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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Supplementary Benefit Up-rating Regulations 1983

Laid before Parliament in draft

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Coming into Operation	21st November 1983

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 3(1) and (2) of, and paragraphs 1(2)(b) and (3) and 2(1) and (4) of Schedule 1 to, the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 (a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury, and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals to make these regulations should not be referred to it (b), hereby makes the following regulations of which a draft has, in accordance with section 33(3) of that Act, been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit Up-rating Regulations 1983, amend the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations 1980 (c), the Supplementary Benefit (Resources) Regulations 1981 (d) and the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations 1981 (e) (hereinafter referred to respectively as the "Requirements Regulations", the "Resources Regulations" and the "Single Payments Regulations") and shall come into operation on 21st November 1983.

Increase of amounts specified in the Requirements Regulations

2.—(1) Amounts specified in the Requirements Regulations (which provide for the calculation of a person's normal, additional and housing requirements for the purposes of supplementary benefit) are increased in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation, and the table of normal requirements of relevant persons and householders set out in paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 shall have effect as modified by the Requirements Regulations as amended by paragraph (2) of this regulation.

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- (a) 1976 c.71; sections 3 and 33 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Act were amended by paragraphs 3, 28 and 30 of Schedule 2 to the Social Security Act 1980 (c.30).
(b) See section 10(2)(b) of the Social Security Act 1980.
(c) S.I. 1980/1299; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1980/1774, 1981/1016, 1982/1125, 1126, 1127 and 1983/505.
(d) S.I. 1981/1527; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1982/1127.
(e) S.I. 1981/1528; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1982/1127.

(2) In regulation 5 (normal requirements of relevant persons and householders) for paragraphs (1) to (1C) there are substituted the following paragraphs:—

“(1) Paragraph 1 of the table (long-term rate for couples) shall have effect as if in the second column—

- (a) after “aggregate of the” there were inserted “higher of the”;
- (b) after “Social Security Pensions Act 1975 and” there were inserted “the sum for the time being specified in”; and
- (c) at the end there were added “increased by £0.05”.

(1A) Paragraph 2 of the table (ordinary rate for couples) shall have effect as if in the second column—

- (a) after “specified” there were inserted “in relation to sickness benefit”;
- (b) for “paragraph 1(a)” there were substituted “paragraph 1(c)”;
- (c) the words “unemployment or” were omitted; and
- (d) at the end there were added “increased by £1.55”.

(1B) Paragraph 3 of the table (long-term rate for householders) shall have effect as if in the second column—

- (a) for “The sum” there were substituted “The higher of the sums”; and
- (b) at the end there were added “increased by £0.05”.

(1C) Paragraph 4 of the table (ordinary rate for householders) shall have effect as if in the second column—

- (a) after “specified” there were inserted “in relation to sickness benefit”; and
- (b) at the end there were added “increased by £0.85”.

(1D) The amounts in the second column of paragraphs 1 to 4 of the table as modified by paragraphs (1) to (1C) above are shown in paragraphs A and B of Schedule 1.”.

(3) In regulation 9 (modification of normal requirements for boarders)—

(a) in paragraph (2)(b) (increase where charge is not inclusive of all meals)—

- (i) in head (i) (breakfast) for “£0.95” there is substituted “£1.00”,
- (ii) in head (ii) (midday meals) for “£1.35” there is substituted “£1.45”, and
- (iii) in head (iii) (evening meals) for “£1.35” there is substituted “£1.45”; and

(b) in paragraph (8) (personal expenses)—

- (i) in sub-paragraph (a) (relevant persons) for “£18.90” (long-term rate) and “£17.00” (ordinary rate) there are substituted “£19.70” and “£17.70” respectively,
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) (other claimants) for “£9.45” (long-term rate) and “£8.50” (ordinary rate) there are substituted “£9.85” and “£8.85” respectively, and
- (iii) in sub-paragraph (c) (dependants) for “£8.50” (not less than 18), “£5.10” (less than 18, not less than 16), “£4.35” (less than 16, not less than 11) and “£2.85” (less than 11) there are substituted “£8.85”, “£5.30”, “£4.55” and “£2.95” respectively.

(4) In regulation 18 (interest on loans for repairs and improvements) in paragraph (2) (available capital threshold) for “£300” there is substituted “£500”.

(5) In regulation 22(2) (reduction where home is let) in sub-paragraph (c) (ii) (available capital threshold) for “£300” there is substituted “£500”.

