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This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 132, 132A, 132B and 165(1), (4) and (5) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**a**) and now vested in the Department for Communities(**b**).

The Secretary of State has made an Order(**c**) under sections 150, 150A, 151, 151A and 189(1), (4) and (5) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**d**).

Accordingly, the Department for Communities makes the following Order.

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Citation, commencement and effect

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2026, and subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), shall come into operation for the purposes of—

(a) this Article and Articles 2 and 7 on 1st April 2026;

(b) Article 3—

(i) in so far as it relates to any increase to which Article 7(9)(b) applies, on 1st April 2026, and

(ii) for all other purposes on 6th April 2026;

(c) Articles 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18 and 19, on 6th April 2026;

(d) Articles 5 and 8, at 00.01 on 6th April 2026;

(e) Article 9, on 5th April 2026, except for the purpose of determining the rate of maternity allowance in accordance with section 35A(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(**e**) (appropriate weekly rate of maternity allowance under section 35), for which purpose it shall come into operation on 6th April 2026;

(f) Articles 16 and 17, on 9th April 2026;

(g) Articles 20, 21 and 22, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2026, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph "benefit week" has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;

(h) Articles 23 and 24, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 6th April 2026, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2026;

(i) Articles 25, 26 and 27, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2026, and for

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(**a**) 1992 c. 8; section 132 was amended by paragraph 41 of Schedule 7 to the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 (c. 49), paragraph 9 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21), section 3 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2012 (c. 3 (N.I.)), regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2012 No. 120 and paragraph 55 of Schedule 13 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5 (N.I.)), section 132A was inserted by section 5(1) of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 1 (N.I.)), section 132B was inserted by paragraph 17 of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5 (N.I.)) and section 165(1) was amended by paragraph 49(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/671) and section 18(5) of the National Insurance Contributions Act 2014 (c. 7)

(**b**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481 and section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.))

(**c**) S.I. 2026/148

(**d**) 1992 c. 5

(**e**) Section 35A was inserted by Article 50(3) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11)) and amended by regulation 2(4) of S.R. 2014 No. 102 and subsection (1) was substituted by section 4(1)(a) of the Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 10 (N.I.))

the purpose of this sub-paragraph "benefit week" has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996;

(j) Article 28, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2026, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph "benefit week" has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 2016;

(k) Article 29, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2026, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph "benefit week" has the same meaning as in the State Pension Credit Regulations;

(l) Article 30, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2026, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph "benefit week" has the same meaning as in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008;

(m) Article 31, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2026, and for the purposes of this sub-paragraph "benefit week" has the same meaning as in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016;

(n) Articles 32 and 33, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first assessment period to commence for that beneficiary on or after 6th April 2026, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph "assessment period" has the same meaning as in Article 12(2) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015(**a**); and

(o) Article 34, on 5th May 2026.

(2) In so far as Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 28 and 31 relate to a beneficiary in favour of whom an award of universal credit is in force, those Articles shall come into operation for the purposes of determining the beneficiary's unearned income in relation to that award on the same day as Articles 32 and 33 come into operation for that beneficiary.

(3) The changes made in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefits in—

(a) Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13; and

(b) Article 25(b), in so far as that sum is relevant for the purposes of establishing whether the rate of any benefit is not to be increased in respect of an adult dependant because the earnings of the dependant exceed a specified amount,

shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in Article 7.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"the Administration Act" means the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

"the Contributions and Benefits Act" means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**b**);

"the Pensions Act" means the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015(**c**);

"the Pension Schemes Act" means the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(**d**);

"the Computation of Earnings Regulations" means the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**e**);

(**a**) S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1)
(**b**) 1992 c. 7
(**c**) 2015 c. 5 (N.I.)
(**d**) 1993 c. 49
(**e**) S.R. 1996 No. 520

"the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008" means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(**a**);

"the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016" means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**b**);

"the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017" means the Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Amendments and Transitional and Savings Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017(**c**);

"the Great Britain Up-rating Order" means the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2026(**d**);

"the Housing Benefit Regulations" means the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(**e**);

"the Housing Benefit (Abolition of the Family Premium and date of claim) Regulations" means the Housing Benefit (Abolition of the Family Premium and date of claim) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**f**);

"the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations" means the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(**g**);

"the Income Support Regulations" means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**h**);

"the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996" means the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**i**);

"the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 2016" means the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**j**);

"the State Pension Credit Regulations" means the State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(**k**);

"the Universal Credit Regulations" means the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**l**); and

"the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Regulations" means the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**m**).

(**a**) S.R. 2008 No. 280; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2008 No. 413, S.R. 2009 No. 338, S.R. 2010 No. 312, S.R. 2011 No. 368, S.R. 2017 Nos. 51 and 148 and S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**b**) S.R. 2016 No. 219; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2017 No. 51 and S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**c**) S.R. 2017 No. 51; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2017 No. 148

(**d**) S.I. 2026/148

(**e**) S.R. 2006 No. 405; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2008 No. 378, S.R. 2009 No. 382, S.R. 2011 Nos. 136 and 357, S.R. 2012 No. 116, S.R. 2016 Nos. 236 and 310, S.R. 2017 No. 51, S.I. 2023/1218 and S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**f**) S.R. 2016 No. 310

(**g**) S.R. 2006 No. 406; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2008 No. 498, S.R. 2016 Nos. 236 and 310, S.R. 2017 No. 242, S.I. 2023/1218 and S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**h**) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1988 Nos. 146 and 318, S.R. 1990 Nos. 213 and 346, S.R. 1993 No. 373, S.R. 1994 No. 77, S.R. 1995 Nos. 301 and 434, S.R. 1996 Nos. 199, 288, 449 and 476, S.R. 1997 No. 3, S.R. 1998 No. 112, S.R. 1999 Nos. 382 and 472 (C. 36), S.R. 2000 No. 367, S.R. 2002 Nos. 132 and 323, S.R. 2003 Nos. 191 and 195, S.R. 2004 No. 394, S.R. 2006 No. 128, S.R. 2007 No. 154, S.R. 2010 No. 69, S.R. 2011 No. 135, S.I. 2013/3021, S.R. 2016 No. 228, S.R. 2017 No. 187, S.I. 2021/786, S.I. 2022/530, S.I. 2023/1218 and S.R. 2025 No. 64; *see also* regulation 4 of S.R. 2017 No. 79

(**i**) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1996 Nos. 288 and 356, S.R. 1998 No. 112, S.R. 1999 No. 428 (C. 32), S.R. 2000 Nos. 350 and 367, S.R. 2001 No. 120, S.R. 2002 No. 323, S.R. 2003 Nos. 195 and 267, S.R. 2004 No. 394, S.R. 2005 No. 536, S.R 2007 No. 154, S.R. 2008 Nos. 112 and 286, S.R. 2009 No. 261, S.R. 2010 No. 103, S.R. 2011 No. 135, S.I. 2013/3021, S.R. 2016 No. 228, S.R. 2017 No. 116, S.R. 2019 No. 58, S.I. 2021/786, S.I. 2022/177, S.I. 2023/1218 and S.R. 2025 No. 64; *see also* regulation 5 of S.R. 2017 No. 79

(**j**) S.R. 2016 No. 218

(**k**) S.R. 2003 No. 28; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2004 No. 394, S.R. 2006 No. 359, S.R. 2016 No. 236, S.R. 2017 No. 187, S.R. 2018 No. 135, S.I. 2021/786, S.I. 2022/177, S.I. 2023/1218, S.R. 2024 No 119, S.R. 2025 No. 64 and S.I. 2025/227

(**l**) S.R. 2016 No. 216; relevant amending Regulations are S.I. 2016/999 (N.I. 1), S.R. 2016 No. 226, S.R. 2017 Nos. 79 and 146, S.R. 2021 Nos. 67 and 302 and S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**m**) S.R. 2016 No. 226; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2019 No. 152, S.R. 2021 No. 2, S.R. 2023 No. 93, S.I. 2023/1218, S.R. 2024 No. 5 and S.R. 2025 No. 64

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**a**) shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(3) For the purposes of this Order and notwithstanding section 39(2) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954, where a period of time is expressed to begin on, or to be reckoned from, a particular day, that day shall be included in the period.

PART 2

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

Rates or amounts of certain benefits under the Contributions and Benefits Act

3.—(1) From and including the respective dates specified in Article 7, the sums specified in paragraph (2) shall be increased so that Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (rates of benefits, etc.), except paragraph 5 of Part III of that Schedule (guardian's allowance), has effect as set out in Schedule 1 to this Order.

(2) The sums mentioned in paragraph (1) are the sums specified in Parts I, III, IV and V of Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act except, in—

(a) Part III, the sum specified for age addition to a pension of any category, and otherwise under section 79 of that Act; and

(b) Part V(**b**), the sums specified for the increase in disablement pension for dependent children and death benefit allowance in respect of children and qualifying young persons.

Rates or amounts of certain pensions and allowances under the Contributions and Benefits Act

4.—(1) The sums specified in paragraphs (2) to (5) shall be increased from and including the respective dates specified in Article 7.

(2) The sums falling to be calculated under paragraph 13(4) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (calculation of weekly rate of a beneficiary's retirement allowance) shall be increased by 3.8 per cent.

(3) In section 44(4) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(**c**) (basic pension of Category A retirement pension)—

(a) for "£176.45" substitute "£184.90"; and

(b) for "£135.50" substitute "£140.65".

(4) It is directed that the sums which are—

(a) the additional pensions in long-term benefits calculated by reference to any final relevant year earlier than the tax year 2025-2026;

(b) the increases in the rates of retirement pensions under Schedule 5 to the Contributions and Benefits Act(**d**) (pension increase or lump sum where entitlement to retirement pension is deferred); lump sums to which surviving spouses or civil partners will become entitled

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(**a**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(**b**) Part V was amended by paragraph 41 of Schedule 1 to the Child Benefit Act 2005 (c. 6) and Article 71 of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1))

(**c**) Section 44(4) was substituted by Article 64 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10)) and amended by Article 4(3) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**d**) Schedule 5 was amended by paragraph 36 of Schedule 7 to the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993, paragraphs 6(2) to (4) and 18(15) and (16) of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22)), section 35(1) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4 (N.I.)), Article 273(3) and paragraphs 2 to 13 of Schedule 9 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/255 (N.I. 1)), paragraph 6 of the Schedule to S.R. 2005 No. 434, paragraph 19 of Schedule 1 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c.1 (N.I.)), paragraph 78(2) and (3) of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5 (N.I.)) and regulation 66(18) of S.I. 2019/1514

under paragraph 7A of that Schedule(**a**) on becoming entitled to a Category A or Category B retirement pension (entitlement to lump sum where pensioner's deceased spouse or civil partner has deferred entitlement); and

(c) payable to a pensioner as part of their Category A or Category B retirement pension by virtue of an order made under section 120 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**b**), Article 64 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(**c**) or section 132 of the Administration Act,

shall in each case be increased by 3.8 per cent.

