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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 234**

**The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2020**

**PART 3**

**INCOME SUPPORT AND HOUSING BENEFIT**

**Housing Benefit**

**24.**—(1) The sums that are relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Housing Benefit Regulations shall be the sums set out in this article and Schedules 4 and 5 to this Order; and unless otherwise stated, any reference in this article to a numbered Schedule is a reference to the Schedule to the Housing Benefit Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In regulation 27(3) (calculation of income on a weekly basis)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) “£175.00” remains unchanged; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) “£300” remains unchanged.

(3) In regulation 74(1) (non-dependant deductions)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for “£100.65” substitute “£102.35”;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for “£15.60” substitute “£15.85”;
- (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for “£143.00” substitute “£149.00”;
- (d) in paragraph (2)(b)—
  - (i) for “£35.85” substitute “£36.45”;
  - (ii) for “£143.00” substitute “£149.00”; and
  - (iii) for “£209.00” substitute “£217.00”;

(e) in paragraph (2)(c)—

- (i) for “£49.20” substitute “£50.05”;
- (ii) for “£209.00” substitute “£217.00”; and
- (iii) for “£272.00” substitute “£283.00”;

(f) in paragraph (2)(d)—

- (i) for “£80.55” substitute “£81.90”;
- (ii) for “£272.00” substitute “£283.00”; and
- (iii) for “£363.00” substitute “£377.00”; and

(g) in paragraph (2)(e)—

- (i) for “£91.70” substitute “£93.25”;
- (ii) for “£363.00” substitute “£377.00”; and
- (iii) for “£451.00” substitute “£469.00”.

(4) In paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 1(2) (ineligible service charges), for “£28.55”, “£28.55”, “£14.50”, “£19.05”, “£19.05”, “£9.55” and “£3.55” substitute “£29.05”, “£29.05”, “£14.75”, “£19.35”, “£19.35”, “£9.70” and “£3.60” respectively.

(5) In paragraph 6 of Part 2 of Schedule 1(3) (payments in respect of fuel charges)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for “£32.70” substitute “£34.30”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) and (d) for “£3.80” substitute “£4.00”; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) for “£2.60” substitute “£2.75”.

(6) In Part 1 of Schedule 3 (applicable amounts: personal allowances)—

- (a) the sums specified in paragraph 1(4) shall be as set out in Schedule 4 to this Order; and
- (b) in paragraph 2(1)(5), in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of column (2) of the table for “£66.90” substitute “£68.27”.

(7) In paragraph 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 3 (applicable amounts: family premium) as it has effect in a case falling within regulation 4 of the Housing Benefit (Abolition of the Family Premium and date of claim) (Amendment) Regulations 2015(6)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) “£22.20” remains unchanged; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for “£17.45” substitute “£17.60”.

(8) The sums specified in Part 4 of Schedule 3 (applicable amounts: premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 5 to this Order.

(9) In Part 6 of Schedule 3(7) (amount of component)—

- (a) in paragraph 25, as it has effect in cases falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the ESA and UC Regulations 2017(8), for “£29.05” substitute “£29.55”; and
- (b) in paragraph 26(9) for “£38.55” substitute “£39.20”.

(10) In paragraph 17(1)(10) and (3)(c) of Schedule 4 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of earnings) “£17.10” remains unchanged.

(11) In paragraph 56 of Schedule 5 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) “£17.10” remains unchanged.

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(2) Relevant amending instrument is [S.I. 2019/480](#).

(3) Relevant amending instrument is [S.I. 2019/480](#).

(4) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 2015/30](#) and [2017/376](#).

(5) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 2006/718](#) and [2015/457](#).

(6) [S.I. 2015/1857](#). Part 2 of Schedule 3 was omitted by regulation 2 of that S.I. subject to transitional arrangements in regulation 4.

(7) Part 6 was inserted by [S.I. 2008/1082](#) (as amended by [S.I. 2008/2428](#)) and amended by [S.I. 2017/204](#).

(8) [S.I. 2017/204](#). Paragraph 25 was revoked by paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to that S.I. but the revocation does not apply where any of the circumstances in paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to that S.I. apply. Relevant amending instrument is [S.I. 2015/457](#).

(9) Relevant amending instrument is [S.I. 2019/480](#).

(10) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 2009/2608](#) and [2010/793](#).