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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2018 No. 56**

**The Social Security (2017 Benefits Up-  
rating) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018**

**PART 3**

**INCOME SUPPORT AND HOUSING BENEFIT**

**Housing benefit**

**21.**—(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 this Article and Schedules 5 and 6 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 regulation B14(3)(1) (determination of a maximum rent (social sector))—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) 14% remains the same; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) 25% remains the same.

(3) In regulation 24(3) (calculation of income on a weekly basis) the sums of £175·00 and £300 remain the same.

(4) In regulation 72(2) (non-dependant deductions)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) for “£94·50” and “£14·65” substitute “£95·45” and “£14·80” respectively; and
- (b) in paragraph (2)—
  - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£133·00” substitute “£136·00”,
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£133·00”, “£195·00” and “£33·65” substitute “£136·00”, “£200·00” and “£34·00” respectively,
  - (iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£195·00”, “£253·00” and “£46·20” substitute “£200·00”, “£259·00” and “£46·65” respectively,
  - (iv) in sub-paragraph (d) for “£253·00”, “£338·00” and “£75·60” substitute “£259·00”, “£346·00” and “£76·35” respectively, and
  - (v) in sub-paragraph (e) for “£338·00”, “£420·00” and “£86·10” substitute “£346·00”, “£430·00” and “£86·95” respectively.

(5) In Schedule 1(3) (ineligible service charges)—

- (a) in paragraph 2 for “£26·85”, “£26·85”, “£13·60”, “£17·85”, “£17·85”, “£9·00” and “£3·30” substitute “£27·10”, “£27·10”, “£13·75”, “£18·05”, “£18·05”, “£9·10” and “£3·35” respectively; and

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(1) Regulation B14 was inserted by regulation 5(7) of [S.R. 2016 No. 326](#)

(2) Regulation 72(1) and (2) was amended by Article 20(3) of [S.R. 2012 No. 116](#) and regulation 5 of [S.R. 2016 No. 110](#)

(3) Paragraphs 2 and (6) were amended by Article 19(4) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(b) in paragraph 6(2) the sums of £28·80, £3·35, £2·30 and £3·35 respectively remain the same.

(6) The sums specified in paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 5 to this Order.

(7) In paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 4(4) (applicable amounts: family premium) the sums of £22·20 and £17·45 remain the same.

(8) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 6 to this Order.

(9) In paragraph 26 of Part VI of Schedule 4(5) (amount of components) for “£36·20” substitute “£36·55”.

(10) In paragraph 17(1) and (3)(c) of Schedule 5(6) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of earnings) the sum of £17·10 remains the same.

(11) In paragraph 58 of Schedule 6(7) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) the sum of £17·10 remains the same.

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(4) Part II of Schedule 4 was omitted by regulation 3(1)(c) of [S.R. 2016 No. 310](#) and regulation 5 of that instrument makes transitional arrangements in connection with the abolition of the family premium; paragraph 3(1) was amended by regulation 19(7)(a) of [S.R. 2011 No. 357](#) and Article 19(6) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(5) Part VI was added by regulation 3(17)(d) of [S.R. 2008 No. 378](#) and amended by Article 19(8) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#) and the heading was amended by paragraph 6(7)(b)(i) of Schedule 1 to [S.R. 2017 No. 51](#) but the wording remains in force for certain cases under Schedule 2 to that Rule

(6) Paragraph 17(1) and (3)(c) was amended by regulation 2(6)(b) of [S.R. 2009 No. 382](#) and Article 19(9) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)

(7) Paragraph 58 was amended by Article 19(10) of [S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)