(5) The sums which are shared additional pensions under sections 55A and 55AA of the Contributions and Benefits Act(**d**), and the sums which are increases in the rates of such pensions under paragraph 2 of Schedule 5A to that Act(**e**), shall in each case be increased by 3.8 per cent.

Rates or amounts of certain benefits under the Pension Schemes Act

5.—(1) It is directed that the sums specified in paragraph (2) shall be increased from and including the respective dates specified in Article 7.

(2) Sums which are payable by virtue of section 11(1) of the Pension Schemes Act (increase of guaranteed minimum where commencement of guaranteed minimum pension postponed) to a person who is also entitled to a Category A or Category B retirement pension (including sums payable by virtue of section 13(2) and (3) of that Act(**f**) shall be increased by—

(a) 3.8 per cent where the increase under section 11(1) is attributable to earnings factors for the tax year 1987-88 and earlier tax years(**g**); and

(b) 0.8 per cent where the increase under section 11(1) is attributable to earnings factors for the tax years 1988-89 to 1996-97 inclusive.

Rates or amounts of certain pensions under Part 1 of the Pensions Act

6.—(1) The sums specified in paragraphs (2) to (4) shall be increased from and including the date specified in Article 7(10).

(2) In regulation 1A of the State Pension Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(**h**) (full rate of state pension) for "£230.25" substitute "£241.30".

(3) It is directed that the sums which are increases under section 17 of the Pensions Act in the rates of state pensions under Part 1 of that Act shall be increased by 3.8 per cent.

(4) The amounts which, under—

(a) section 9 of the Pensions Act, are survivor's pensions based on inheritance of deferred old state pension;

(b) paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 2 to the Pensions Act, are the amounts of state pensions under Part 1 of the Pensions Act at the transitional rate which exceed the full rate;

(**a**) Paragraph 7A was inserted by paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 9 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and amended by paragraph 6(j) of the Schedule to S.R. 2005 No. 434; *see also* Articles 4(4)(b) and (c) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**b**) 1975 c. 15; section 120 was amended by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/396 (N.I. 5)) and repealed by paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 9)

(**c**) S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18); Article 64 was repealed by Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

(**d**) Section 55A was inserted by paragraph 3 of Schedule 6 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 and amended by section 37(3) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 and paragraph 4 of Schedule 11 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, and section 55AA was inserted by paragraph 5 of Schedule 11 to that Act

(**e**) Schedule 5A was inserted by paragraph 14 of Schedule 9 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005

(**f**) Section 13(2) was amended by paragraph 5(b) of Schedule 1 to S.R. 2005 No. 433, regulation 68(3)(a) and (b) of S.I. 2019/1514 and regulation 40(2) of S.I. 2020/1143

(**g**) *See* section 132(4) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 as amended by paragraph 41(c) of Schedule 7 to the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993; *see also* S.R. 2026 No. 51

(**h**) S.R. 2015 No. 315; regulation 1A was inserted by regulation 2 of S.R. 2016 No. 88 and amended by Article 6(2) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(c) paragraphs 5(3) and 6 of Schedule 4 to the Pensions Act, are the amounts of survivor's pensions which either alone or in combination with one or more other pensions under Part 1 of that Act exceed the full rate; and

(d) paragraphs 5(3) and 6 of Schedule 9 to the Pensions Act, are the amounts of shared state pensions under Part 1 of the Pensions Act which either alone or in combination with one or more other pensions under Part 1 of that Act exceed the full rate,

shall in each case be increased by 3.8 per cent.

(5) For the purpose of this Article, "old state pension" has the same meaning as in section 22 of the Pensions Act.

Dates on which sums specified for rates or amounts of benefits in Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 are changed by this Order

7.—(1) Paragraph (7), which is subject to the provisions of paragraph (9), and paragraphs (2) to (6), (8), (10) and (11) specify the date on which the changes made by this Order in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit in Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 shall take effect for each case.

(2) Any increases in the sums mentioned in Articles 3, 4, 11 and 12 for Category A, Category B, Category C and Category D retirement pension and graduated retirement benefit together with, where appropriate, any increases for dependants, shall take effect on 6th April 2026.

(3) The increases in the sums mentioned in Article 5 shall take effect on 6th April 2026.

(4) Any increases in the sums specified for the rate of—

(i) attendance allowance, and

(ii) carer's allowance (except in a case where the Department has made arrangements for it to be paid on a Wednesday),

shall take effect on 6th April 2026.

(5) Any increases in the sums specified for—

(a) the rate of—

(i) carer's allowance in a case where the Department has made arrangements for it to be paid on a Wednesday,

(ii) disablement benefit,

(iii) maximum disablement gratuity under paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act,

(iv) industrial death benefit by way of widow's and widower's pension, and

(v) the maximum of the aggregate of weekly benefit payable for successive accidents, under section 107(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act; and

(b) any increases in—

(i) the benefit referred to in sub-paragraph (a)(ii) in respect of dependants, and

(ii) disablement pension,

shall take effect on 8th April 2026.

(6) In any case where a person's weekly rate of Category A or Category B retirement pension falls to be increased under the provisions of section 47(1) or 48C(2) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(**a**) by reference to the weekly rate of invalidity allowance or age addition to long-term incapacity benefit to which the person was previously entitled, any increase in such sum shall take effect on 6th April 2026.

(**a**) Section 47(1) was amended by paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12)); *see also* regulation 23 of S.R. 1995 No. 35 and section 48C was inserted by paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

(7) The changes in the sums specified for the rate of incapacity benefit and severe disablement allowance together with, where appropriate, any increases for dependants, shall take effect on 9th April 2026.

(8) The increases in the sums falling to be calculated in accordance with paragraph 13(4) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (retirement allowance) shall take effect on 8th April 2026.

(9) Any increase in the sum specified in Article 25(b), in so far as that sum is relevant for the purposes of establishing whether the rate of any benefit is not to be increased in respect of an adult dependant because the earnings of the dependant exceed a specified amount, shall take effect—

(a) except in a case where sub-paragraph (b) applies, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for the beneficiary on or after 6th April 2026;

(b) in a case where regulation 7(b) of the Computation of Earnings Regulations (date on which earnings are treated as paid) applies, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for the beneficiary on or after 1st April 2026,

and for the purpose of this paragraph, "benefit week" has the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Computation of Earnings Regulations.

(10) Any increases in the sums mentioned in Article 6 for state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act shall take effect on 6th April 2026.

(11) The increase in the sum mentioned in Article 13 shall take effect on 6th April 2026.

Statutory sick pay

8. In section 153(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(**a**) (rate of payment) for "£118.75" substitute "£123.25".

Statutory maternity pay

9. In regulation 6 of the Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**b**) (prescribed rate of statutory maternity pay) for "£187.18" substitute "£194.32".

Statutory paternity pay, statutory adoption pay, statutory shared parental pay and statutory parental bereavement pay

10.—(1) In the Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (Weekly Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002(**c**)—

(a) in regulation 2(a) (weekly rate of payment of statutory paternity pay) for "£187.18" substitute "£194.32"; and

(b) in regulation 3(a) (weekly rate of payment of statutory adoption pay) for "£187.18" substitute "£194.32".

(2) In regulation 40(1)(a) of the Statutory Shared Parental Pay (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(**d**) (weekly rate of payment of statutory shared parental pay) for "£187.18" substitute "£194.32".

(3) In regulation 20(1)(a) of the Statutory Parental Bereavement Pay (General) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023(**e**) (weekly rate of payment) for "£187.18" substitute "£194.32".

(**a**) Section 153(1) was amended by Article 8 of S.R. 2025 No. 64
(**b**) S.R. 1987 No. 30; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2002 No. 354 and S.R. 2025 No. 64
(**c**) S.R. 2002 No. 380; relevant amending Rule is S.R. 2025 No. 64
(**d**) S.R. 2015 No. 94; relevant amending Rule is S.R. 2025 No. 64
(**e**) S.R. 2023 No. 155; relevant amending Rule is S.R. 2025 No. 64

Graduated retirement benefit

11.—(1) In section 35(1) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**a**) (graduated retirement benefit)—

(a) the sum of 17.83 pence shall be increased by 3.8 per cent; and

(b) the reference in that provision to that sum shall have effect as a reference to 18.51 pence.

(2) The sums which are the increases of graduated retirement benefit under Schedule 2 to the Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978(**b**) (increases for deferred entitlement to a Category A or Category B retirement pension) shall be increased by 3.8 per cent.

(3) The sums which are lump sums to which surviving spouses or civil partners will become entitled under Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005(**c**) (increases of graduated retirement benefit and lump sums) shall be increased by 3.8 per cent.

(4) The sums which are the additions under section 36(1) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (special provision as to graduated retirement benefit for widows and widowers) shall be increased by 3.8 per cent.

Amount of Category C retirement pension under the Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

12. In regulation 11(3) of the Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(**d**) (Category C retirement pension for widows of men over pensionable age on 5th July 1948) for "£105.70" substitute "£110.75".

Maximum additional pension

13. In regulation 2A of the Social Security (Maximum Additional Pension) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010(**e**) (prescribed maximum additional pension for survivors who become entitled on or after 6th April 2016) for "£222.10" substitute "£230.54".

Disability living allowance

14. In regulation 4 of the Social Security (Disability Living Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(**f**) (rate of benefit)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£110.40" substitute "£114.60";

(b) in paragraph (1)(b) for "£73.90" substitute "£76.70";

(c) in paragraph (1)(c) for "£29.20" substitute "£30.30";

(d) in paragraph (2)(a) for "£77.05" substitute "£80.00"; and

(e) in paragraph (2)(b) for "£29.20" substitute "£30.30".

