

SCHEDULE 4

Housing costs element for renters

PART 3

General provisions about calculation of amount of housing costs element for renters

Housing cost contributions

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13.—(1) In calculating the amount of the housing costs element under Part 4 or 5 of this Schedule, a deduction is to be made in respect of each non-dependant who is a member of the renter’s extended benefit unit.

(2) Paragraph (1) is subject to paragraphs 15 and 16.

(3) Any amount to be deducted under sub-paragraph (1) is referred to in this Schedule as a “housing cost contribution”.

Amount of housing cost contributions

14.—(1) The amount of each housing cost contribution to be deducted under paragraph 13 is £68.

(2) Deductions are not to be made until the amount has been determined which results from all other steps in the calculation required in relation to the renter under Parts 4 and 5 of this Schedule.

(3) Where the sum of all the housing cost contributions to be deducted in the renter’s case exceeds the amount referred to in sub-paragraph (2)—

(a) the amount determined under this Schedule is to be reduced to nil; but

(b) no further reduction in respect of housing cost contributions is to be made from the renter’s award.

Exempt renters

15.—(1) No deduction is to be made under paragraph 13 in the case of—

(a) any renter who is a single person to whom sub-paragraph (2) applies; or

(b) any joint renter where at least one joint renter is a person to whom sub-paragraph (2) applies.

(2) This sub-paragraph applies to—

(a) a person who is registered as blind;

(b) a person in receipt of the care component of disability living allowance at the middle or highest rate;

(c) a person in receipt of attendance allowance;

(d) a person in receipt of the daily living component of personal independence payment;

(e) a person who is entitled to a payment within paragraph (b), (c) or (d) but is not receiving it under, as the case may be—

- (i) regulation 8 of the Social Security (Disability Living Allowance) Regulations 1991⁽¹⁾,
- (ii) regulation 6 of the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) Regulations 1991⁽²⁾,
- (iii) regulation 21 of the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations 1982⁽³⁾, or
- (iv) regulations under section 86 of the Act (payment of personal independence payment while a person is a hospital in-patient).

No deduction for housing cost contributions in respect of certain non-dependants

16.—(1) No deduction is to be made under paragraph 13 in respect of any non-dependant who is a member of the renter’s extended benefit unit to whom sub-paragraph (2) applies.

(2) This sub-paragraph applies to—

- (a) a person who is under 21 years old;
- (b) a person in receipt of state pension credit;
- (c) a person in receipt of the care component of disability living allowance at the middle or highest rate;
- (d) a person in receipt of attendance allowance;
- (e) a person in receipt of the daily living component of personal independence payment;
- (f) a person who is entitled to a payment within paragraph (c), (d) or (e) but is not receiving it under, as the case may be—
 - (i) regulation 8 of the Social Security (Disability Living Allowance) Regulations 1991,
 - (ii) regulation 6 of the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) Regulations 1991,
 - (iii) regulation 21 of the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations 1982, or
 - (iv) regulations under section 86 of the Act (payment of personal independence payment while a person is a hospital in-patient);
- (g) a person in receipt of carer’s allowance;
- (h) a person who is a prisoner;
- (i) a person who is responsible for a child under 5 years old.

(1) S.I. 1991/2890.
(2) S.I. 1991/2740.
(3) S.I. 1982/1408.