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**1981 No. 1196**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Supplementary Benefit Up-rating Regulations 1981**

*Laid before Parliament in draft*

*Made - - - - - 12th August 1981*

*Coming into Operation 23rd November 1981*

Whereas a draft of the following regulations was, in accordance with section 33(3) of the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976(a), laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, with the consent of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 3(1) of and paragraph 2(1) and (4) of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit Up-rating Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 23rd November 1981.

(2) In these regulations—

“Requirements Regulations” means the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations 1980(b);

“Single Payments Regulations” means the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations 1980(c).

*Increase of amounts specified in the Single Payments Regulations*

2.—(1) Amounts specified in the Single Payments Regulations shall be increased in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 23 (expenses on starting work), in paragraph (2)(e) for the sum of £30 there shall be substituted the sum of £35.

(3) For Schedule 1 (which specifies amounts payable for specified items of bedclothes) there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in Schedule 1 to these regulations which specifies higher amounts for those items.

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(a) 1976 c. 71; the Act (other than sections 31, 32, 35 and 36 and Schedules 4 and 6 to 8) as amended is set out in Part II of Schedule 2 to the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30).

(b) S.I. 1980/1299; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1980/1774, 1981/513.

(c) S.I. 1980/985; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1981/815.

(4) For Schedule 2 (which specifies amounts payable for specified items of clothing and footwear for work and for men, women, boys, girls and babies) there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in Schedule 2 to these regulations which specifies higher amounts for those items.

*Increase of amounts specified in the Requirements Regulations*

3.—(1) Amounts specified in the Requirements Regulations shall be increased in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 5(1) (normal requirements of relevant persons and householders)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for the sum of £34·60 there shall be substituted the sum of £37·75;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for the sum of £21·30 there shall be substituted the sum of £23·25.

(3) In regulation 9 (modification of normal requirements of boarders)—

(a) in paragraph (2)(b)—

- (i) in head (i), for the sum of £0·80 there shall be substituted the sum of £0·90,
- (ii) in heads (ii) and (iii), for the sum of £1·10 there shall be substituted the sum of £1·25;

(b) in paragraph (4)—

- (i) in sub-paragraph (a), for the sums of £10·70 and £5·35 there shall be substituted the sums of £11·50 and £5·75 respectively,
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), for the sums of £22·70 and £11·35 there shall be substituted the sums of £24·50 and £12·25 respectively,
- (iii) in sub-paragraph (c), for the sum of £6·00 there shall be substituted the sum of £6·50,
- (iv) in sub-paragraph (d), for the sum of £11·35 there shall be substituted the sum of £12·25;

(c) in paragraph (8), for sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—

“(a) for a relevant person—

- (i) long-term rate, £17·10,
- (ii) ordinary rate, £15·40;

(b) for a claimant who is not a relevant person—

- (i) long-term rate, £8·55,
- (ii) ordinary rate, £7·70;

(c) for a dependant—

- (i) aged not less than 18, £7·70,
- (ii) aged less than 18 but not less than 16, £4·60,
- (iii) aged less than 16 but not less than 11, £3·95,
- (iv) aged less than 11, £2·60.”.

(4) In regulation 15 (rent), in paragraph (3) for sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—

- “(a) for heating ... .. £5·10;
- (b) for lighting ... .. £0·40;
- (c) for cooking ... .. £0·60;
- (d) for hot water ... .. £0·60;”.

(5) In regulation 17 (maintenance and insurance), in paragraph (1) with effect from 29th March 1982, for the sum of £1·50 there shall be substituted the sum of £1·65.

(6) In regulation 22 (reduction in amounts applicable for certain occupants of the home)—

- (a) in paragraph (2)(a) for the sums of £2 and £0·25 there shall be substituted the sums of £2·30 and £0·30 respectively;
- (b) in paragraph (4)—
  - (i) in sub-paragraph (c) for the sum of £2·15 there shall be substituted the sum of £2·55,
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (d) for the sum of £4·60 there shall be substituted the sum of £5·40.

(7) In regulation 23 (non-householder's contribution)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a), for the sum of £2·15 there shall be substituted the sum of £2·55;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b), for the sum of £4·60 there shall be substituted the sum of £5·40.

(8) For Schedule 1 (which specifies amounts for normal requirements of persons other than relevant persons and householders) there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in Schedule 3 to these regulations which specifies higher amounts in respect of those persons.