(**a**) 1966 c. 6 (N.I.); sections 35 and 36 were repealed by the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Act 1975 (c. 18) but are continued in force by regulation 2 of S.R. 1978 No. 105; *see also* Article 11 of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**b**) S.R. 1978 No. 105; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 1989 No. 373 and S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**c**) S.R. 2005 No. 121; relevant amending Rules are S.R. 2005 No. 541, S.R. 2006 No. 104, S.R. 2017 No.57 and S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**d**) S.R. 1979 No. 243; regulation 11(3) was amended by regulation 2(4) of S.R. 1987 No. 404, Article 5(5) of S.R. 2015 No. 411 and Article 12 of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**e**) S.R. 2010 No. 62; regulation 2A was inserted by Article 26(4) of S.R. 2015 No. 411 and amended by Article 13 of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**f**) S.R. 1992 No. 32; regulation 4 was amended by regulation 2(5) of S.R. 1993 No. 340 and Article 14 of S.R. 2025 No. 64

Personal independence payment

15. In regulation 24 of the Personal Independence Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**a**) (rate of personal independence payment)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£73.90" substitute "£76.70";

(b) in paragraph (1)(b) for "£110.40" substitute "£114.60";

(c) in paragraph (2)(a) for "£29.20" substitute "£30.30"; and

(d) in paragraph (2)(b) for "£77.05" substitute "£80.00".

Age addition to long-term incapacity benefit

16.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), in regulation 9(2) of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994(**b**) (increase in rate of incapacity benefit where beneficiary is under prescribed age on the qualifying date)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) for "£28.90" substitute "£30.00"; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (b) for "£14.45" substitute "£15.00".

(2) In so far as a claimant entitled to long-term incapacity benefit corresponds to a claimant under Article 16(2) of the Great Britain Up-rating Order, the sums specified in regulation 9(2)(a) and (b) of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 shall be increased to "£15.50" and "£8.60" respectively.

Transitional invalidity allowance in long-term incapacity benefit cases

17.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), in regulation 18(2) of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(**c**) (rate of long-term incapacity benefit in transitional cases)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) for "£28.90" substitute "£30.00";

(b) in sub-paragraph (b) for "£18.50" substitute "£19.20"; and

(c) in sub-paragraph (c) for "£9.25" substitute "£9.60".

(2) In so far as a claimant entitled to long-term incapacity benefit corresponds to a claimant under Article 17(2) of the Great Britain Up-rating Order, the sums specified in regulation 18(2)(a), (b) and (c) of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 shall be increased to "£15.50", "£8.60" and "£8.60" respectively.

Bereavement benefits

18. In the Rate of Bereavement Benefits Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010(**d**)—

(a) in regulation 2 (rate of widowed mother's allowance and widow's pension) for "£150.90" substitute "£156.65"; and

(b) in regulation 3 (rate of widowed parent's allowance) for "£150.90" substitute "£156.65".

Bereavement support payment

19. In regulation 3 of the Bereavement Support Payment (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019(**e**) (rate of bereavement support payment)—

(a) in paragraph (1) the sum of £350 remains the same;

(b) in paragraph (2) the sum of £3,500 remains the same;

(**a**) S.R. 2016 No. 217; regulation 24 was amended by Article 15 of S.R. 2025 No. 64
(**b**) S.R. 1994 No. 461; regulation 9(2) was amended by Article 16 of S.R. 2025 No. 64
(**c**) S.R. 1995 No. 35; regulation 18(2) was amended by Article 17 of S.R. 2025 No. 64
(**d**) S.R. 2010 No. 407; regulations 2 and 3 were amended by Article 18 of S.R. 2025 No. 64
(**e**) S.R. 2019 No. 181; regulation 3 was amended by Article 9(3) of S.I. 2023/134 and Article 19 of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(c) in paragraph (4) the sum of £100 remains the same; and

(d) in paragraph (5) the sum of £2,500 remains the same.

PART 3

INCOME SUPPORT AND HOUSING BENEFIT

Applicable amounts for income support

20.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Income Support Regulations(**a**) shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 2 and 3 to this Order; and unless stated otherwise, a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the Income Support Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In—

(a) regulations 17(1)(b), 18(1)(c) and 21(1)(**b**); and

(b) paragraphs 13A(2)(a) and 14(2)(a) of Part III of Schedule 2(**c**),

the sum specified is in each case £3,000 (which remains the same).

(3) In Part I of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts: personal allowances)—

(a) the sums specified in paragraph 1 shall be as set out in Schedule 2 to this Order; and

(b) in paragraph 2(1)(**d**), in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of column (2) of the table for "£84.66" substitute "£87.88".

(4) In paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 2(**e**) (applicable amounts: family premium) for the sum of "£19.48", in both places, substitute "£20.22".

(5) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts: weekly amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 3 to this Order.

(6) In paragraph 18 of Schedule 3(**f**) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) for "£126.65" and "£19.65" substitute "£131.45" and "£20.40" respectively; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2)—

(i) in head (a) for "£183.00" substitute "£192.00",

(ii) in head (b) for "£183.00", "£266.00" and "£45.15" substitute "£192.00", "£279.00" and "£46.85" respectively,

(iii) in head (c) for "£266.00", "£348.00" and "£62.00" substitute "£279.00", "£365.00" and "£64.35" respectively,

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(**a**) *See* S.R. 2003 No. 195 which omits provisions relating to children and young persons and makes transitional arrangements in connection with the introduction of child tax credit

(**b**) Regulation 17(1)(b) was amended by regulation 4(7) of S.R. 1993 No. 373, regulation 18(1)(c) was amended by regulation 4(8) of S.R. 1993 No. 373 and regulation 21(1) was amended by regulation 4(3) of S.R. 1994 No. 77, regulation 12 of S.R. 1996 No. 199, regulation 2(2) of S.R. 1996 No. 449 and paragraph 6(a) of the Schedule to S.R. 2002 No. 132; *see also* regulation 4 of S.R. 2017 No. 79 and Article 20(2)(a) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**c**) Paragraph 13A was inserted by regulation 2(c)(ii) of S.R. 2000 No. 367 and sub-paragraph (2) was substituted by regulation 2(7)(f) of S.R. 2007 No. 154 and paragraph 14 was substituted by regulation 2(7)(g) of S.R. 2007 No. 154 and sub-paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 3(6)(b) of S.R. 2011 No. 135, Article 14(5)(e)(ii) of S.I. 2013/3021, regulation 11(5)(d)(ii) of S.R. 2016 No. 228, paragraph 5(4)(b) of Schedule 2 to S.I. 2021/786 and Article 6(2)(c) of S.I. 2022/530; *see also* regulation 4 of S.R. 2017 No. 79 and Article 20(2)(b) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**d**) Paragraph 2(1) was amended by regulation 2(2), 2(3) and 2(7)(a) of S.R. 1996 No. 476, regulation 2(1) of S.R. 1999 No. 382 and regulation 2(8) of S.R. 2006 No. 128

(**e**) Paragraph 3 was amended by regulation 18 of S.R. 1988 No. 318, regulation 5(4)(a) of S.R. 1996 No. 288, regulation 8 of S.R. 1998 No. 112 and Article 20(4) of S.R. 2025 No. 64; *see also* regulation 4 of S.R. 2017 No. 79

(**f**) Schedule 3 was substituted by Schedule 1 to S.R. 1995 No. 301 and paragraph 18(1) and (2) was amended by regulation 2(3)(j)(i) and (ii) of S.R. 1995 No. 434, regulation 3 of S.R. 1997 No. 3, Article 7(2) of S.R. 1999 No. 472 (C. 36), regulation 4(b)(i) of S.R. 2004 No. 394 and Article 20(6) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(iv) in head (d) for "£348.00", "£463.00" and "£101.35" substitute "£365.00", "£485.00" and "£105.20" respectively, and

(v) in head (e) for "£463.00", "£577.00" and "£115.45" substitute "£485.00", "£605.00" and "£119.85" respectively.

Income support transitional protection

21. The sums which are special transitional additions to income support payable in accordance with regulation 15 of the Income Support (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**a**) shall be increased by 3.8 per cent.

Relevant sum for income support

22. In section 125(7) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (trade disputes) for "£51.00" substitute "£53.00".

Housing benefit

23.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Housing Benefit Regulations shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 4 and 5 to this Order; and unless stated otherwise, a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the Housing Benefit Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In regulation 24(3) (calculation of income on a weekly basis) the sums of £175.00 and £300 remain the same.

(3) In regulation 72(**b**) (non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in paragraph (1) for "£126.65" and "£19.65" substitute "£131.45" and "£20.40" respectively; and

(b) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (a) for "£183.00" substitute "£192.00",

(ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for "£183.00", "£266.00" and "£45.15" substitute "£192.00", "£279.00" and "£46.85" respectively,

(iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for "£266.00", "£348.00" and "£62.00" substitute "£279.00", "£365.00" and "£64.35" respectively,

(iv) in sub-paragraph (d) for "£348.00", "£463.00" and "£101.35" substitute "£365.00", "£485.00" and "£105.20" respectively, and

(v) in sub-paragraph (e) for "£463.00", "£577.00" and "£115.45" substitute "£485.00", "£605.00" and "£119.85" respectively.

(4) In Schedule 1(**c**) (ineligible service charges)—

(a) in paragraph 2 for "£35.95", "£35.95", "£18.25", "£24.00", "£24.00", "£12.00" and "£4.35" substitute "£37.30", "£37.30", "£18.95", "£24.90", "£24.90", "£12.45" and "£4.50" respectively; and

(b) in paragraph 6(2) the sums "£35.25", "£4.10", "£2.85" and "£4.10" remain the same.

(5) In Part I of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: personal allowances)—

(a) the sums specified in paragraph 1 shall be as set out in Schedule 4 to this Order; and

(b) in paragraph 2(1), in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of column (2) of the table for "£84.66" substitute "£87.88".

(**a**) S.R. 1987 No. 460; regulation 15 was amended by regulation 10 of S.R. 1988 No. 132, regulation 2(3) of S.R. 1988 No. 153, regulation 4 of S.R. 1989 No. 371, regulation 3 of S.R. 1991 No. 341 and Article 21 of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**b**) Regulation 72(1) and (2) was amended by Article 20(3) of S.R. 2012 No. 116 and Article 23(3) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**c**) Paragraphs 2 and 6(2) were amended by Article 23(4) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(6) In paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 4(**a**) (applicable amounts: family premium) as it has effect in a case falling within regulation 5 (transitional provision) of the Housing Benefit (Abolition of the Family Premium and date of claim) Regulations—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) the sum of £22.20 remains the same; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (b), for "£19.48" substitute "£20.22".

(7) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 5 to this Order.

(8) In Part VI of Schedule 4(**b**) (amount of component)—

(a) in paragraph 25, as it has effect in cases falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017, for "£36.55" substitute "£37.95"; and

(b) in paragraph 26, for "£48.50" substitute "£50.35".

(9) In paragraph 17(1) and (3)(c) of Schedule 5(**c**) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of earnings) the sum of £17.10 remains the same.

(10) In paragraph 58 of Schedule 6(**d**) (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) the sum of £17.10 remains the same.

Housing benefit for certain persons over the qualifying age for state pension credit

24.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 6 and 7 to this Order; and unless stated otherwise, a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In regulation 28(3) (calculation of income on a weekly basis) the sums of £175.00 and £300 remain the same.

