
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 552

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2004

PART I

INTRODUCTION

Citation, commencement and effect

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2004.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this article, this Order shall come into force for the purposes of—
- (a) articles 1, 2, 6, 21, 22 and 27, on 1st April 2004;
 - (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 2004, 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, 13 and 26, on 12th April 2004;
 - (d) article 9, on 6th April 2004;
 - (e) articles 10 and 11, on 4th April 2004;
 - (f) articles 14 and 15, on 15th April 2004;
 - (g) articles 16 to 18, 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 12th April 2004, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
 - (h) articles 19 and 20, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 5th April 2004, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2004;
 - (i) articles 23 to 25, 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 12th April 2004, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations.
- (3) 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 23(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(1);

“the Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(2);

“the Council Tax Benefit Regulations” means the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992(3);

“the Housing Benefit Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987(4);

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987(5);

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996(6);

“the Pension Schemes Act” means the Pension Schemes Act 1993; and

“the State Pension Credit Regulations” means the State Pension Credit Regulations 2002(7).

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- (1) S.I. 1996/2745; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2002/842.
 - (2) 1992 c. 4 (“the Contributions and Benefits Act”).
 - (3) 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, 1999/2555, 2000/2239 and 2629 and 2002/2497.
 - (4) S.I. 1987/1971; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1988/1444, 1989/416 and 1017, 1990/546 and 1775, 1992/50, 1993/2118, 1994/578, 1996/462, 1803, 2432, 2518 and 2545, 1997/65, 1998/766, 1999/2555, 2000/2239 and 2629 and 2002/2497.
 - (5) S.I. 1987/1967; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1988/663, 1445 and 2022, 1989/1034 and 1990/547, 1168, 1776 and 2324, 1992/3147, 1993/2119, 1994/527, 1995/516, 1613 and 2927, 1996/206, 1803, 2431, 2518 and 2545, 1998/563 and 766, 1999/2422, 2555 and 3109, 2000/636, 2239 and 2629, 2001/3651, 2002/2497 and 3019 and 2003/526, 1121, 1195 and 2693.
 - (6) S.I. 1996/207; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/1516, 1517, 1803, 2518, 2538 and 2545, 1998/766, 1999/2555 and 2860, 2000/636, 1978, 2239 and 2629, 2001/518, 3651 and 3767 and 2003/1121 and 1195.
 - (7) S.I. 2002/1792; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2002/3197 and 2003/2274.