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**2016 No.**

**The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2016**

**Citation and commencement**

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2016.
- (2) This Order shall come into force for the purposes of—
- (a) this article, articles 2 and 3(c) and the Schedule so far as it relates to Part V of Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act, on 6th April 2016;
  - (b) articles 3(a) and (b), 4 and 5, and the remaining parts of the Schedule, on 11th April 2016;
  - (c) article 6, 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 11th April 2016, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the State Pension Credit Regulations 2002<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order “the Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992<sup>(2)</sup>.

**Amounts of certain benefits under the Contributions and Benefits Act**

3. The following sums shall be increased to the amounts set out in the Schedule—
- (a) the sum specified in Part I of Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act for Category B retirement pension where section 48A(4) or 48AA(4) applies;
  - (b) the sum specified in Part III of that Schedule for Category D retirement pension; and
  - (c) the sums specified in Part V of that Schedule for widow’s pension (apart from the amount of the initial rate) and widower’s pension.

**Increase in amount of basic pension in a Category A retirement pension under the Contributions and Benefits Act**

4. In section 44(4) of the Contributions and Benefits Act<sup>(3)</sup> (basic pension in a Category A retirement pension) for “£115.95” substitute “£119.30”.

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(1) [S.I. 2002/1792](#).

(2) [1992 c. 4](#) (“the Contributions and Benefits Act”).

(3) Section 44(4) was substituted by section 68 of the 1998 Act and amended by section 67 of, and Schedule 8 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c.5) and [S.I. 2015/457](#).

**Increase in amount of Category C retirement pension under the Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations 1979**

5. In regulation 11(3) of the Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations 1979(4) (Category C retirement pension for widows of men over pensionable age on 5th July 1948) for "£69.50" substitute "£71.50".

**State Pension Credit**

6. In regulation 6 of the State Pension Credit Regulations 2002(5) (amount of the guarantee credit)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£230.85" substitute "£237.55";
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for "£151.20" substitute "£155.60".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

Date *Name*  
Minister of State,  
Department for Work and Pensions

We consent,

Date Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her  
Majesty's Treasury

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(4) [S.I. 1979/642](#): relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1987/1854](#), [1989/1642](#) and [2015/1985](#).

(5) Relevant amending instrument is [S.I. 2015/457](#).