(3) In regulation 53(**e**) (non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in paragraph (1) for "£126.65" and "£19.65" substitute "£131.45" and "£20.40" respectively; and

(b) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (a) for "£183.00" substitute "£192.00",

(ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for "£183.00", "£266.00" and "£45.15" substitute "£192.00", "£279.00" and "£46.85" respectively,

(iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for "£266.00", "£348.00" and "£62.00" substitute "£279.00", "£365.00" and "£64.35" respectively,

(iv) in sub-paragraph (d) for "£348.00", "£463.00" and "£101.35" substitute "£365.00", "£485.00" and "£105.20" respectively, and

(v) in sub-paragraph (e) for "£463.00", "£577.00" and "£115.45" substitute "£485.00", "£605.00" and "£119.85" respectively.

(4) In Schedule 1(**f**) (ineligible service charges)—

(**a**) Part II of Schedule 4 was omitted by regulation 3(1)(c) of S.R. 2016 No. 310 and regulation 5 of that instrument makes transitional arrangements in connection with the abolition of the family premium; paragraph 3(1) was amended by regulation 19(7)(a) of S.R. 2011 No. 357 and Article 23(6) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**b**) Part VI was added by regulation 3(17)(d) of S.R. 2008 No. 378 and the heading was amended by paragraph 6(7)(b)(i) of Schedule 1 to S.R. 2017 No. 51 but the wording remains in force for certain cases under Schedule 2 to that Rule and paragraph 26 was amended by Article 23(8) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**c**) Paragraph 17(1) and (3)(c) was amended by regulation 2(6)(b) of S.R. 2009 No. 382 and Article 23(9) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**d**) Paragraph 58 was amended by Article 23(10) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**e**) Regulation 53(1) and (2) was amended by Article 24(3) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**f**) Paragraphs 2 and 6(2) were amended by Article 24(4) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(a) in paragraph 2 for "£35.95", "£35.95", "£18.25", "£24.00", "£24.00", "£12.00" and "£4.35" substitute "£37.30", "£37.30", "£18.95", "£24.90", "£24.90", "£12.45" and "£4.50" respectively; and

(b) in paragraph 6(2) the sums "£35.25", "£4.10", "£2.85" and "£4.10" remain the same.

(5) In Part I of Schedule 4(**a**) (applicable amounts: personal allowances)—

(a) the sums specified in paragraph 1 shall be as set out in Schedule 6 to this Order; and

(b) in paragraph 2(1), in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of column (2) of the table for "£84.66" substitute "£87.88".

(6) In paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 4(**b**) (applicable amounts: family premium) as it has effect in a case falling within regulation 5 (transitional provision) of the Housing Benefit (Abolition of Family Premium and date of claim) Regulations for "£19.48" substitute "£20.22".

(7) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 4 (applicable amounts: amounts of premiums specified in Part III) shall be as set out in Schedule 7 to this Order.

(8) In paragraph 9(1) and (3)(c) of Schedule 5(**c**) (sums disregarded from claimant's earnings) the sum of £17.10 remains the same.

(9) In paragraph 22 of Schedule 6(**d**) (amounts to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) the sum of £17.10 remains the same.

PART 4

JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Age-related amounts of contribution-based jobseeker's allowance

25. In regulation 79(1) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996(**e**) (weekly amounts of contribution-based jobseeker's allowance)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) for "£72.90" substitute "£75.65"; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (c) for "£92.05" substitute "£95.55".

Applicable amounts for jobseeker's allowance

26.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations(**f**) shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 8 to 10 to this Order, and unless stated otherwise, a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 bearing that number.

(2) In—

(a) regulations 83(b), 84(1)(c) and 85(1)(**g**); and

(**a**) Paragraphs 1 and 2(1) were amended by Article 24(5) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**b**) Part II of Schedule 4 was omitted by regulation 3(2)(b) of S.R. 2016 No. 310 and regulation 5 of that Rule makes transitional arrangements in connection with the abolition of the family premium; paragraph 3(1) was amended by Article 24(6) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**c**) Paragraph 9 was amended by Article 24(8) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**d**) Paragraph 22 was amended by regulation 6(6)(d) of S.R. 2008 No. 498 and Article 24(9) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**e**) Regulation 79(1) was amended by regulation 4(9) of S.R. 2017 No. 116 and Article 25 of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**f**) *See* S.R. 2003 No. 195 which omits provisions relating to children and young persons and makes transitional arrangements in connection with the introduction of child tax credit

(**g**) Regulations 83(b) and 84(1)(c) were omitted but remain in effect for certain cases and regulation 85(1) was amended by Schedule 2 to S.R. 2003 No. 195, regulation 85(1) was also amended by regulation 4(5)(a) of S.R. 2003 No. 267; s*ee also* regulation 5 of S.R. 2017 No.79 and Article 26(2)(a) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(b) paragraphs 15A(2)(a) and 16(2)(a) of Part III of Schedule 1(**a**) (premiums),

the sum specified is in each case £3,000 (which remains the same).

(3) In Part I of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts: personal allowances)—

(a) the sums specified in paragraph 1 shall be as set out in Schedule 8 to this Order; and

(b) in paragraph 2(1)(**b**), in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of column (2) of the table for "£84.66" substitute "£87.88".

(4) In paragraph 4(1) of Part II of Schedule 1(**c**) (applicable amounts: family premium) for the sum of "£19.48", in both places, substitute "£20.22".

(5) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts: weekly amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 9 to this Order.

(6) The sums specified in Part IVB of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts: weekly amounts of premiums for joint-claim couples) shall be as set out in Schedule 10 to this Order.

(7) In paragraph 17 of Schedule 2(**d**) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) for "£126.65" and "£19.65" substitute "£131.45" and "£20.40" respectively; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2)—

(i) in head (a) the sum "£183.00" substitute "£192.00",

(ii) in head (b) for "£183.00", "£266.00" and "£45.15" substitute "£192.00", "£279.00" and "£46.85" respectively,

(iii) in head (c) for "£266.00", "£348.00" and "£62.00" substitute "£279.00", "£365.00" and "£64.35" respectively,

(iv) in head (d) for "£348.00", "£463.00" and "£101.35" substitute "£365.00", "£485.00" and "£105.20" respectively, and

(v) in head (e) for "£463.00", "£577.00" and "£115.45" substitute "£485.00", "£605.00" and "£119.85" respectively.

Prescribed sum for the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996

27. In regulation 170 of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996(**e**) (trade disputes: prescribed sum) for "£51.00" substitute "£53.00".

Amounts for the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 2016

28. In regulation 49 of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 2016 (weekly amounts of jobseeker's allowance)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£72.90" substitute "£75.65"; and

(b) in paragraph (1)(b) for "£92.05" substitute "£95.55".

(**a**) Paragraph 15A was inserted by regulation 4(c)(ii) of S.R. 2000 No. 367 and sub-paragraph (2) was substituted by regulation 3(8)(e) of S.R. 2007 No. 154 and paragraph 16 was omitted by paragraph 20(a) of Schedule 2 to S.R. 2003 No. 195 (but remains in effect for certain cases) and was substituted by regulation 3(8)(f) of S.R. 2007 No. 154 and sub-paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 7(7)(b)(iii) of S.R. 2011 No. 135, Article 17(7)(e)(ii) of S.I. 2013/3021, paragraph 14(7)(e)(ii) of S.R. 2016 No. 228, regulation 7(4)(b) of Schedule 4 to S.I. 2021/786 and Article 20(7)(m) of S.I. 2022/177; s*ee also* regulation 5 of S.R. 2017 No. 79 and Article 26(2)(b) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**b**) Paragraph 2 was omitted by paragraph 20(a) of Schedule 2 to S.R. 2003 No. 195 but remains in effect for certain cases and was amended by Article 26(3) of S.R. 2025 No. 64; *see also* regulation 5 of S.R. 2017 No. 79

(**c**) Paragraph 4(1) was amended by regulation 9(4)(a) of S.R. 1996 No. 288, regulation 10(a) of S.R. 1998 No. 112 and Article 26(4) of S.R. 2025 No. 64; *see also* regulation 7 of S.R. 2003 No. 195 and regulation 5 of S.R. 2017 No. 79

(**d**) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) were amended by Article 9(5)(l) of S.R. 1999 No. 428 (C. 32), regulation 5(b)(i) of S.R. 2004 No. 394, Article 25(8) of S.R. 2019 No. 58 and Article 26(7) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**e**) Regulation 170 was amended by Article 27 of S.R. 2025 No. 64

PART 5

STATE PENSION CREDIT

State pension credit

29.—(1) The sums specified in the State Pension Credit Regulations shall be the sums set out in this Article, and unless stated otherwise, a reference in this Article to a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation of, or Schedule to, the State Pension Credit Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In regulation 6(**a**) (amount of the guarantee credit)—

(a) in paragraph (1) for "£346.60" and "£227.10" substitute "£363.25" and "£238.00" respectively;

(b) in paragraph (5) for "£82.90" and "£165.80" substitute "£86.05" and "£172.10" respectively; and

(c) in paragraph (8) for "£46.40" substitute "£48.15".

(3) In regulation 7(2)(**b**) (savings credit) for "£198.27" and "£314.34" substitute "£208.07" and "£329.75" respectively.

(4) In paragraph 14 of Schedule 2 (housing costs: persons residing with the claimant)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(**c**) for "£126.65" and "£19.65" substitute "£131.45" and "£20.40" respectively; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2)(**d**)—

(i) in head (a) for "£183.00" substitute "£192.00",

(ii) in head (b) for "£183.00", "£266.00" and "£45.15" substitute "£192.00", "£279.00" and "£46.85" respectively,

(iii) in head (c) for "£266.00", "£348.00" and "£62.00" substitute "£279.00", "£365.00" and "£64.35" respectively,

(iv) in head (d) for "£348.00", "£463.00" and "£101.35" substitute "£365.00", "£485.00" and "£105.20" respectively, and

(v) in head (e) for "£463.00", "£577.00" and "£115.45" substitute "£485.00", "£605.00" and "£119.85" respectively.

(5) In paragraph 9 of Schedule 2A(**e**) (additional amount applicable for claimants responsible for a child or qualifying young person: amount of additional payment)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for "£67.42" substitute "£69.98"; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b)—

(i) for "£36.54" substitute "£37.93", and

(ii) for "£114.12" substitute "£118.46".

(6) In paragraph 10 of Schedule 2A (additional amount applicable for claimants responsible for a child or qualifying young person: amount for the eldest child or qualifying young person born before 6th April 2017) for "£78.10" substitute "£81.07".

