

## 1984 No. 1703

## SOCIAL SECURITY

## The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 1984

<i>Made - - - -</i>	31st October 1984
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	26th November 1984

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 17(1)(a), 58(3) and 131 of, and paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 14 and Schedule 20 (definition of "prescribe") to, the Social Security Act 1975 (a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 1984 and shall come into operation on 26th November 1984.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the Social Security Act 1975;

“the Pensions Act” means the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (b);

“the up-rating order” means the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1984 (c);

and any reference in a regulation to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph of that regulation bearing that number.

*Conditions relating to payment of additional benefit under awards made before the appointed or prescribed day*

2.—(1) This regulation applies to a case where—

(a) either—

(i) an award of any benefit under Chapters I to III of Part II of the Act has been made before the day appointed or prescribed for the payment of the benefit in question at a higher rate provided in or by virtue of the up-rating order, or

(ii) an award of any benefit under Part II of the Act has been made before the day appointed or prescribed for the payment of benefit in question at a lower rate provided in or by virtue of the up-rating order;

(b) the period to which the award relates has not ended before that day; and

(c) the award does not, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 14 to the Act, provide for the payment of the benefit at the higher or lower rate (as the case may be) as from that day.

(a) 1975 c.14.

(b) 1975 c.60.

(c) S.I. 1984/1104.

(2) In a case to which this regulation applies, paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 14 to the Act shall have effect subject to the condition that if a question arises as to either—

- (a) the weekly rate at which the benefit is payable by virtue of the up-rating order; or
- (b) whether the conditions for the receipt of the benefit at the altered rate are satisfied,

the benefit shall, until the question has been determined in accordance with the provisions of the Act, be or continue to be payable at the weekly rate specified in paragraph (3).

(3) The weekly rate referred to in paragraph (2) is the weekly rate specified in the award or the weekly rate at which the benefit would have been paid if the question had not arisen, whichever is the lower.

*Persons not ordinarily resident in Great Britain*

3. Regulation 5 of the Social Security Benefit (Persons Abroad) Regulations 1975 (a) (application of disqualification in respect of up-rating of benefit) shall apply to any additional benefit payable by virtue of the up-rating order.

*Amendment of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations 1983*

4. Regulation 3 of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations 1983 (b) (persons deemed to be incapable of work) shall be amended by the substitution in paragraph (3) for “£22.50” of “£23.50”.

*Amendment of the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations 1982*

5. Regulation 16 of the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations 1982 (c) (earnings level for the purpose of unemployability supplement) shall be further amended by the substitution for “£1170” of “£1222”.

*Transitory provision*

- 6.—(1) This regulation applies in a case where—
- (a) a person is entitled to receive any of the benefits specified in paragraph (2) for both the day on which, in his case, an increase of that benefit takes effect under the up-rating order or would so take effect but for regulation 3 above (“the later day”) and the day (not counting Sunday as a day where the benefit in question is not payable for Sundays) immediately before the later day (“the earlier day”);
  - (b) on both days either or both of the following conditions is or are fulfilled, namely—
    - (i) he is entitled to receive with that benefit an increase or increases for one or more child dependants, with or without an increase for an adult dependant, and
    - (ii) he, or his spouse if they are living together, is entitled to receive an allowance or allowances under section 70 of the Act (industrial death benefit);

(a) S.I. 1975/563; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1977/342, 1979/1432.

(b) S.I. 1983/1598.

(c) S.I. 1982/1408; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1983/981.