(6) In Schedule 1 (normal requirements)—

(a) in column (1)—

(i) in paragraph A for “regulation 5(1A)” and “regulation 5(1)” there are substituted “regulation 5(1)” and “regulation 5(1A)” respectively, and

(ii) in paragraph B for “regulation 5(1)” there is substituted “regulation 5(1C)”;

(b) in column (2) in each of the provisions of that Schedule 1 indicated in column 1 of Schedule 1 to these regulations, for the amount specified therein set out in column 3 of Schedule 1 to these regulations there is substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of Schedule 1 to these regulations.

(7) In Schedule 3 (additional requirements)—

(a) in column (1) in paragraph 15(d) (available capital threshold relating to hire purchase) for “£300” there is substituted “£500”; and

(b) in column (2) in each of the provisions of that Schedule 3 indicated in column 1 of Schedule 2 to these regulations, for the amount specified therein set out in column 3 of that Schedule 2 there is substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of that Schedule 2.

Increase of amounts specified in the Resources Regulations

3. Amounts specified in the Resources Regulations (which provide for the calculation of a person’s resources for the purposes of supplementary benefit) are increased as follows:—

(a) in regulation 6(2) (capital resources to be disregarded) for “£2,500” there is substituted “£3,000”; and

(b) in regulation 7 (maximum capital resources for entitlement to pension or allowance) for “£2,500” there is substituted “£3,000”.

Increase of amounts specified in the Single Payments Regulations

4.—(1) Amounts specified in the Single Payments Regulations (which provide for supplementary benefit to be paid by way of a single payment to meet an exceptional need) are increased in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 5 (disregarded capital threshold) for “£300” there is substituted “£500”.

(3) In Schedule 1 (bedclothes) for column 2 (which is set out in column 3 of Schedule 3 to these regulations) there is substituted the column 2 set out in column 2 of Schedule 3 to these regulations, the item to which each amount specified in that column relates being indicated in column 1 of that Schedule 3.

(4) In Schedule 2 (clothing and footwear), in each of Parts I (men’s clothing and footwear), II (working clothes and footwear), III (women’s clothing and footwear), IV (boys’ clothing and footwear) and V (girls’ clothing and

footwear), for column 2 (which is set out in column 3 of the corresponding Part of Schedule 4 to these regulations) there is substituted the column 2 set out in column 2 of the corresponding Part of Schedule 4 to these regulations, the item to which each amount specified in that column relates being indicated in column 1 of that Schedule 4.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

5th August 1983.

We consent,

Nigel Lawson,
D. J. F. Hunt,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

12th August 1983.

Regulation 2(6)(b)

SCHEDULE 1

AMOUNTS SUBSTITUTED IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THE REQUIREMENTS REGULATIONS

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision of Schedule 1 to the Requirements Regulations	Amount from 21st November 1983	Amount before 21st November 1983
Paragraph A (Couples)—		
sub-paragraph (a) (long-term)	£54.55	£52.30
sub-paragraph (b) (ordinary)	£43.50	£41.70
Paragraph B (Householders)—		
sub-paragraph (a) (long-term)	£34.10	£32.70
sub-paragraph (b) (ordinary)	£26.80	£25.70
Paragraph 1 (Non-householders not less than 18, or less than 18 with dependant)—		
sub-paragraph (a) (long-term)	£27.25	£26.15
sub-paragraph (b) (ordinary)	£21.45	£20.55
Paragraph 2 (Non-householders less than 18 without dependant)—		
sub-paragraph (a) (long-term)	£20.90	£20.05
sub-paragraph (b) (ordinary)	£16.50	£15.80
Paragraph 3 (Dependants)—		
sub-paragraph (a) (not less than 18)	£21.45	£20.55
sub-paragraph (b) (less than 18 but not less than 16)	£16.50	£15.80
sub-paragraph (c) (less than 16 but not less than 11)	£13.70	£13.15
sub-paragraph (d) (less than 11)	£ 9.15	£ 8.75

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2(7)(b)