(7) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 3(**f**) (special groups: polygamous marriages)—

(**a**) Regulation 6 was amended by regulation 31(3) of S.R. 2016 No. 236, regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2018 No. 135, Article 38(3) of S.I. 2023/1218, regulation 3(3) of S.R. 2024 No. 119 and Article 29(2) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**b**) Regulation 7 was amended by Article 29(3) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**c**) Sub-paragraph (1) was amended by regulation 6(5)(b)(i) of S.R. 2004 No. 394 and Article 29(4)(a) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**d**) Sub-paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 14(5)(a) of S.R. 2006 No. 359 which was superseded by Article 24(4)(b)(ii) of S.R. 2017 No. 187 and Article 29(4)(b) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**e**) Schedule 2A was inserted by regulation 2(3) of S.R. 2018 No. 135 and paragraph 9 was amended by Article 11(2) of S.I. 2021/786, Article 23(5) of S.I. 2022/177, Article 29(5) of S.R. 2025 No. 64 and Article 26(5) of S.I. 2025/227

(**f**) Paragraph 1(5) and (7) was amended by Article 29(7) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(a) in sub-paragraph (5), in the substituted regulation 6(1), for "£346.60" and "£119.50" substitute "£363.25" and "£125.25" respectively; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (7), in the substituted regulation 7(2), for "£314.34" substitute "£329.75".

PART 6

EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE

Applicable amounts for the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008

30.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 shall be the sums set out in this Article and Schedules 11 and 12 to this Order; and unless stated otherwise, a reference in this Article to a numbered Schedule is a reference to the Schedule to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 bearing that number.

(2) The sums specified in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 (prescribed amounts) shall be as set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 11 to this Order except in cases referred to in paragraph (3).

(3) In cases falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017(**a**), the sums specified in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 shall be as set out in paragraph 2 of Schedule 11 to this Order.

(4) The sums specified in paragraph 11(1) and (3) of Schedule 4 (weekly amount of premiums specified in Part 2) shall be as set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12 to this Order except in cases referred to in paragraph (5).

(5) In cases falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017, the sums specified in paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 4 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 shall be as set out in paragraph 2 of Schedule 12 to this Order.

(6) In Part 4 of Schedule 4(**b**) (the component)—

(a) in cases falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017, in paragraph 12 after "component" insert "for the purposes of an income-related allowance";

(b) after paragraph 12 insert—

"**12A.** The amount of the work-related activity component for the purposes of a contributory allowance in cases falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017 is £37.95."; and

(c) after paragraph 13 insert—

"**13A.** The amount of the support component for the purposes of a contributory allowance is £50.35.".

(7) In paragraph 19 of Schedule 6(**c**) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) for "£126.65" and "£19.65" substitute "£131.45" and "£20.40" respectively; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2)—

(i) in head (a) for "£183.00" substitute "£192.00",

(**a**) S.R. 2017 No. 51: Paragraph 4 was amended by regulation 8(b) of S.R. 2017 No. 148

(**b**) Paragraph 12 was omitted by regulation 2(4)(c)(ii) of S.R. 2017 No. 51 with savings provisions found in Schedule 2 to those Regulations and paragraphs 12 and 13 were amended by Article 30(6) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**c**) Paragraph 19(1) and (2) was amended by Article 30(7) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(ii) in head (b) for "£183.00", "£266.00" and "£45.15" substitute "£192.00", "£279.00" and "£46.85" respectively,

(iii) in head (c) for "£266.00", "£348.00" and "£62.00" substitute "£279.00", "£365.00" and "£64.35" respectively,

(iv) in head (d) for "£348.00", "£463.00" and "£101.35" substitute "£365.00", "£485.00" and "£105.20" respectively, and

(v) in head (e) for "£463.00", "£577.00" and "£115.45" substitute "£485.00", "£605.00" and "£119.85" respectively.

Prescribed amounts for the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016

31.—(1) In regulation 62 of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016(**a**) (prescribed amounts)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(a) and (b)(i) for "£92.05" substitute "£95.55";

(b) in paragraph (1)(b)(ii) for "£72.90" substitute "£75.65"; and

(c) in paragraph (2) for "£48.50" substitute "£50.35".

(2) In regulation 62(2) of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016 (prescribed amounts), as it has effect in cases falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) for "£36.55" substitute "£37.95"; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (b) for "£48.50" substitute "£50.35".

(3) In regulation 62 of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2016 (prescribed amounts) as modified by paragraph 4(f) of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance (Transitional Provisions and Housing Benefit) (Existing Awards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010(**b**) as that paragraph is modified by paragraph 21(4)(e) of Schedule 3 to the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (Commencement No. 8 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2017(**c**)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(a)(i) and (ii)(aa) for "£92.05" substitute "£95.55"; and

(b) in paragraph (1)(a)(ii)(bb) for "£72.90" substitute "£75.65".

PART 7

UNIVERSAL CREDIT

Universal credit

32.—(1) In the table in regulation 23 of the Universal Credit Regulations(**d**) (deduction of income and work allowance)—

(a) for "£684", in each place where it occurs, substitute "£710"; and

(b) for "£411", in each place where it occurs, substitute "£427".

(**a**) Regulation 62(2) was substituted by regulation 3(4)(b) of S.R. 2017 No. 51 (but that amendment does not apply where any of the circumstances in paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to those Regulations apply) and was amended by Article 31 of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**b**) S.R. 2010 No. 312; which modifies the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 for the purpose of the conversion of awards of incapacity benefit, income support and severe disablement allowance to employment and support allowance under the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

(**c**) S.R. 2017 No. 190 (c. 11); which modifies the Employment and Support Allowance (Transitional Provisions and Housing Benefit) (Existing Awards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 so that they refer to a modified form of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 for the purpose of the conversion of awards of incapacity benefit and severe disablement allowance to employment and support allowance under the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

(**d**) Regulation 23 was amended by regulations 2(1) and 3(1) of S.R. 2021 No. 302 and Article 32(1) of S.R. 2025 No. 64

(2) The amounts specified in the table in regulation 38 of the Universal Credit Regulations (amounts of elements) shall be as set out in Schedule 13 to this Order.

(3) In paragraph 13(1) of Schedule 4 to the Universal Credit Regulations(**a**) (amount of housing cost contributions) for "£93.02" substitute "£96.55".

Amendment of the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Regulations

33. In the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Regulations—

(a) in paragraph 5 of Schedule 2(**b**) (claimants previously entitled to a severe disability premium)—

(i) for "£143.37", in both places where it occurs, substitute "£148.82";

(ii) for "£340.50", in both places where it occurs, substitute "£353.44"; and

(iii) for "£483.88" substitute "£502.27".

(b) in paragraph 5 of Schedule 3(**c**) (additional amounts for claimants previously entitled to an enhanced disability premium, a disability premium, a disabled child premium or a disabled child element in addition to a severe disability premium)—

(i) for "£91.15" substitute "£94.61";

(ii) for "£186.64" substitute "£193.73";

(iii) for "£192.07", in both places where it occurs, substitute "£199.37";

(iv) for "£130.22" substitute "£135.17"; and

(v) for "£266.94" substitute "£277.08".

PART 8

REVOCATION

Revocation

34. The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2025(**d**) is revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 24th March 2026

(L.S.)

Cherrie Arnold
A senior officer of the Department for Communities

(**a**) Paragraph 13(1) was amended by Article 32(3) of S.R. 2025 No. 64
(**b**) Schedule 2 was inserted by regulation 2(10) of S.R. 2019 No. 152, amended by regulation 2 of S.R. 2021 No. 2, regulation 4(7)(a) of S.R. 2023 No. 93, Article 52 of S.I. 2023/1218 and Article 33 of S.R. 2025 No. 64
(**c**) Schedule 3 was inserted by regulation 2(3) of S.R. 2024 No. 5 and amended by Article 33(b) of S.R. 2025 No. 64
(**d**) S.R. 2025 No. 64

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3(1)

Provisions of Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act as amended by this Order

PART I

CONTRIBUTORY PERIODICAL BENEFITS

Description of benefit		*Weekly rate*	
2.(**a**)	Short-term incapacity benefit.	(a) lower rate	£110.70
		(b) higher rate	£130.90
2A.	Long-term incapacity benefit.		£146.60
5.(**b**)	Category B retirement pension where section 48A(4) or 48AA(4) applies.		£110.75

PART III

NON-CONTRIBUTORY PERIODICAL BENEFITS

Description of benefit		*Weekly rate*	
1.	Attendance allowance.	(a) higher rate	£114.60
		(b) lower rate	£76.70
		(the appropriate rate being determined in accordance with section 65(3)).	
2.	Severe disablement allowance.		£103.85
3.	Age related addition.	(a) higher rate	£15.50
		(b) middle rate	£8.60
		(c) lower rate	£8.60
		(the appropriate rate being determined in accordance with section 69(1)).	
4.(**c**)	Carer's allowance.		£86.45
7.(**d**)	Category D retirement pension.		£110.75
8.	Age addition (to a pension of any category, and otherwise under section 79).		£0.25

(**a**) Paragraphs 2 and 2A were substituted for paragraph 2 by Article 4(2) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12))

(**b**) Paragraph 5 was amended by paragraph 18(11) of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22)) and paragraph 59 of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5 (N.I.))

