

**2023 No. 1373**

**IMMIGRATION**

**The Immigration and Asylum (Provision of Services or Facilities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>11th December 2023</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>14th December 2023</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>		<i>15th January 2024</i>

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers in section 4(10) and (11) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999(a).

**Citation, commencement and extent**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Immigration and Asylum (Provision of Services or Facilities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 15th January 2024.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

**Amendment of the Immigration and Asylum (Provision of Services or Facilities) Regulations 2007**

**2.**—(1) The Immigration and Asylum (Provision of Services or Facilities) Regulations 2007(b) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation)—

(a) in the definition of “ante-natal eligible period”, for “eight weeks” substitute “eleven weeks”;

(b) in the definition of “maternity payment”, omit “of £250”;

(c) in the definition of “post-natal eligible period”, for “six weeks” substitute “six months”.

(3) In regulation 6 (one-off supply of vouchers for pregnant women and new mothers), for “£250” substitute “£300” in each place in which it occurs.

(4) In regulation 7 (additional weekly vouchers for pregnant women and children under three)—

(a) in the heading, for “three” substitute “four”;

(b) in paragraph (1), for “£3” substitute “£5.25”;

(c) in paragraph (2), for “£5” substitute “£9.50”;

(d) in paragraph (3)—

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(a) 1999 c. 33. Subsections (10) and (11) were inserted by section 43(7) of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13).

(b) S.I. 2007/3627.

- (i) for “third birthday” substitute “fourth birthday”;
- (ii) for “£3” substitute “£5.25”.

11th December 2023

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

This instrument amends the Immigration and Asylum (Provision of Services or Facilities) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3627) in the following ways.

Regulation 2(2) extends the eligibility period for applying for a one-off supply of vouchers for pregnant women and new mothers so that it begins eleven weeks before the expected date of birth and ends six months after the date of birth. It also amends the definition of “maternity payment” to remove reference to a specific financial value.

Regulation 2(3) increases the value of the one-off supply of vouchers for pregnant women and new mothers from £250 to £300.

Regulation 2(4) increases the additional weekly support for pregnant women and young children from £3.00 to £5.25 and for babies under 1 year old from £5.00 to £9.50. It also extends the eligibility for additional weekly payments for young children to children aged 3 years old.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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