(9) In Part I of Schedule 3 (additional requirements for heating), in column (2)—

- (a) in paragraph 1—
  - (i) in sub-paragraph (1) for the sum of £1·40 there shall be substituted the sum of £1·65,
  - (ii) in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) for the sum of £3·40 there shall be substituted the sum of £4·05;
- (b) in paragraph 2 for the sums of £1·40 and £3·40 there shall be substituted the sums of £1·65 and £4·05 respectively;
- (c) in paragraph 3 for the sums of £1·40 and £2·80 there shall be substituted the sums of £1·65 and £3·30 respectively;
- (d) in paragraph 5, for the sum of £4·35 there shall be substituted the sum of £5·10;
- (e) in paragraph 6, for the sum of £3·40 there shall be substituted the sum of £4·05;

- (f) in paragraph 7, for the sum of £1.40 there shall be substituted the sum of £1.65.
- (10) In Part II of Schedule 3 (items other than heating), in column (2)—
- (a) in paragraph 13, for sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—
- “(a) £3.05;  
(b) £1.30;  
(c) £1.30;  
(d) £8.70;”;
- (b) in paragraph 16—
- (i) in sub-paragraph (b), for the sums of £10.75 and £7.75 there shall be substituted the sums of £11.75 and £8.50 respectively,
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (c), for the sums of £5.50 and £2.50 there shall be substituted the sums of £6.00 and £2.75 respectively,
- (iii) in sub-paragraph (d) for heads (i)–(iv) there shall be substituted the following heads:—
- “(i) not less than 18, by £12.75,  
(ii) less than 18 but not less than 16, by £8.50,  
(iii) less than 16 but not less than 11, by £6.00,  
(iv) less than 11, by £2.00;”;
- (iv) in sub-paragraph (e) for heads (i)–(iv) there shall be substituted the following heads:—
- “(i) the long-term rate for householders, by £23.75,  
(ii) the ordinary rate for householders, by £17.25,  
(iii) the long-term rate for non-householders, by £17.75,  
(iv) the ordinary rate for non-householders, by £12.75.”.

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Secretary of State for Social Services.

4th August 1981.

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*Carol Mather,*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners of  
Her Majesty's Treasury.

12th August 1981.

Regulation 2(3)

**SCHEDULE 1**

**SCHEDULE 1 TO THE SINGLE PAYMENTS REGULATIONS  
AS SUBSTITUTED BY THESE REGULATIONS**

**SCHEDULE 1**

Regulation 12

*Bedclothes*

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount
	£
Blanket (cot) ... ..	5·30
Blanket (single) ... ..	9·80
Blanket (double) ... ..	12·50
Pillow ... ..	4·60
Pillow-case ... ..	1·80
Quilt—terylene (single) ... ..	13·00
Quilt—terylene (double) ... ..	15·25
Sheets—cotton (single) pair ... ..	13·00
Sheets—cotton (double) pair ... ..	17·75
Sheets—flannelette (cot) pair ... ..	5·00
Sheets—flannelette (single) pair ... ..	11·25
Sheets—flannelette (double) pair ... ..	14·75
Sheets—nylon (single) pair ... ..	7·50
Sheets—nylon (double) pair ... ..	9·20

**SCHEDULE 2** Regulation 2(4)  
**SCHEDULE 2 TO THE SINGLE PAYMENTS REGULATIONS**  
**AS SUBSTITUTED BY THESE REGULATIONS**

**SCHEDULE 2** Regulations 7, 23 and 27

**CLOTHING**

**PART I**

*Men's Clothing*

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount
	£
Anorak ... ..	19·75
Cap ... ..	4·30
Cardigan ... ..	10·75
Dressing-gown ... ..	17·25
Overcoat ... ..	46·50
Pullover ... ..	7·00
Pyjamas ... ..	9·20
Raincoat ... ..	30·50
Shirt ... ..	7·00
Shoes ... ..	14·00
Slippers ... ..	4·30
Socks ... ..	1·20
Sports-jacket ... ..	36·50
Suit ... ..	55·00
Trousers ... ..	14·00
Underpants—briefs ... ..	1·60
Underpants—woollen (long) ... ..	6·50
Underpants—woollen (short) ... ..	4·85
Vest—singlets ... ..	1·95
Vest—woollen ... ..	5·50

**PART II**

*Working Clothes*

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount
	£
Boiler suit ... ..	11·50
Boots ... ..	14·00
Donkey-jacket ... ..	19·75
Dungarees ... ..	9·20
Jeans ... ..	11·00
Overalls ... ..	10·50
Wellingtons ... ..	9·20