(**c**) Paragraph 4 was amended by Article 2(2)(a)(vi) of S.R. 2002 No. 321

(**d**) Paragraph 7 was amended by paragraph 68(b) of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

PART IV

INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

Benefit to which increase applies		*Increase for adult dependant*
	(1)	*(3)*
		£
1A.(**a**)	Short-term incapacity benefit—	
	(a) where the beneficiary is under pensionable age;	66.35
	(b) where the beneficiary is over pensionable age.	82.00
2.	Long-term incapacity benefit.	85.15
8.	Severe disablement allowance.	51.05

PART V

RATE OF INDUSTRIAL INJURIES BENEFIT

Description of benefit, etc.		*Rate*		
1.(**b**)	Disablement pension (weekly rates).	For the several degrees of disablement set out in column (1) of the following Table, the respective amounts in column (2) of that Table.		
		TABLE		
		Degree of disablement	*Amount*	
		(1)	*(2)*	
		Per cent.	*£*	
		100	233.90	
		90	210.51	
		80	187.12	
		70	163.73	
		60	140.34	
		50	116.95	
		40	93.56	
		30	70.17	
		20	46.78	
2.	Maximum increase of weekly rate of disablement pension where constant attendance needed.	(a)	except in cases of exceptionally severe disablement	£93.60
		(b)	in any case of exceptionally severe disablement	£187.20

(**a**) Paragraph 1A was inserted and paragraph 2 substituted by Article 4(5) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994

(**b**) Part V was amended by paragraph 41 of Schedule 1 to the Child Benefit Act 2005 (c. 6) and Article 71 to the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1)). Widow's and widower's pension are payable in relation only to deaths occurring before 11th April 1988 (paragraph 14(1) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act)

3.	Increase of weekly rate of disablement pension (exceptionally severe disablement).			£93.60
4.	Maximum of aggregate of weekly benefit payable for successive accidents.			£233.90
5.	Unemployability supplement under paragraph 2 of Schedule 7.			£144.65
6.	Increase under paragraph 3 of Schedule 7 of weekly rate of unemployability supplement.	(a)	if on the qualifying date the beneficiary was under the age of 35 or if that date fell before 5th July 1948	£30.00
		(b)	if head (a) above does not apply and on the qualifying date the beneficiary was under the age of 40 and he had not attained pensionable age before 6th April 1979	£30.00
		(c)	if heads (a) and (b) above do not apply and on the qualifying date the beneficiary was under the age of 45	£19.20
		(d)	if heads (a), (b) and (c) above do not apply and on the qualifying date the beneficiary was under the age of 50 and had not attained pensionable age before 6th April 1979	£19.20
		(e)	in any other case	£9.60
7.	Increase under paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 of weekly rate of disablement pension.			£11.35
8.	Increase under paragraph 6 of Schedule 7 of weekly rate of disablement pension.			£86.45
9.	Maximum disablement gratuity under paragraph 9 of Schedule 7.			£15,520.00
10.	Widow's pension (weekly rates).	(b)	higher permanent rate	£184.90

		(c) Lower permanent rate 30 per cent of the first sum specified in section 44(4) (Category A basic retirement pension) (the appropriate rate being determined in accordance with paragraph 16 of Schedule 7)	
11.	Widower's pension (weekly rate).		£184.90
12.	Weekly rate of allowance in respect of children and qualifying young persons under paragraph 18 of Schedule 7.	In respect of each child or qualifying young person	£11.35

SCHEDULE 2

Article 20(3)

Part I of Schedule 2 to the Income Support Regulations as amended by this Order

PART I

PERSONAL ALLOWANCES

1. The weekly amounts specified in column (2) below in respect of each person or couple specified in column (1) shall be the weekly amounts specified for the purposes of regulations 17(1)(a) and 18(1)(a) and (b) (applicable amounts and polygamous marriages).

Column (1) *Person or Couple*	*Column (2)* *Amount*
(1)(**a**) Single claimant aged—	(1)
(a) except where head (b) or (c) applies, less than 18;	(a) £75.65;
(b) less than 18 who falls within any of the circumstances specified in paragraph 1A;	(b) £75.65;
(c) less than 18 who satisfies the condition in paragraph 11(1)(a);	(c) £75.65;
(d) not less than 18 but less than 25;	(d) £75.65;
(e) not less than 25.	(e) £95.55.
(2) Lone parent aged—	(2)
(a) except where head (b) or (c) applies, less than 18;	(a) £75.65;
(b) less than 18 who falls within any of the circumstances specified in paragraph 1A;	(b) £75.65;
(c) less than 18 who satisfies the condition in paragraph 11(1)(a);	(c) £75.65;
(d) not less than 18.	(d) £95.55.
(3)(**b**) Couple—	(3)
(a) where both members are aged less than 18 and—	(a) £114.35;
(i) at least one of them is treated as responsible for a child,	
(ii) had they not been members of a couple, each would have qualified for income support under regulation 4ZA or income-related employment and support allowance,	

(**a**) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) were substituted by regulation 2 of S.R. 1990 No. 213 and amended by paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to S.R. 1996 No. 199 and regulation 2(7)(a) of S.R. 2007 No. 154

(**b**) Sub-paragraph (3) was substituted by paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to S.R. 1996 No. 199 and amended by regulation 2(9) of S.R. 2010 No. 69

Column (1) *Person or Couple*	*Column (2)* *Amount*
(iii) the claimant's partner satisfies the requirements of Article 5(1)(f)(iii) of the Jobseekers Order (prescribed circumstances for persons aged 16 but less than 18), or (iv) there is in force in respect of the claimant's partner a direction under Article 18 of the Jobseekers Order (persons under 18: severe hardship);	
(b) where both members are aged less than 18 and head (a) does not apply but one member of the couple falls within any of the circumstances specified in paragraph 1A;	(b) £75.65;
(c) where both members are aged less than 18 and heads (a) and (b) do not apply;	(c) £75.65;
(d) where both members are aged not less than 18;	(d) £150.15;
(e) where one member is aged not less than 18 and the other member is a person under 18 who— (i) qualifies for income support under regulation 4ZA or income-related employment and support allowance, or who would so qualify if he were not a member of a couple, (ii) satisfies the requirements of Article 5(1)(f)(iii) of the Jobseekers Order, or (iii) is the subject of a direction under Article 18 of the Jobseekers Order;	(e) £150.15;
(f) where the claimant is aged not less than 18 but less than 25 and his partner is a person under 18 who— (i) would not qualify for income support under regulation 4ZA or income-related employment and support allowance if he were not a member of a couple, (ii) does not satisfy the requirements of Article 5(1)(f)(iii) of the Jobseekers Order, and (iii) is not the subject of a direction under Article 18 of the Jobseekers Order;	(f) £75.65;
(g) where the claimant is aged not less than 25 and his partner is a person under 18 who—	(g) £95.55.

Column (1) *Person or Couple*	*Column (2)* *Amount*
(i) would not qualify for income support under regulation 4ZA or income-related employment and support allowance if he were not a member of a couple, (ii) does not satisfy the requirements of Article 5(1)(f)(iii) of the Jobseekers Order, and (iii) is not the subject of a direction under Article 18 of the Jobseekers Order.	

SCHEDULE 3

Article 20(5)

Part IV of Schedule 2 to the Income Support Regulations as amended by this Order

PART IV

WEEKLY AMOUNTS OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART III

Premium	*Amount*
15.—(2)(**a**) Pensioner premium for persons to whom paragraph 9 applies.	(2) £213.10.
(2A) Pensioner premium for persons to whom paragraph 9A applies.	(2A) £213.10.
(3) Higher pensioner premium for persons to whom paragraph 10 applies.	(3) £213.10.
(4)(**b**) Disability premium—	(4)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 11(1)(a);	(a) £44.85;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 11(1)(b).	(b) £64.00.
(5)(**c**) Severe disability premium—	(5)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 13(2)(a);	(a) £86.05;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 13(2)(b)—	(b)
(i) if there is someone in receipt of a carer's allowance or carer support payment or if he or any partner satisfies that condition only by virtue of paragraph 13(3A)	(i) £86.05;
(ii) if no-one is in receipt of such an allowance or payment.	(ii) £172.10
(6)(**d**) Disabled child premium.	(6) £84.46 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the condition specified in paragraph 14 is satisfied.
(7)(**e**) Carer premium.	(7) £48.15 in respect of each person who satisfies the condition specified in paragraph 14ZA.

(**a**) Sub-paragraphs (2), (2A) and (3) were substituted by regulation 24(5)(g) of S.R. 2003 No. 191 and amended by Schedule 3 to S.R. 2025 No. 64

(**b**) Sub-paragraph (4) was amended by regulation 2(7)(h) of S.R. 2007 No. 154

(**c**) Sub-paragraph (5) was amended by regulation 30(e) of S.R. 1988 No. 146, paragraph 1 of the Schedule to S.R. 2002 No. 323 and Article 31(4) of S.I. 2023/1218

(**d**) *See* S.R. 2003 No. 195 which omits provisions relating to children and young persons and makes transitional arrangements in connection with the introduction of child tax credit; *see also* regulation 4 of S.R. 2017 No. 79

(**e**) Sub-paragraph (7) was added by regulation 6(e) of S.R. 1990 No. 346

Premium	*Amount*
(8)(**a**) Enhanced disability premium where the conditions in paragraph 13A are satisfied.	(8) (a) £33.99 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 13A are satisfied; (b) £22.00 in respect of each person who is neither— (i) a child or young person, nor (ii) a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage, in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 13A are satisfied; (c) £31.40 where the claimant is a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage and the conditions specified in paragraph 13A are satisfied in respect of a member of that couple or polygamous marriage.

(**a**) Sub-paragraph (8) was added by regulation 2(c)(iii) of S.R. 2000 No. 367; s*ee* S.R. 2003 No. 195 which omits provisions relating to children and young persons and makes transitional arrangements in connection with the introduction of child tax credit; *see also* regulation 4 of S.R. 2017 No. 79

SCHEDULE 4

Article 23(5)

Part I of Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefit Regulations as amended by this Order

PART I

PERSONAL ALLOWANCES

1. The amounts specified in column (2) in respect of each person or couple specified in column (1) shall be the amounts specified for the purposes of regulations 20(a) and 21(a) and (b)—

Column (1) *Person or Couple*	*Column (2)* *Amount*
(1)(**a**) Single claimant who—	(1)
(a) is entitled to main phase employment and support allowance;	(a) £95.55;
(b) is aged not less than 25;	(b) £95.55;
(c) is aged less than 25.	(c) £75.65.
(2) Lone parent who—	(2)
(a) is entitled to main phase employment and support allowance;	(a) £95.55;
(b) is aged not less than 18;	(b) £95.55;
(c) is aged less than 18.	(c) £75.65.
(3) Couple where—	(3)
(a) the claimant is entitled to main phase employment and support allowance;	(a) £150.15;
(b) at least one member is aged not less than 18;	(b) £150.15;
(c) both members are aged less than 18.	(c) £114.35.

(**a**) Sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) were substituted by regulation 3(17)(a) of S.R. 2008 No. 378

SCHEDULE 5

Article 23(7)

Part IV of Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefit Regulations as amended by this Order

PART IV

AMOUNTS OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART III

Premium	*Amount*
20.—(5) Disability premium—	(5)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 12(a);	(a) £44.85;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 12(b).	(b) £64.00.
(6)(**a**) Severe disability premium—	(6)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 14(2)(a);	(a) £86.05;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 14(2)(b)—	
(i) in a case where there is someone in receipt of carer's allowance or carer support payment or who has an award of universal credit which includes the carer element under regulation 30 of the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 or if he or any partner satisfies that condition only by virtue of paragraph 14(5);	(b) (i) £86.05;
(ii) in a case where there is no-one in receipt of such an allowance, such a payment or such an award of universal credit.	(ii) £172.10.
(7) Disabled child premium.	(7) £84.46 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the condition specified in paragraph 16 is satisfied.
(8) Carer premium.	(8) £48.15 in respect of each person who satisfies the condition specified in paragraph 17.
(9)(**b**) Enhanced disability premium.	(9)
	(a) £33.99 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 15 are satisfied;
	(b) £22.00 in respect of each person who is neither—
	(i) a child or young person, nor
	(ii) a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage,

(**a**) Sub-paragraph (6) was amended by regulation 34(10)(b) of S.R. 2016 No. 236 and Article 42(4)(d) of S.I. 2023/1218
(**b**) Sub-paragraph (9) was amended by regulation 4(7)(b) of S.R. 2011 No. 136

Premium	*Amount*
	in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 15 are satisfied; (c) £31.40 where the claimant is a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage and the conditions specified in paragraph 15 are satisfied in respect of a member of that couple or polygamous marriage.

