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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2012 No. 116**

**The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2012**

**PART 1**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Citation, commencement and effect**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2012 and, subject to paragraph (2), shall come into operation for the purposes of—

- (a) this Article and Articles 2 and 6 on 1st April 2012;
- (b) Article 3—
  - (i) in so far as it relates to any increase to which Article 6(10)(b) applies, on 1st April 2012, and
  - (ii) for all other purposes, on 9th April 2012;
- (c) Articles 4, 5, 7, 12, 13 and 16 on 9th April 2012;
- (d) 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 2012 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;
- (e) Article 9 on 6th April 2012;
- (f) Article 10 on 1st April 2012, 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 9th April 2012;
- (g) Article 11 on 1st April 2012;
- (h) Articles 14, 15 and 27 on 12th April 2012;
- (i) Articles 17 to 19, 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 9th April 2012 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (j) Articles 20 and 21, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 2nd April 2012, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2012;
- (k) Articles 22 to 24, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary—
  - (i) for the purposes of Article 22(c), in so far as it relates to an increase to which Article 6(10)(b) applies, on 1st April 2012, and

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(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 9th April 2012, and for the purposes of this head “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations;
  - (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 9th April 2012 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the State Pension Credit Regulations; and
  - (m) Article 26, 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 9th April 2012 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 22(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.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Art. 1 in operation at 1.4.2012, see [art. 1\(1\)\(a\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2012, Section 1.