
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2003

PART I

INTRODUCTION

Citation, commencement and effect

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 and, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), shall come into operation for the purposes of—

- (a) Articles 1, 2 and 6 on 1st April 2003;
- (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 2003 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Computation of Earnings Regulations;
- (c) Articles 9 to 11 on 6th April 2003;
- (d) Articles 3 to 5, 7, 12 to 14 and 24 on 7th April 2003;
- (e) Articles 15, 16 and 25 on 10th April 2003;
- (f) Articles 17 to 19, 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 7th April 2003 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (g) Article 20, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 7th April 2003, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2003; and
- (h) Articles 21 to 23, 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 7th April 2003 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations.

(2) Where, so far as it relates to any particular beneficiary, Article 10 comes into operation in accordance with paragraph (1)(c) on 6th April 2003, it shall come into operation immediately after the coming into operation of regulation 2(3) of the Social Security, Statutory Maternity Pay and Statutory Sick Pay (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002⁽¹⁾.

(3) 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 21(c), in so far as it is relevant for the purposes referred to in Article 6(11),

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