AMOUNTS SUBSTITUTED IN SCHEDULE 3 TO THE REQUIREMENTS REGULATIONS

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision of Schedule 3 to the Requirements Regulations	Amount from 21st November 1983	Amount before 21st November 1983
<i>Part I — Heating</i>		
Paragraph 1 (ill health)—		
sub-paragraph (1)	£ 2.05	£ 1.90
sub-paragraph (2)	£ 5.05	£ 4.65
sub-paragraph (3)	£ 5.05	£ 4.65
Paragraph 2 (householder, home difficult to heat)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	£ 2.05	£ 1.90
sub-paragraph (b)	£ 5.05	£ 4.65
Paragraph 3 (central heating)—		
sub-paragraph (a)	£ 2.05	£ 1.90
sub-paragraph (b)	£ 4.10	£ 3.80
Paragraph 5 (estate heating system)		
	£ 4.10	£ 3.80
	£ 8.20	£ 7.60
Paragraph 6 (persons receiving certain benefits for disability)		
	£ 5.05	£ 4.65
Paragraph 7 (persons 70 or over or under 5)		
	£ 2.05	£ 1.90
<i>Part II — Items other than heating</i>		
Paragraph 10 (baths)		
	25p	20p
Paragraph 16 (hospital fares)—		
sub-paragraph (b) (i)	£13.65	£13.05
sub-paragraph (b) (ii)	£ 9.90	£ 9.45
sub-paragraph (c) (i)	£ 6.85	£ 6.50
sub-paragraph (c) (ii)	£ 3.10	£ 2.90
sub-paragraph (d) (i)	£14.65	£14.00
sub-paragraph (d) (ii)	£ 9.70	£ 9.25
sub-paragraph (d) (iii)	£ 6.90	£ 6.60
sub-paragraph (d) (iv)	£ 2.35	£ 2.20
sub-paragraph (e) (i)	£27.30	£26.15
sub-paragraph (e) (ii)	£20.00	£19.15
sub-paragraph (e) (iii)	£20.45	£19.60
sub-paragraph (e) (iv)	£14.65	£14.00

Regulation 4(3)

SCHEDULE 3

AMOUNTS SUBSTITUTED IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THE SINGLE PAYMENTS REGULATIONS
(BEDCLOTHES)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Amount from 21st November 1983	Amount before 21st November 1983
	£	£
Blanket (cot)	5.70	5.70
Blanket (single)	12.00	9.80
Blanket (double)	16.75	12.50
Pillow	4.70	4.70
Pillow-case	2.10	2.10
Quilt—terylene (single)	14.50	14.50
Quilt—terylene (double)	17.25	16.75
Sheet—cotton (single)	6.80	6.80
Sheet—cotton (double)	8.90	8.90
Sheet—flannelette (cot)	3.00	3.00
Sheet—flannelette (single)	6.50	6.50
Sheet—flannelette (double)	8.50	7.80
Sheet—nylon (single)	5.20	5.20
Sheet—nylon (double)	6.80	6.80

SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 4(4)

AMOUNTS SUBSTITUTED IN SCHEDULE 2 TO THE SINGLE PAYMENTS REGULATIONS
(CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR)

PART I

Men's Clothing and Footwear

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Amount from 21st November 1983	Amount before 21st November 1983
	£	£
Anorak	21.00	21.00
Cap	7.00	5.20
Cardigan.....	11.00	10.75
Dressing-gown	17.75	17.75
Overcoat	49.50	49.50
Pullover.....	10.00	9.40
Pyjamas.....	9.20	9.20
Raincoat.....	31.00	31.00
Shirt	8.30	8.30
Shoes.....	17.00	16.75
Slippers.....	5.50	4.70
Socks	1.50	1.30
Sports-jacket	37.00	36.50
Suit	58.00	58.00
Trousers	16.00	15.50
Underpants—briefs.....	1.75	1.65
Underpants—woollen (long)	9.50	7.30
Underpants—woollen (short)	5.90	5.20
Vest—singlet	2.05	2.05
Vest—woollen	8.50	6.20

PART II

Working clothes and footwear

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Amount from 21st November 1983	Amount before 21st November 1983
	£	£
Boiler suit	12.00	11.50
Boots.....	16.75	16.75
Donkey-jacket	19.75	19.75
Dungarees	11.50	11.50
Jeans	12.50	12.50
Overalls.....	10.50	10.50
Suit	58.00	58.00
Wellingtons.....	12.00	12.00

PART III

Women's clothing and footwear

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Amount from 21st November 1983	Amount before 21st November 1983
	£	£
Blouse.....	9.00	8.30
Boots (ankle).....	18.00	17.75
Brassiere.....	4.50	4.15
Briefs.....	1.40	1.40
Cardigan.....	10.00	9.40
Corset.....	12.50	12.50
Dress—summerweight.....	15.00	13.50
Dress—winterweight.....	18.50	17.75
Dressing-gown.....	15.00	14.50
Hat.....	5.50	5.20
Jumper.....	9.00	8.30
Knickers.....	2.60	2.60
Nightdress (standard length).....	7.00	6.80
Nightdress (full length).....	8.60	8.60
Overcoat.....	43.00	43.00
Pantie-girdle.....	9.00	8.30
Petticoat.....	5.20	5.20
Pyjamas.....	10.00	9.40
Raincoat.....	31.00	31.00
Shoes.....	15.00	14.50
Skirt.....	11.00	9.40
Slippers.....	5.20	5.20
Stockings/tights.....	0.75	0.75
Trousers.....	12.00	11.50
Vest—cotton.....	2.50	2.10
Vest—woollen.....	4.70	4.70

