STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2011 No. 674

The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2011

Amendments to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008

- **16.**—(1) The Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008(1) are amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—
 - (a) after the definition of "first contribution condition" insert—
 - "First-tier Tribunal" has the meaning given by section 3(1) of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007(2);";
 - (b) in the definition of "medical evidence", after "medical evidence" insert ", except in regulation 32A,"; and
 - (c) after the definition of "mobility supplement" insert—
 - ""National Minimum Wage" means the rate of the national minimum wage specified in regulation 11 of the National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (rate of the national minimum wage);".
- (3) In regulation 30(3) (conditions for treating a claimant as having limited capability for work until a determination about limited capability for work has been made), for "an appeal tribunal constituted under Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Social Security Act 1998" substitute "the First-tier Tribunal".
- (4) In regulation 32A(3) (claimants to be treated as not having limited capability for work at the end of the period covered by medical evidence)—
 - (a) the existing provision becomes paragraph (1);
 - (b) in paragraph (1)(a) omit "in accordance with regulation 30(2)(a)"; and
 - (c) after paragraph (1) add-
 - "(2) In this regulation "medical evidence" means evidence provided under regulation 2 or 5 of the Medical Evidence Regulations.".
 - (5) In regulation 45 (exempt work)—
 - (a) in paragraphs (3) and (4)(4) for "£95.00" substitute "16 x National Minimum Wage, subject to paragraph (9A),"; and
 - (b) after paragraph (9) insert—
 - "(9A) Where the amount determined by the calculation in paragraphs (3) and (4) would, but for this paragraph, include an amount of—
 - (a) less than 50p, that amount shall be rounded up to the nearest 50p; or

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 2008/794.

^{(2) 2007} c. 15.

⁽³⁾ Regulation 32A was inserted by regulation 9(9) of S.I. 2010/840.

⁽⁴⁾ Paragraphs (3) and (4) were amended by regulation 5(2) of S.I. 2010/2126.

- (b) less than £1 but more than 50p, that amount shall be rounded up to the nearest £1.".
- (6) In regulation 76 (deductions for councillor's allowance)—
 - (a) in paragraph (1)(5) for "£95.00" substitute "16 x National Minimum Wage, subject to paragraph (3)"; and
 - (b) after paragraph (2) add—
 - "(3) Where the amount determined by the calculation in paragraph (1) would, but for this paragraph, include an amount of—
 - (i) less than 50p, that amount shall be rounded up to the nearest 50p; or
 - (ii) less than £1 but more than 50p, that amount shall be rounded up to the nearest £1.".
- (7) In regulation 93 (date on which income is treated as paid)—
 - (a) in paragraph (1) omit "or (3)"; and
 - (b) omit paragraphs (3) and (4).
- (8) In regulation 104(1) (calculation of income other than earnings) omit "and regulation 93(3) and (4) (date on which income is treated as paid)(6)".
- (9) In regulation 149(1)(7) (linking rules-limited capability for work), after "employment and support allowance" add "until it is determined whether that beneficiary has, or is treated as having, limited capability for work following a limited capability for work assessment".
- (10) In regulation 150(8) (linking rules-limited capability for work-related activity) after "employment and support allowance" add "until it is determined whether that beneficiary has, or is treated as having, limited capability for work-related activity in accordance with regulation 34 or 35".
 - (11) In Schedule 6 (housing costs)—
 - (a) in paragraph 6(5)(b) after "income" insert "equal to or";
 - (b) in paragraph 15(1) omit "Subject to sub-paragraph (2),";
 - (c) omit paragraph 15(2); and
 - (d) in paragraph 15(8)—
 - (i) in paragraph (b) after "income" insert "equal to or", and
 - (ii) after paragraph (b) insert-
 - "(bb) an amount of contributory allowance payable in respect of a claimant under section 2 that is equal to, or exceeds, the applicable amount in the claimant's case; or".
- (12) In paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of Schedule 7(9) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of earnings), for "£95.00", wherever it appears, substitute "16 x National Minimum Wage".
- (13) In Schedule 8 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) in paragraph 7, for sub-paragraph (3)($\mathbf{10}$) substitute—
 - "(3) Any increase in respect of a dependent child or dependent young person under section 80 or 90 of the Contributions and Benefits Act.".

⁽⁵⁾ Paragraph (1) was amended by regulation 5(3) of S.I. 2010/2126.

⁽⁶⁾ The same words were inserted in regulation 104(1) by regulation 11(7) of S.I. 2009/2655.

⁽⁷⁾ Regulation 149(1) was substituted by regulation 22(2) of S.I. 2010/2430.

⁽⁸⁾ Regulation 150 was substituted by regulation 23(2) of S.I. 2010/2430.

⁽⁹⁾ Paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of Schedule 7 were last amended by regulation 5(4) of S.I. 2010/2126.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Sub-paragraph (3) was inserted by regulation 9(20)(a) of S.I. 2010/840.

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