
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 526

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2003

PART I

INTRODUCTION

Citation, commencement and effect

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2003.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) of this article, this Order shall come into force for the purposes of—

- (a) articles 1, 2, 6, 21 and 26 on 1st April 2003;
- (b) 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 2003, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Computation of Earnings Regulations;
- (c) articles 3 to 5, 7, 12 to 14 and 25 on 7th April 2003;
- (d) article 9, on 6th April 2003;
- (e) articles 10 and 11, on 6th April 2003;
- (f) articles 15 and 16, on 10th April 2003;
- (g) 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 7th April 2003, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (h) article 20, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 7th April 2003, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2003;
- (i) articles 22 to 24, 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 7th April 2003, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations.

(3) Where, so far as it relates to any particular beneficiary, article 10 of this Order comes into force in accordance with paragraph (2)(e) above on 6th April 2003, it shall come into force immediately after the coming into force of regulation 3 of the Social Security, Statutory Maternity Pay and Statutory Sick Pay (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002⁽¹⁾.

(4) The increases 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) of this Order in so far as it is relevant for the purposes referred to in article 6(11) of this Order,
shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in article 6 of this Order.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“the Computation of Earnings Regulations” means the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations 1996(2);

“the Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(3);

“the Council Tax Benefit Regulations” means the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992(4);

“the Housing Benefit Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987(5);

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987(6);

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996(7);

“the Pension Schemes Act” means the Pension Schemes Act 1993(8); and

“the State Pension Credit Regulations” means the State Pension Credit Regulations 2002(9).

(2) S.I. 1996/2745; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2002/842.

(3) 1992 c. 4.

(4) S.I. 1992/1814; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1993/688 and 2118, 1994/1924, 1996/462, 1510, 1803, 2518 and 2545, 1998/776 and 1541, 1999/2555, 2000/2239 and 2629, 2001/3767 and 2002/499, 1589, 2019, 2207, 2402 and 2497.

(5) S.I. 1987/1971; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1988/1444, 1989/416 and 1017, 1990/546 and 1775, 1991/1599, 1992/50 and 1326, 1993/2118, 1994/578, 1996/462, 1803, 2432, 2518 and 2545, 1997/65, 1998/766 and 1541, 1999/2555, 2000/207, 2239 and 2629, 2001/3767 and 2002/499, 1589, 2019, 2207, 2402 and 2497.

(6) S.I. 1987/1967; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1988/663, 910, 999, 1228, 1445 and 2022, 1989/534, 1034 and 1678, 1990/547, 1168, 1776 and 2324, 1991/544, 1992/50, 1326 and 3147, 1993/2119, 1994/527 and 2139, 1995/516, 1613, 2287 and 2927, 1996/206, 1803, 2431, 2518 and 2545, 1997/2197 and 2604, 1998/766, 1999/2422, 2555 and 3109, 2000/440, 2239 and 2629, 2001/3721 and 3767 and 2002/1411, 1589, 2019, 2207, 2402 and 2497.

(7) S.I. 1996/207; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/1516, 1517, 1803, 2518, 2538 and 2545, 1998/766, 1999/2555, 2000/1978, 2239 and 2629, 2001/3767 and 2002/1411, 1589, 2019, 2207 and 2402.

(8) 1993 c. 48.

(9) S.I. 2002/1792. These Regulations come into force on 6th October 2003. Amending instruments are S.I. 2002/3019 and 3197.