**PART III**  
*Women's Clothing*

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount
	£
Blouse ... ..	6.80
Boots (ankle) ... ..	16.75
Brassiere ... ..	3.65
Briefs ... ..	1.40
Cardigan ... ..	8.60
Corset ... ..	9.20
Dress—summerweight ... ..	12.50
Dress—winterweight ... ..	16.00
Dressing-gown ... ..	12.50
Hat ... ..	2.70
Jumper ... ..	7.30
Knickers ... ..	1.95
Nightdress (standard length) ... ..	6.80
Nightdress (full length) ... ..	8.60
Overcoat ... ..	43.00
Pantie-girdle ... ..	4.90
Petticoat ... ..	4.30
Pyjamas ... ..	9.20
Raincoat ... ..	30.50
Shoes ... ..	13.50
Skirt ... ..	9.20
Slippers ... ..	4.30
Stockings/tights ... ..	0.65
Trousers ... ..	9.80
Vest—cotton ... ..	1.85
Vest—woollen ... ..	4.30

**PART IV**  
*Boys' Clothing*

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount Small to Large
	£      £
Dressing-gown ... ..	8.60      11.75
Dufflecoat ... ..	14.75      19.75
Jacket/anorak ... ..	11.00      14.75
Overcoat ... ..	18.25      26.00
Pyjamas ... ..	4.90      6.15
Raincoat ... ..	13.50      20.75
Shirt ... ..	4.30      6.50
Shoes ... ..	8.60      11.75
Slippers ... ..	3.25      4.10
Socks ... ..	0.70      0.95
Sweater ... ..	4.90      6.80
Trousers—long ... ..	6.80      9.80
Trousers—short ... ..	4.30      5.50
Underpants ... ..	—      1.25
Vest ... ..	—      1.45
Wellingtons ... ..	3.75      5.50

**PART V**  
*Girls' Clothing*

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount Small to Large
	£      £
Blouse ... ..	4.30      4.85
Brassiere ... ..	—      2.70
Briefs ... ..	—      1.10
Cardigan ... ..	4.60      6.80
Dress—summerweight ... ..	5.50      8.60
Dress—winterweight ... ..	7.50      10.75
Dressing-gown ... ..	8.60      11.75
Dufflecoat ... ..	14.75      19.75
Jacket/anorak ... ..	11.00      14.75
Jumper ... ..	4.90      6.80
Nightdress ... ..	4.90      6.80
Overcoat ... ..	17.25      25.00
Pantie-girdle ... ..	—      4.90
Petticoat ... ..	—      3.05
Pyjamas ... ..	4.90      7.30
Raincoat ... ..	13.50      19.75
Shoes ... ..	8.60      11.75
Skirt ... ..	5.90      8.60
Slippers ... ..	3.25      4.10
Socks ... ..	0.70      0.95
Stockings/tights ... ..	—      0.65
Trousers ... ..	6.50      9.70
Vest ... ..	—      1.35
Wellingtons ... ..	3.75      5.50

**PART VI**  
*Baby Clothing*

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount
	£
Napkin ... ..	0.95
One-piece stretch sleeping suit ... ..	4.00
Plastic pants ... ..	0.50
Pramsuit ... ..	6.50
Vest ... ..	0.95
Wrap/shawl ... ..	5.20



Regulation 3(8)

## SCHEDULE 3

SCHEDULE 1 TO THE REQUIREMENTS REGULATIONS  
AS SUBSTITUTED BY THESE REGULATIONS

## SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 6

NORMAL REQUIREMENTS OF PERSONS OTHER THAN  
RELEVANT PERSONS AND HOUSEHOLDERS

Description of person (not being a relevant person or a householder) (1)	Weekly amount (2)
1. Claimant aged— (a) not less than 18; (b) less than 18 with a dependant.	1. Long-term rate ... .. £23·65 Ordinary rate ... .. £18·60 (the appropriate rate being determined in accordance with regulation 7).
2. Claimant aged less than 18 without a dependant.	2. Long-term rate ... .. £18·15 Ordinary rate ... .. £14·30 (the appropriate rate being determined in accordance with regulation 7).
3. Dependant aged— (a) not less than 18; (b) less than 18 but not less than 16; (c) less than 16 but not less than 11; (d) less than 11.	3. (a) £18·60 (b) £14·30 (c) £11·90 (d) £7·90

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations increase certain amounts specified in regulations made under the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 ("the Act") as extensively amended by the Social Security Act 1980 which are not expressed as equal to amounts in, or as percentages of amounts in, the Social Security Act 1975 (c. 14) or the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (c. 60).

Regulation 2 increases the amounts specified in the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations 1980 which relate to the maximum amount payable in respect of unspecified items necessary for starting work and which relate to single payments for bedclothes, clothing and footwear.

Regulation 3 increases the amounts specified in the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations 1980 which modify the ordinary rates specified for normal requirements in the table in paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 1 to the Act for couples and single householders, and which specify rates for persons not mentioned in the table. The amounts specified as deductible from inclusive rent and in respect of certain occupants of the home are increased. The amounts specified for additional requirements for heating and for diets are also increased.

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