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2002 CHAPTER 14

State pension credit: entitlement and amount

Guarantee credit

- 2**^{F1}.—(1) The condition mentioned in section 1(2)(c)(i) is that the claimant—
- (a) has no income; or
 - (b) has income which does not exceed the appropriate minimum guarantee.
- (2) Where the claimant is entitled to a guarantee credit, then—
- (a) if he has no income, the guarantee credit shall be the appropriate minimum guarantee; and
 - (b) if he has income, the guarantee credit shall be the difference between the appropriate minimum guarantee and his income.
- (3) The appropriate minimum guarantee shall be the total of—
- (a) the standard minimum guarantee; and
 - (b) such prescribed additional amounts as may be applicable.
- (4) The standard minimum guarantee shall be a prescribed amount.
- (5) The standard minimum guarantee shall be—
- (a) a uniform single amount in the case of every claimant who is a member of a^{F2} couple]; and
 - (b) a lower uniform single amount in the case of every claimant who is not a member of^{F2} a couple].
- (6) Regulations may provide that, in prescribed cases, subsection (3) shall have effect with the substitution for the reference in paragraph (a) to the standard minimum guarantee of a reference to a prescribed amount.

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(7) Where the claimant is severely disabled, there shall be included among the additional amounts prescribed under subsection (3)(b) an amount in respect of that circumstance.

(8) Where—

(a) the claimant is entitled to an allowance under section 70 of the Contributions and Benefits Act (invalid care allowance); or

(b) if the claimant is a member of a^{F2} couple], the other member of the couple is entitled to such an allowance,

there shall be included among the additional amounts prescribed under subsection (3)(b) an amount in respect of that circumstance.

(9) Except for the amount of the standard minimum guarantee, the powers conferred by this section to prescribe amounts include power to prescribe nil as an amount.

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