PART IV

Boys' clothing and footwear

Column 1	Column 2		Column 3	
Item	Amount from 21st November 1983 Small to Large		Amount before 21st November 1983 Small to Large	
	£	£	£	£
Dressing-gown	8.60	12.00	8.60	12.00
Dufflecoat.....	15.50	21.00	15.50	21.00
Jacket/anorak	11.00	16.00	11.00	15.50
Overcoat	18.25	26.00	18.25	26.00
Pyjamas.....	4.90	8.00	4.90	6.15
Raincoat.....	13.50	20.75	13.50	20.75
Shirt	4.30	6.50	4.30	6.50
Shoes.....	8.90	12.50	8.90	12.50
Slippers	3.50	5.00	3.25	4.15
Socks	0.70	1.05	0.70	1.05
Sweater	5.00	7.50	4.90	7.30
Trousers—long	6.80	10.00	6.80	9.90
Trousers—short	4.50	5.50	4.30	5.50
Underpants	—	1.25	—	1.25
Vest.....	—	1.45	—	1.45
Wellingtons	4.15	6.20	4.15	6.20

PART V

Girls' clothing and footwear

Column 1	Column 2		Column 3	
Item	Amount from 21st November 1983 Small to Large		Amount before 21st November 1983 Small to Large	
	£	£	£	£
Blouse.....	4.70	8.30	4.70	8.30
Brassiere	—	3.00	—	2.70
Briefs.....	—	1.10	—	1.10
Cardigan.....	5.00	8.00	4.60	6.80
Dress—summerweight.....	5.50	10.00	5.50	9.40
Dress—winterweight.....	7.50	13.00	7.50	12.50
Dressing-gown.....	8.60	13.00	8.60	11.75
Dufflecoat.....	15.50	21.00	15.50	21.00
Jacket/anorak.....	11.00	16.00	11.00	15.50
Jumper.....	4.90	7.50	4.90	7.30
Nightdress.....	4.90	7.30	4.90	7.30
Overcoat.....	17.25	25.00	17.25	25.00
Pantie-girdle.....	—	9.00	—	5.20
Petticoat.....	2.00	3.05	1.80	3.05
Pyjamas.....	4.90	8.00	4.90	7.30
Raincoat.....	13.50	19.75	13.50	19.75
Shoes.....	8.90	12.50	8.90	12.50
Skirt.....	5.90	9.40	5.90	9.40
Slippers.....	3.50	5.00	3.25	4.15
Socks.....	0.70	1.05	0.70	1.05
Stockings/tights.....	—	0.75	—	0.75
Trousers.....	6.50	10.00	6.50	9.70
Vest.....	—	1.35	—	1.35
Wellingtons.....	4.15	6.20	4.15	6.20

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations increase certain amounts specified in regulations made under the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 for the purposes of determining supplementary benefit under that Act.

Regulation 2 and Schedules 1 and 2 relate to the increase of amounts specified in the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations 1980 in relation to a person's normal, additional and housing requirements. Schedule 1 shows higher amounts applicable as normal requirements, and certain amounts relating to the normal requirements of boarders are increased by regulation 2(3). Regulation 2(4), (5) and (6)(a) increases a capital limit affecting the amount applicable as housing requirements for interest on a loan for repairs or improvements to the home, affecting the amount of a reduction from housing requirements when the home is sub-let, and affecting the amount applicable as an additional requirement for certain instalments under hire purchase agreements. Schedule 2 shows higher amounts applicable for certain additional requirements.

Regulation 3 increases the limit of a person's capital resources, specified in the Supplementary Benefit (Resources) Regulations 1981, which are disregarded for the purposes of a supplementary pension or allowance and which, if exceeded, will render him not entitled to such a pension or allowance.

Regulation 4 and Schedules 3 and 4 increase amounts specified in the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations 1981 ("the 1981 Regulations") under which supplementary benefit may be paid by way of a single payment to meet an exceptional need. Schedules 3 and 4 replace the columns of amounts relating to bedclothes, clothing (other than baby clothing amounts for which are not increased) and footwear set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to the 1981 Regulations; not all of those amounts are thereby increased, but the amount relevant before the coming into operation of these regulations, whether different or not, is shown in column 3 of Schedules 3 and 4 to these regulations.

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