STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 1388

IMMIGRATION

The Asylum Support (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2009

Made - - - -	*8th June 2009*
Laid before Parliament	*11th June 2009*
Coming into force - -	*6th July 2009*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 166(3) of, and paragraphs 1 and 3(a) of Schedule 8 to, the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999(**a**), makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Asylum Support (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2009 and shall come into force on the 6th July 2009.

Kind and levels of support for essential living needs

2.—(1) The Asylum Support Regulations 2000(**b**) are amended as follows.

(2) For the table at regulation 10(2) of the Asylum Support Regulations 2000 substitute -

"**Table**

Qualifying couple	£69.57
Lone parent aged 18 or over	£42.16
Single person aged 25 or over, excluding lone parent (where the decision to grant support is made prior to the 5th October 2009 and the person has or will have reached age 25 prior to that date)	£42.16
Any other single person aged 18 or over, excluding lone parent	£35.13
Person aged at least 16 but under 18 (except a member of a qualifying couple)	£38.18
Person aged under 16	£50.81".

(3) After paragraph (3), insert –

(**a**) 1999 c.33.

(**b**) S.I. 2000/704: regulation 10(2) was substituted by regulation 4 of the Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/472) and amended by regulation 2 of the Asylum Support (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2169), regulation 2 of the Asylum Support (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/755), regulation 2 of the Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/763), regulation 2 of the Asylum Support (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1313), regulation 2 of the Asylum Support (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/738), regulation 2 of the Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/733), regulation 3 of the Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/863), and regulation 2 of the Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/760).

"(3A) For the purposes of the table at regulation 10(2), a decision to grant support is made on the date recorded on the letter granting asylum support to the applicant.".

Revocation of the Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2008

3. The Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2008 are revoked.

Home Office
8th June 2009

Phil Woolas
Minister of State

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Regulation 2 amends regulation 10(2) of the Asylum Support Regulations 2000 by increasing the cash amounts payable, as a general rule, in respect of a person's essential living needs. These changes take effect from the 6th July 2009 and on that date the Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2008, which set out the amounts previously payable, are revoked.

There is no increase in the amounts payable in relation to lone parents age 18 or over, or single persons aged 25 or over. A new unified rate of support will be introduced on the 5th October 2009 for all single persons, aged 18 or over, excluding lone parents.

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

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