SCHEDULE 6

Article 24(5)(a)

Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations as amended by this Order

PART I

PERSONAL ALLOWANCES

1. The amount specified in column (2)(**a**) in respect of each person or couple specified in column (1) shall be the amount specified for the purposes of regulation 20—

Column (1) *Person, couple or polygamous marriage*	*Column (2)* *Amount*
(1) Single claimant or lone parent—	(1)
(b) who has attained pensionable age before 1st April 2021.	(b) £256.00.
(c) who has attained pensionable age on or after 1st April 2021.	(c) £238.00
(2) Couple—	(2)
(b) one member or both members who have attained pensionable age before 1st April 2021.	(b) £383.35.
(c) both members who have attained pensionable age on or after 1st April 2021.	(c) £363.25
(4) If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and one or more members of the marriage have attained pensionable age before 1st April 2021—	(4)
(a) for the claimant and the other party to the marriage;	(a) £383.35;
(b) for each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant.	(b) £127.35.
(5) If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and all members of the marriage have attained pensionable age on or after 1st April 2021—	(5)
(a) for the claimant and the other party to the marriage;	(a) £363.25
(b) for each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant.	(b) £125.25

(**a**) The Table in paragraph 1 was amended by regulation 7(7) of S.R. 2017 No. 242 and by Schedule 6 to S.R. 2025 No. 64

SCHEDULE 7

Article 24(7)

Part IV of Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefit (SPC) Regulations as amended by this Order

PART IV

AMOUNTS OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART III

Premium	*Amount*
12.—(1)(**a**) Severe disability premium—	(1)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 6(2)(a);	(a) £86.05;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 6(2)(b)—	(b)
(i) in a case where there is someone in receipt of a carer's allowance or carer support payment or who has an award of universal credit which includes the carer element under regulation 30 of the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 if he or any partner satisfies that condition only by virtue of paragraph 6(7);	(i) £86.05;
(ii) in a case where there is no-one in receipt of such an allowance or payment or such an award of universal credit.	(ii) £172.10.
(2) Enhanced disability premium.	(2) £33.99 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 7 are satisfied.
(3) Disabled child premium.	(3) £84.46 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the condition specified in paragraph 8 is satisfied.
(4) Carer premium.	(4) £48.15 in respect of each person who satisfies the condition specified in paragraph 9.

(**a**) Sub-paragraph (1) was amended by regulation 35(7)(b) of S.R. 2016 No. 236 and Article 43(4)(d) of S.I. 2023/1218

SCHEDULE 8

Article 26(3)(a)

Part I of Schedule 1 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 as amended by this Order

PART I

PERSONAL ALLOWANCES

1. The weekly amounts specified in column (2)(**a**) below in respect of each person or couple specified in column (1) shall be the weekly amounts specified for the purposes of regulations 83, 84(1), 86A and 86B (applicable amounts and polygamous marriages).

Column (1) *Person or Couple*	*Column (2)* *Amount*
(1) Single claimant aged—	(1)
(a) except where head (b) or (c) applies, less than 18;	(a) £75.65;
(b) less than 18 who falls within regulation 57(2) and who—	(b) £75.65;
(i) is a person to whom regulation 59, 60 or 61 applies, or	
(ii) is the subject of a direction under Article 18 of the Order;	
(c) less than 18 who satisfies the condition in paragraph 13(1)(a) of Part III;	(c) £75.65;
(d) not less than 18 but less than 25;	(d) £75.65;
(e) not less than 25.	(e) £95.55.
(2) Lone parent aged—	(2)
(a) except where head (b) or (c) applies, less than 18;	(a) £75.65;
(b) less than 18 who falls within regulation 57(2) and who—	(b) £75.65;
(i) is a person to whom regulation 59, 60 or 61 applies, or	
(ii) is the subject of a direction under Article 18 of the Order;	
(c) less than 18 who satisfies the condition in paragraph 13(1)(a) of Part III;	(c) £75.65;
(d) not less than 18.	(d) £95.55.
(3) Couple—	(3)
(a) where both members are aged less than 18 and—	(a) £114.35;
(i) at least one of them is treated as responsible for a child, or	
(ii) had they not been members of a couple, each would have been a person to whom regulation 59, 60 or 61 applied, or	
(iii) had they not been members of a couple, the claimant would have been a person to whom regulation 59, 60 or 61 applied and his partner satisfies the requirements for entitlement to income support or an income-related employment and support allowance other than the requirement to make a claim for it, or	
(iv) they are married or civil partners and one member of the couple is a person to whom regulation 59, 60 or 61 applies and the other member is registered in accordance with regulation 62, or	

(**a**) Paragraph 1 was amended by regulation 16 of S.R. 1996 No. 356, paragraph 53(2) of Schedule 2 to S.R. 2000 No. 350, paragraph 23(11)(a) of Schedule 3 to S.R. 2005 No. 536, regulation 3(8)(a) of S.R. 2007 No. 154, regulation 4(13)(a) and (b) of S.R. 2008 No. 112, regulation 19(24)(a) to (d) of S.R. 2008 No. 286 and regulation 3 of S.R. 2009 No. 261

Column (1) *Person or Couple*	*Column (2)* *Amount*
(iva) they are married or civil partners and each member of the couple is a person to whom regulation 59, 60 or 61 applies, or (v) there is a direction under Article 18 of the Order in respect of each member, or (vi) there is a direction under Article 18 of the Order in respect of one of them and the other is a person to whom regulation 59, 60 or 61 applies, or (vii) there is a direction under Article 18 of the Order in respect of one of them and the other satisfies requirements for entitlement to income support or an income-related employment and support allowance other than the requirement to make a claim for it;	
(b) where both members are aged less than 18 and sub-paragraph (3)(a) does not apply but one member of the couple falls within regulation 57(2) and either— (i) is a person to whom regulation 59, 60 or 61 applies, or (ii) is the subject of a direction under Article 18 of the Order;	(b) £75.65;
(c) where both members are aged less than 18 and neither head (a) nor (b) of sub-paragraph (3) applies but one member of the couple— (i) is a person to whom regulation 59, 60 or 61 applies, or (ii) is the subject of a direction under Article 18 of the Order;	(c) £75.65;
(d) where both members are aged less than 18 and head (a), (b) or (c) of sub-paragraph (3) does not apply but one member of the couple is a person who satisfies the requirements of paragraph 13(1)(a);	(d) £75.65;
(e) where— (i) both members are aged not less than 18, or (ii) one member is aged not less than 18 and the other member is a person who is— (aa) under 18, and (bb) treated as being responsible for a child;	(e) £150.15;
(f) where paragraph (e) does not apply and one member is aged not less than 18 and the other member is a person under 18 who— (i) is a person to whom regulation 59, 60 or 61 applies, or (ii) is the subject of a direction under Article 18 of the Order, or (iii) satisfies requirements for entitlement to income support or would do so if he were not a member of a couple other than the requirement to make a claim for it, or (iv) satisfies requirements for entitlement to an income-related employment and support allowance other than the requirement to make a claim for it;	(f) £150.15;
(g) where one member is aged not less than 18 but less than 25 and the other member is a person under 18— (i) to whom none of regulations 59 to 61 applies, or (ii) who is not the subject of a direction under Article 18 of the Order, and (iii) does not satisfy requirements for entitlement to income support or an income-related employment and support allowance disregarding the requirement to make a claim for it;	(g) £75.65;
(h) where one member is aged not less than 25 and the other member is a person under 18—	(h) £95.55.

Column (1) *Person or Couple*	*Column (2)* *Amount*
(i) to whom none of regulations 59 to 61 applies, or (ii) who is not the subject of a direction under Article 18 of the Order, and (iii) does not satisfy requirements for entitlement to income support or an income-related employment and support allowance disregarding the requirement to make a claim for it.	

SCHEDULE 9

Article 26(5)

Part IV of Schedule 1 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 as amended by this Order

PART IV

WEEKLY AMOUNTS OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART III

Premium	*Amount*
20.—(2)(**a**) Pensioner premium for persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit—	(2)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 10(a);	(a) £142.45;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 10(b);	(b) £213.10;
(c) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 10(c).	(c) £213.10.
(3) Pensioner premium for claimants whose partner has attained the age of 75 where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 11.	(3) £213.10.
(4) Higher pensioner premium—	(4)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 12(1)(a);	(a) £142.45;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 12(1)(b) or (c).	(b) £213.10.
(5)(**b**) Disability premium—	(5)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 13(1)(a);	(a) £44.85;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 13(1)(b) or (c).	(b) £64.00.
(6)(**c**) Severe disability premium—	(6)
(a) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 15(1);	(a) £86.05;
(b) where the claimant satisfies the condition in paragraph 15(2)—	(b)
(i) if there is someone in receipt of a carer's allowance or carer support payment or if any partner of the claimant satisfies that condition by virtue of paragraph 15(5);	(i) £86.05;
(ii) if no-one is in receipt of such an allowance or payment.	(ii) £172.10.
(7)(**d**) Disabled child premium.	(7) £84.46 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 16 are satisfied.

(**a**) Sub-paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 5(5)(e) of S.R. 2010 No. 103
(**b**) Sub-paragraph (5) was amended by regulation 3(8)(g) of S.R. 2007 No. 154
(**c**) Sub-paragraph (6) was amended by paragraph 1 of the Schedule to S.R. 2002 No. 323 and Article 34(9)(d) of S.I. 2023/1218
(**d**) Sub-paragraph (7) was amended by paragraph 20(d) of Schedule 2 to S.R. 2003 No.195; *see also* regulation 5 S.R. 2017 No. 79

Premium	*Amount*
(8) Carer premium.	(8) £48.15 in respect of each person who satisfied the condition specified in paragraph 17.
(9)(**a**) Enhanced disability premium where the conditions in paragraph 15A are satisfied.	(9) (a) £33.99 in respect of each child or young person in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 15A are satisfied; (b) £22.00 in respect of each person who is neither— (i) a child or young person, nor (ii) a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage, in respect of whom the conditions specified in paragraph 15A are satisfied; (c) £31.40 where the claimant is a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage and the conditions specified in paragraph 15A are satisfied in respect of a member of that couple or polygamous marriage.

