
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2024 No. 73

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2024

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Citation, commencement and effect

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2024, and subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), shall come into operation for the purposes of—

- (a) this Article and Articles 2, 7, 23 and 24 on 1st April 2024;
- (b) Article 3—
 - (i) in so far as it relates to any increase to which Article 7(9)(b) applies, on 1st April 2024, and
 - (ii) for all other purposes on 8th April 2024;
- (c) Articles 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18 and 19, on 8th April 2024;
- (d) Article 8, on 6th April 2024;
- (e) Article 9, on 7th April 2024, except for the purpose of determining the rate of maternity allowance in accordance with section 35A(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (1) (appropriate weekly rate of maternity allowance under section 35), for which purpose it shall come into operation on 8th April 2024;
- (f) Article 10, on 7th April 2024;
- (g) Articles 16 and 17, on 11th April 2024;
- (h) Articles 20, 21 and 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 2024, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (i) Articles 25, 26 and 27, 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 2024, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996;
- (j) Article 28, 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 8th April 2024, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 2016;

(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)) and amended by regulation 2(4) of S.R. 2014 No. 102 and subsection (1) was substituted by section 4(1)(a) of the Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 10 (N.I.))

- (k) Article 29, 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 8th April 2024, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the State Pension Credit Regulations;
 - (l) Article 30, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 8th April 2024, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008;
 - (m) Article 31, 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 8th April 2024, and for the purposes of this sub-paragraph “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016;
 - (n) Articles 32 and 33, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first assessment period to commence for that beneficiary on or after 8th April 2024, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph “assessment period” has the same meaning as in Article 12(2) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015(2); and
 - (o) Article 34, on 7th May 2024.
- (2) In so far as Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 28 and 31 relate to a beneficiary in favour of whom an award of universal credit is in force, those Articles shall come into operation for the purposes of determining the beneficiary’s unearned income in relation to that award on the same day as Articles 32 and 33 come into operation for that beneficiary.
- (3) The changes made in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefits in—
- (a) Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13; and
 - (b) Article 25(b), in so far as that sum is relevant for the purposes of establishing whether the rate of any benefit is not to be increased in respect of an adult dependant because the earnings of the dependant exceed a specified amount,
- shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in Article 7.

Commencement Information

II Art. 1 in operation at 1.4.2024, see [art. 1\(1\)\(a\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2024, Section 1.