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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 299**

**The Social Security (Contributions) (Rates,  
Limits and Thresholds Amendments and National  
Insurance Funds Payments) Regulations 2020**

**PART 2**

Rates, limits and thresholds for National Insurance contributions

**Interpretation**

**2.** In this Part—

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

“the Northern Ireland Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992.

**Rate of and small profits threshold for Class 2 contributions**

**3.** In section 11 of the Act(1) and the Northern Ireland Act(2) (Class 2 contributions)—

(a) in subsections (2) and (6) for “£3.00” substitute “£3.05”; and

(b) in subsection (4) (small profits threshold) for “£6,365” substitute “£6,475”.

**Amount of a Class 3 contribution**

**4.** In section 13(1) of the Act(3) and the Northern Ireland Act(4) (Class 3 contributions) for “£15.00” substitute “£15.30”.

**Lower limit of profits for Class 4 contributions**

**5.** In sections 15(3)(a) and 18(1)(c) and (1A)(a) of the Act(5) and the Northern Ireland Act(6) (Class 4 contributions recoverable under the Income Tax Acts and under regulations) for “£8,632” (lower limit) in each place where it appears substitute “£9,500”.

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- (1) Section 11 was substituted by paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to the NICA 2015. The figures in subsections (2), (4) and (6) were last substituted by [S.I. 2019/262](#).
- (2) Section 11 was substituted by paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the NICA 2015. The figures in subsections (2), (4) and (6) were last substituted by [S.I. 2019/262](#).
- (3) Section 13(1) was amended by paragraph 14(2) of Schedule 3 to the Transfer Act. The figure in subsection (1) was last substituted by [S.I. 2019/262](#).
- (4) Section 13(1) was amended by paragraph 15(2) of Schedule 3 to the Transfer Order. The figure in subsection (1) was last substituted by [S.I. 2019/262](#).
- (5) Section 15(3) was substituted by section 3(1) of the NICA 2002 and amended by paragraph 420(3) of Schedule 1 to the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005 (c. 5) (“ITTOIA”). Section 18(1) was amended by paragraph 18(2) of Schedule 3 to the Transfer Act, paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the NICA 2002 and paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the NICA 2015. Section 18(1A) was inserted by section 3(3) of the NICA 2002. The amount of the lower and upper limits in each of these provisions was last substituted by [S.I. 2019/262](#).

## **Amendments to the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations 2001**

6. The Social Security (Contributions) Regulations 2001(7) are amended as follows.
7. In regulation 10 (earnings limits and thresholds)—
  - (a) in the introductory words, for “2019” substitute “2020”;
  - (b) in paragraph (a) (lower earnings limit: primary Class 1 contributions) for “£118” substitute “£120”;
  - (c) in paragraph (c) (primary threshold: primary Class 1 contributions) for “£166” substitute “£183”; and
  - (d) in paragraph (d) (secondary threshold: secondary Class 1 contributions) for “£166” substitute “£169”.
8. In regulation 11 (prescribed equivalents)—
  - (a) in paragraph (3) (primary threshold)—
    - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£719” substitute “£792”; and
    - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£8,632” substitute “£9,500”; and
  - (b) in paragraph (3A) (secondary threshold)—
    - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£719” substitute “£732”; and
    - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£8,632” substitute “£8,788”.

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(6) Section 15(3) was substituted by section 3(2) of the NICA 2002 and amended by paragraph 424(3) of Schedule 1 to ITTOIA. Section 18(1) was amended by paragraph 18(2) of Schedule 3 to the Transfer Order, paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the NICA 2002 and paragraph 14 of Schedule 1 to the NICA 2015. Section 18(1A) was inserted by section 3(4) of the NICA 2002. The amount of the lower and upper limits in each of these provisions was last substituted by S.I. 2019/262.

(7) S.I. 2001/1004; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2009/111, 2011/940, 2015/577, 2016/343 and 2019/262.