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The Housing Benefits (Increase of Needs Allowances) Regulations 1983

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - -	12*th August* 1983
Coming into Operation	21*st November* 1983

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 28(1) and 29(2) and (3) of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982 (**a**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury, and having made the reviews under section 29 of that Act, hereby makes the following regulations of which a draft has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 29(2) of that Act and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefits (Increase of Needs Allowances) Regulations 1983 and shall come into operation on 21st November 1983.

Increase of needs allowances

2. Regulation 13 of the Housing Benefits Regulations 1982 (**b**) (needs allowances) is amended as follows:—

(a) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in sub-paragraph *(a)* (single person, no dependent child) for "£41.40" there is substituted "£43.05", and

(ii) in sub-paragraphs *(b)* (married or unmarried couple) and *(c)* (single person with dependent child) for "£61.00" there is substituted in each case "£63.50";

(b) in paragraph (2) (handicapped persons)—

(i) in sub-paragraph *(a)* (single person, no dependent child) for "£46.15" there is substituted "£48.00",

(ii) in sub-paragraphs *(b)* (married or unmarried couple, one handicapped) and *(c)* (single person with dependent child) for "£65.75" there is substituted in each case "£68.45", and

(a) 1982 c.24; section 29 was amended by section 2 of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1983 (c.36).
(b) S.I. 1982/1124, to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations.

(iii) in sub-paragraph *(d)* (married or unmarried couple, both handicapped) for "£68.00" there is substituted "£70.80"; and

(c) in paragraph (3)*(b)* (increase for dependent child) for "£11.40" there is substituted "£11.90".

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

5th August 1983.

We consent,

Nigel Lawson,
D. J. F. Hunt,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

12th August 1983.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations increase the amounts specified as needs allowances in the Housing Benefits Regulations 1982 ("the 1982 regulations"). Needs allowances are amounts used in the calculation of rate rebates, rent rebates or rent allowances for persons other than those in receipt of supplementary benefit. A person's income is compared with the relevant needs allowance as part of this calculation, in accordance with regulation 19 of the 1982 regulations.

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