- (c) the aggregate of—
- (i) the weekly rate of that benefit, as applicable in the case of that person, including any increases for child and adult dependants which he is entitled to receive, and
  - (ii) where the condition in sub-paragraph (b)(ii) of this paragraph is fulfilled, the weekly rate of that allowance or the total weekly rate of those allowances,
- reduced or adjusted as appropriate under any provision of the Act or regulations made thereunder, would, apart from this regulation but because of the up-rating order, be less for the later day than for the earlier day.
- (2) The benefits referred to in paragraph (1) are—
- (a) invalidity pension;
  - (b) widow's allowance;
  - (c) widowed mother's allowance;
  - (d) Category A retirement pension;
  - (e) Category B retirement pension;
  - (f) Category C retirement pension;
  - (g) invalid care allowance;
  - (h) disablement pension; and
  - (i) widow's pension under sections 67 and 68 of the Act.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (4), the weekly rate—
- (a) of a Category A or Category B retirement pension or a widowed mother's allowance is its weekly rate before the reduction required by section 29(1) of the Pensions Act is made;
  - (b) of a Category A or Category B retirement pension includes any increase to which the person in question is entitled under section 28(7) of the Act, and any increments to which he is entitled under Schedule 1 to the Pensions Act;
  - (c) of a Category A, Category B or Category C retirement pension shall be taken to include any graduated retirement benefit to which that person is entitled under sections 36 and 37 of the National Insurance Act 1965(a) ; and
  - (d) of an invalidity pension shall be taken to include any invalidity allowance to which the person in question is entitled under section 16 of the Act.
- (4) In a case to which this regulation applies—
- (a) the person in question shall continue to be entitled to receive the benefit in question, including the increases in question; and
  - (b) where the condition in paragraph (1)(b)(ii) is fulfilled, he or his spouse, as the case may be, shall continue to be entitled to receive the allowance or allowances in question,
- at the same rate as for the earlier day for so long as he is entitled to receive the same benefit (or, where the condition in paragraph (1)(b)(ii) is

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(a) 1965 c.51; sections 36 and 37 were repealed by the Social Security Act 1973 (c.38) but are continued in force by regulation 3 of the Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I. 1978/393) in the modified form set out in the Schedule to those regulations as amended by Article 6 of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1984.

fulfilled, he is entitled to receive the same benefit and he or his spouse is entitled to receive the same allowance or allowances) for a continuous period without any change in the number of adult and child dependants for whom he is entitled to receive increases (or, as the case may be, he is entitled to receive increases and he or his spouse is entitled to receive an allowance or allowances) and without any further adjustment falling to be made to that rate as a result of the operation of any provision of the Social Security (Hospital In-Patients) Regulations 1975 (a) or of the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Regulations 1979 (b).

*Revocations*

7. The regulations set out in column (1) of the Schedule are revoked to the extent mentioned in column (3) of the Schedule.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

*Tony Newton,*  
Minister of State,  
Department of Health and Social  
Security.

31st October 1984.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 7

REGULATIONS REVOKED

Column (1) Citation	Column (2) Statutory Instrument	Column (3) Extent of Revocation
The Social Security (General Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1983	S.I. 1983/981	The whole regulations
The Social Security (Sickness and Invalidity Benefit and Non-Contributory Invalidity Pension) Amendment Regulations 1983	S.I. 1983/1587	The whole regulations
The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 1983	S.I. 1983/1588	The whole regulations

(a) S.I. 1975/555; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1975/1058, 1977/342, 956, 1693, 1979/223, 1983/1588.

(b) S.I. 1979/597; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1980/1927, 1982/1173, 1983/1588.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

This instrument contains only provisions in consequence of an Order under sections 124 and 126A of the Social Security Act 1975 (up-rating of benefit). Accordingly, by virtue of paragraph 8 of Schedule 16 to that Act and paragraph 12(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Act 1980 (c.30) the Secretary of State has not referred proposals to make the regulations contained in this instrument to the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council or to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

Regulation 2 provides that in certain cases where a question has arisen about the effect of the Up-rating Order on a benefit already in payment the altered rates will not apply until the question is determined by an adjudicating authority. Regulation 3 applies the provisions of regulation 5 of the Social Security Benefit (Persons Abroad) Regulations 1975 so as to restrict the application of the increases specified in the Order in cases where the beneficiary lives abroad.

Regulation 4 raises from £22.50 to £23.50 the earnings limit which applies to those undertaking work in certain circumstances while receiving sickness or invalidity benefit.

Regulation 5 raises to £1222 a year the earnings limit which applies to unemployment supplement.

Regulation 6 provides that where the effect of the Order would otherwise be to reduce the total amount of any of a number of specified benefits (including increases for children or payments of industrial death benefit comparable to such increases) the higher rate will continue in payment transitionally until the beneficiary ceases to be entitled or there is another change affecting the rate payable.

Regulation 7 and the Schedule contain revocations consequential on the coming into force of these regulations.

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