
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2002 No. 99

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2002

PART I

INTRODUCTION

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 and, subject to paragraph (2), shall come into operation for the purposes of—

- (a) Articles 1, 2, 6 and 19 on 1st April 2002;
- (b) Article 8, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 1st April 2002 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Computation of Earnings Regulations;
- (c) Article 9 on 6th April 2002;
- (d) Articles 3 to 5 and 11 to 13 on 8th April 2002;
- (e) Article 10 on 7th April 2002, except for the purpose of determining the rate of maternity allowance in accordance with section 35A(2) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(1), for which purpose it shall come into operation on 8th April 2002;
- (f) Article 7 on 10th April 2002;
- (g) Articles 14, 15 and 23 on 11th April 2002;
- (h) Articles 16 to 18, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 8th April 2002 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations; and
- (i) Articles 20 to 22, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 8th April 2002 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations.

(2) The increases made—

- (a) in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act or the Pension Schemes Act; and
- (b) by Article 20(c), in so far as it is relevant for the purposes referred to in Article 6(11),

shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in Article 6.

(1) Section 35A was inserted by Article 50(3) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/3147 (N.I. 11))

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the Administration Act” means the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

“the Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(2);

“the Pension Schemes Act” means the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(3);

“the Computation of Earnings Regulations” means the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(4);

“the Housing Benefit Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(5);

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(6);

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(7).

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(8) shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(2) 1992 c. 7

(3) 1993 c. 49

(4) S.R. 1996 No. 520

(5) S.R. 1987 No. 461; relevant amending rules are S.R. 1988 No. 314, S.R. 1992 No. 549, S.R. 1994 No. 83, S.R. 1996 Nos. 84 and 448, S.R. 1997 Nos. 3, 4 and 22, S.R. 1998 Nos. 73 and 112, S.R. 1999 No. 382, S.R. 2000 Nos. 260 and 367 and S.R. 2001 Nos. 41 and 314

(6) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending rules are S.R. 1988 Nos. 146, 318 and 431, S.R. 1989 Nos. 139 and 249, S.R. 1990 Nos. 131, 213 and 346, S.R. 1993 No. 149, S.R. 1994 No. 77, S.R. 1995 Nos. 86, 301 and 434, S.R. 1996 Nos. 199, 288 and 476, S.R. 1997 Nos. 3 and 165, S.R. 1998 Nos. 81 and 112, S.R. 1999 Nos. 371(C. 28), 382 and 472 (C. 36), S.R. 2000 Nos. 4, 71, 260 and 367, S.R. 2001 Nos. 41, 314 and 406 and S.R. 2002 No. 58

(7) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending rules are S.R. 1996 Nos. 288, 356, 358 and 476, S.R. 1997 No. 3, S.R. 1998 No. 112, S.R. 1999 Nos. 382 and 428 (C. 32), S.R. 2000 Nos. 71, 260, 350 and 367 and S.R. 2001 Nos. 41, 120, 314 and 406

(8) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)