(**a**) Sub-paragraph (9) was added by regulation 4(c)(iii) of S.R. 2000 No. 367

SCHEDULE 10

Article 26(6)

Part IVB of Schedule 1 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 as amended by this Order

PART IVB(**a**)

WEEKLY AMOUNTS OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART IVA

Premium	*Amount*
20M.—(1) Pensioner premium where one member of a joint-claim couple has attained the qualifying age for state pension credit and the condition in paragraph 20E is satisfied.	(1) £213.10.
(2) Higher pensioner premium where one member of a joint-claim couple satisfies the condition in paragraph 20F.	(2) £213.10.
(3) Disability premium where one member of a joint-claim couple satisfies the condition in paragraph 20G(1).	(3) £64.00.
(4) Severe disability premium where one member of a joint-claim couple satisfies the condition in paragraph 20I(1)—	(4)
(i) if there is someone in receipt of a carer's allowance or carer support payment or if either member satisfies that condition only by virtue of paragraph 20I(4);	(i) £86.05;
(ii) if no-one is in receipt of such an allowance or payment.	(ii) £172.10.
(5) Carer premium.	(5) £48.15 in respect of each person who satisfied the condition specified in paragraph 20J.
(6) Enhanced disability premium where the conditions in paragraph 20IA are satisfied.	(6) £31.40 where the conditions specified in paragraph 20IA are satisfied in respect of a member of a joint-claim couple.

(**a**) Part IVB was inserted by paragraph 53(4) of Schedule 2 to S.R. 2000 No. 350 and paragraph 20M was amended by regulation 4(c)(vi) of S.R. 2000 No. 367, regulation 2(7) of S.R. 2001 No. 120, paragraph 1 of the Schedule to S.R. 2002 No. 323, regulation 3(8)(l) of S.R. 2007 No. 154, regulation 5(5)(j) of S.R. 2010 No. 103 and Article 34(9)(h) of S.I. 2023/1218

SCHEDULE 11

Article 30(1), (2) and (3)

Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 as amended by this Order

1. This paragraph applies to cases other than those falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017.

PART 1

PRESCRIBED AMOUNTS

1. The weekly amounts specified in column (2)(**a**) in respect of each person or couple specified in column (1) shall be the weekly amounts specified for the purposes of regulations 67(1) and 68 (prescribed amounts and polygamous marriages).

Column (1) *Person or Couple*	*Column (2)* *Amount*
(1) Single claimant— (a) who satisfies the conditions set out in section 2(2) of the Act or who is a member of the work-related activity group; (b) aged not less than 25; (c) aged less than 25.	(1) (a) £95.55; (b) £95.55; (c) £75.65.

2. This paragraph applies to cases falling within paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2017.

PART 1

PRESCRIBED AMOUNTS

1. The weekly amounts specified in column (2) in respect of each person or couple specified in column (1) shall be the weekly amounts specified for the purposes of regulations 67(1) and 68 (prescribed amounts and polygamous marriages).

Column (1) *Person or Couple*	*Column (2)* *Amount*
(1) Single claimant— (a) who satisfies the conditions set out in section 2(2) or (3) of the Act; (b) aged not less than 25; (c) aged less than 25.	(1) (a) £95.55; (b) £95.55; (c) £75.65.

(**a**) Paragraph 1 was amended by regulation 3(29) of S.R. 2008 No. 413, regulation 8(15) of S.R. 2009 No. 338, regulation 5(5)(a) of S.R. 2011 No. 368 and regulation 6(4) of S.R. 2017 No. 148

SCHEDULE 12

Article 30(1), (4) and (5)

Provisions of Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 as amended by this Order

PART 3

WEEKLY AMOUNT OF PREMIUMS SPECIFIED IN PART 2

1.

Premium	*Amount*
11.—(1)(**a**) Pensioner premium for a person to whom paragraph 5 applies who—	(1)
(a) is a single claimant and—	(a)
(ii) is entitled to the support component, or	(ii) £93.95;
(iii) is not entitled to the support component;	(iii) £142.45;
(b) is a member of a couple and—	(b)
(ii) is entitled to the support component, or	(ii) £164.60;
(iii) is not entitled to the support component.	(iii) £213.10.
(3) Carer premium.	(3) £48.15 in respect of each person who satisfies the condition specified in paragraph 8(1).

2.

Premium	*Amount*
11.—(1)(**b**) Pensioner premium for a person to whom paragraph 5 applies who—	(1)
(a) is a single claimant and—	(a)
(i) is entitled to the work-related activity component, or	(i) £105.90;
(ii) is entitled to the support component, or	(ii) £93.95;
(iii) is not entitled to either of those components,	(iii) £142.45;
(b) is a member of a couple and—	(b)
(i) is entitled to the work-related activity component,	(i) £176.55;
(ii) is entitled to the support component, or	(ii) £164.60;
(iii) is not entitled to either of those components.	(iii) £213.10.

(**a**) Paragraph 11(1) was amended by regulation 2(4)(b) of S.R. 2017 No. 51 and Schedule 12 of S.R. 2025 No. 64
(**b**) For transitional and savings provisions applicable to paragraph 11(1) *see* Schedule 2 to S.R. 2017 No. 51

SCHEDULE 13

Article 32(2)

Amounts of certain elements specified in the table in regulation 38 of the Universal Credit Regulations as amended by this Order

Element	*Amount for each assessment period*
Child element—	
first child or qualifying young person(**a**)	£351.88
second and each subsequent child or qualifying young person(**b**)	£303.94
Additional amount for disabled child or qualifying young person—	
lower rate	£164.79
higher rate	£514.71
Carer element.	£209.34
Childcare costs element—	
maximum amount for one child	£1,071.09
maximum amount for two or more children	£1,836.16

(**a**) The amount for the first child or qualifying young person was abolished by Article 10(5)(b)(i) of the Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/999 (N.I. 1)) subject to the saving in regulation 44 of S.R. 2016 No. 226 inserted by regulation 3(3) of S.R. 2017 No. 79

(**b**) Amendments made by Article 10(5)(b)(ii) of the Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, which corresponds to an Order (S.I. 2026/148) made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions under sections 150, 150A, 151 and 151A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992, alters the rates and amounts of certain social security benefits and other sums.

Part 2 relates to social security benefits, pensions and allowances.

Article 3 and Schedule 1 alter the rates of benefits and increases of benefit (except those referred to in Article 3(2)) specified in Parts I, III, IV and V of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 ("the Contributions and Benefits Act").

Article 4 increases the rates and amounts of certain pensions and allowances under the Contributions and Benefits Act.

Article 5 increases the sums payable as part of a Category A or Category B retirement pension under sections 11(1) and 13(2) and (3) of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 on account of increases in guaranteed minimum pensions.

Article 6 increases the rates and amounts relating to the state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 including the full rate, amounts exceeding the full rate, the rate of increments and inherited increments.

Article 7 specifies the dates from which the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefits in Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 are altered.

Article 8 increases the rate of statutory sick pay.

Article 9 increases the rate of statutory maternity pay.

Article 10 increases the rates of statutory paternity pay, statutory adoption pay, statutory shared parental pay and statutory parental bereavement pay.

Article 11 increases the rate of graduated retirement benefit.

Article 12 increases the amount of a Category C retirement pension.

Article 13 increases the prescribed maximum additional pension for the purposes of section 52(3) of the Contributions and Benefits Act.

Article 14 increases the rates of disability living allowance.

Article 15 increases the rates of personal independence payment.

Article 16 increases the rates of age addition and the rates referred to in Article 16(2) for claimants entitled to long-term incapacity benefit in so far as they correspond to a claimant in Great Britain who was subject to regulation 2(3) of the Employment and Support Allowance (Up-rating Modification) (Transitional) Regulations 2008.

Article 17 increases the rates of transitional invalidity allowance and the rates referred to in Article 17(2) for claimants entitled to long-term incapacity benefit in so far as they correspond to a claimant in Great Britain who was subject to regulation 2(3) of the Employment and Support Allowance (Up-rating Modification) (Transitional) Regulations 2008.

Article 18 increases the rates of widowed mother's allowance, widow's pension and widowed parent's allowance.

Article 19 specifies the rates of bereavement support payment.

Part 3 relates to income support and housing benefit.

Article 20 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of income support. Article 20(3) and Schedule 2 set out certain personal allowances and Article 20(4) and (5) and Schedule 3 set out the premiums.

Article 21 provides for the percentage increase of sums payable by way of special transitional additions to income support.

Article 22 states the sum by which any income support of a person involved in a trade dispute is reduced.

Article 23 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of housing benefit. Article 23(5) and Schedule 4 set out certain personal allowances and Article 23(7) and (8) and Schedule 5 set out the premiums.

Article 24 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of housing benefit for persons over the qualifying age for state pension credit. Article 24(5) and Schedule 6 set out the personal allowances and Article 24(6) and (7) and Schedule 7 set out the premiums.

Part 4 relates to jobseeker's allowance.

Article 25 increases the age-related amounts for contribution-based jobseeker's allowance.

Article 26 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of income-based jobseeker's allowance. Article 26(3) and Schedule 8 set out certain personal allowances; Article 26(4) and (5) and Schedule 9 set out the premiums; Article 26(6) and Schedule 10 set out the amounts of premiums relevant to joint-claim couples.

Article 27 states the sum by which any jobseeker's allowance of a person involved in a trade dispute is reduced.

Article 28 increases the amounts of jobseeker's allowance for the purposes of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Part 5 relates to state pension credit.

Article 29 specifies sums relevant to state pension credit.

Part 6 relates to employment and support allowance.

Article 30 sets out the sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of employment and support allowance under the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008. Article 30(2) and (3) and Schedule 11 increase the contributory allowance of employment and support allowance; Article 30(4) and (5) and Schedule 12 increase the pensioner premium and the carer premium for income-related employment and support allowance and Article 30(6)(b) and (c) increase the components for the contributory allowance.

Article 31 increases the prescribed amounts for employment and support allowance set out in regulation 62 of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Part 7 relates to universal credit.

Article 32 and Schedule 13 specify certain amounts relevant to universal credit.

Article 33 increases the amounts specified for the transitional severe disability premium element in paragraph 5 of Schedule 2, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 3, to the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Article 34 revokes the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2025.

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