STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 763

IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM

The Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2004

Made	11th March 2004
Laid before Parliament	18th March 2004
Coming into force	12th April 2004

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 166(3) of, and paragraphs 1 and 3(a) of Schedule 8 to, the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (1) hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2004 and shall come into force on 12th April 2004.

Kind and levels of support for essential living needs

2. For the table at regulation 10(2) of the Asylum Support Regulations 2000 (2), substitute:

"TABLE	
Qualifying couple	£61.11
Lone parent aged 18 or over	£38.96
Single person aged 25 or over	£38.96
Single person aged at least 18 but under 25	£30.84
Person aged at least 16 but under 18 (except a member of a qualifying couple)	£33.50
Person aged under 16	£42.27"

(2) S.I.2000/704; regulation 10(2) was substituted by regulation 4 of the Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/472) and amended by regulation 2 of the Asylum Support (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/755).

^{(1) 1999} c. 33.

Revocation of the Asylum Support (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2003

3. The Asylum Support (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2003(3) are hereby revoked.

Home Office 11th March 2004 Beverley Hughes Minister of State

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which come into force on 12th April 2004, replace the table in regulation 10(2) of the Asylum Support Regulations 2000, as amended. They increase the total value, for any week, of asylum support in the form of vouchers redeemable for cash, or a cash payment, which may generally be expected to be provided under section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 in respect of the essential living needs of a person or qualifying couple.

They increase the total value provided (for a qualifying couple) to $\pounds 61.11$ from $\pounds 60.03$; (for a lone parent aged 18 or over) to $\pounds 38.96$ from $\pounds 38.26$; (for a single person aged 25 or over) to $\pounds 38.96$ from $\pounds 38.26$; (for a single person aged at least 18 but under 25) to $\pounds 30.84$ from $\pounds 30.28$; (for a person aged at least 16 but under 18 (except a member of a qualifying couple)) to $\pounds 33.50$ from $\pounds 32.90$ and (for a person aged under 16) to $\pounds 42.27$ from $\pounds 38.50$.

These Regulations also revoke the Asylum Support (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2003.