates to any increase to which Article 6(10)(b) applies, on 1st April 2009, and
 - (ii) for all other purposes, on 6th April 2009;
- (c) 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 2009 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;
- (d) Article 10 on 5th April 2009, except for the purpose of determining the rate of maternity allowance in accordance with section 35A(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act⁽¹⁾ for which purpose it shall come into operation on 6th April 2009;
- (e) Article 11 on 5th April 2009;
- (f) Articles 4, 5, 7, 9, 12 and 13 on 6th April 2009;
- (g) Articles 14, 15 and 26 on 9th April 2009;
- (h) 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 6th April 2009 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (i) Articles 19 and 20, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 6th April 2009, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2009;
- (j) Articles 21 to 23, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary—
 - (i) for the purposes of Article 21(c), in so far as it relates to an increase to which Article 6(10)(b) applies, on 1st April 2009, and

(1) 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.))

- (ii) for all other purposes, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary, on or after 6th April 2009, and for the purposes of this head “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations;
 - (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 6th April 2009 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the State Pension Credit Regulations; and
 - (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 6th April 2009 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations.
- (2) The changes 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(10),
- shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in Article 6.