STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 1247

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment and Up-rating Regulations 1985

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Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(1)

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 2(2), 3(1) and 34(1)(**a**) of and paragraph 2(1) and (4) of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976(**b**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury (**c**), and, insofar as is required, after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals to make these regulations should not be referred to it (**d**), hereby makes the following regulations of which a draft has, in accordance with section 33(3) of that Act, been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment and Up-rating Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on 25th November 1985 except for regulations 2(5)(*d*) which shall come into operation 5th August 1985 and regulations 2(4) and (6) which shall come into operation forthwith.

(2) In these regulations —

"Requirements Regulations" means the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations 1983(**e**);

"Single Payments Regulations" means the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations 1981(**f**).

(**a**) *See* the definitions of "prescribed" and "regulations".
(**b**) 1976 c.71, as amended by section 6(1) of and Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Social Security Act 1980 (c.30).
(**c**) *See* section 33(3) of the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976.
(**d**) *See* section 10(2)(*b*) of the Social Security Act 1980.
(**e**) S.I. 1983/1399; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1984/282, 1102, 1103, and 1985/613.
(**f**) S.I. 1981/1528; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1982/1127, 1983/1245, 1984/593, 938 and 1103.

Amendment of and increase of amounts specified in the Requirements Regulations

2.—(1) Amounts specified in the Requirements Regulations shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation, and the table of normal requirements of relevant persons and householders set out in paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 shall have effect as modified by the Requirements Regulations as amended by paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation.

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

(*a*) in paragraph (1)(*c*) for "£0.20" there shall be substituted "£1.30";

(*b*) in paragraph (2)(*d*) for "£1.50" there shall be substitited "£0.70";

(*c*) in paragraph (3)(*b*) for "£0.10" there shall be substituted "£0.80"; and

(*d*) in paragraph (4)(*b*) for "£0.80" there shall be substituted "£0.35".

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

(*a*) in paragraph (7) for "£16.15" there shall be substituted "£17.30" and for "£32.30" there shall be substituted "£34.60";

(*b*) in paragraph (8) for "£32.30" there shall be substituted "£34.60"; and

(*c*) in paragraph (12) for "£8.50" there shall be substituted "£8.95" and —

(i) in sub-paragraph (*a*) in head (i) for "£20.60" there shall be substituted "£21.70" and in head (ii) for "£18.50" there shall be substituted "£19.40";

(ii) in sub-paragraph (*b*) in head (i) for "£10.30" there shall be substituted "£10.85" and in head (ii) for "£9.25" there shall be substituted "£9.70"; and

(iii) in sub-paragraph (*c*) for "£9.25" in head (i), "£5.55" in head (ii), "£4.75" in head (iii) and "£3.10" in head (iv) there shall be substituted "£9.70", "£5.85", "£5.00" and "£3.25" respectively.

(4) In regulation 11(2B) (*b*) (additional requirements) for "8(*b*)" there shall be substituted "8(*a*)".

(5) In regulation 12(2) (heating)—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (*b*) for the words "and 7" there shall be substituted the words "7 and 7A";

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*c*) (ii) for the word "paragraph" there shall be substituted the words "paragraphs 7A and";

(*c*) in sub-paragraph (*g*) (iii) for the words "both, of paragraphs 7" there shall be substituted the words "more than one of paragraphs 7, 7A"; and

(*d*) there shall be added the following sub-paragraph—

"(*j*) no amount shall be applicable to a householder under paragraph 3 unless that paragraph was applicable to him before 5th August 1985 and has been continuously applicable to him since that date or would have been so applicable to him but for the effect in his case of regulation 12(2) (*f*).".

(6) In regulation 14(7) (*b*) (housing requirements for certain persons listed in column 1 of Schedule 3) for "13" there shall be substituted "14".

(7) In regulation 16(1) (cost of maintenance and insurance) for "£1.80" there shall be substituted "£1.85".

(8) In regulation 22 (amount of deduction from housing requirements in respect of certain non-dependants) —

(*a*) in paragraph (4) —

(i) in sub-paragraph (*c*) in head (i) for "£2.35" there shall be substituted "£2.80", in head (ii) for "£6.60" there shall be substituted "£7.80" and in head (iii) for "£2.35" there shall be substituted "£2.80"; and

(ii) in sub-paragraph (*e*) for "£2.35" there shall be substituted "£2.80"; and

(*b*) in paragraph (10) (*aa*) (iv) for "£2.90", "£1.45", and "£0.35" there shall be substituted "£3.00", "£1.50", and "£0.40" respectively.

(9) In regulation 23 (amount applicable to non-householders in respect of housing expenses) for "£3.30" there shall be substituted "£3.90".

(10) In Schedule 1 (normal requirements), in column (2), for the amount in relation to each provision specified in column (1) thereof indicated in column 1 of Schedule 1 to these regulations, such amount being set out in column 2 of Schedule 1 to these regulations, there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 3 of Schedule 1 to these regulations.

(11) In Schedule 4 (additional requirements) —

(*a*) in column (2), in each provision indicated in column 1 of Schedule 2 to these regulations, for the amount specified therein set out in column 2 of that Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 3 of that Schedule 2; and

(*b*) in Part I (heating) the following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 7 —

"7A. A householder in respect of whom the long-term rate for couples or householders, or as the case may be, that rate as modified by these regulations, is payable and to whom any of the following paragraphs or such extent of any of those paragraphs as is hereinafter provided, of regulation 6 of the Supplementary Benefit (Conditions of Entitlement) Regulations 1981(**a**) applies, that is to say paragraphs (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), (*i*), (*s*) (ii) or (*u*), in the case of paragraph (*s*) (ii) insofar as it applies by virtue of regulation 11(*b*) of those regulations and in the case of paragraph (*u*) insofar as it has effect as if the reference therein to "the preceding paragraphs" were a reference only to those paragraphs, or to the extent of those paragraphs, hereinbefore referred to in this paragraph.	7A. £2.20.".

(**a**) S.I. 1981/1526; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1982/907.

Increase of amounts specified in the Single Payments Regulations

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

(2) In Schedule 1 (bedclothes), for the amount specified in column 2 of that Schedule in relation to each item specified in column 1 thereof indicated in column 1 of Schedule 3 to these regulations, such amount being set out in column 2 of that Schedule 3, there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 3 of that Schedule 3.

(3) In Schedule 2 (clothing and footwear), in each of Parts I (men's clothing and footwear), II (working clothes and footwear), III (women's clothing and footwear), IV (boys' clothing and footwear), V (girls' clothing and footwear) and VI (baby clothing), for the amount specified in column 2 of that Schedule 2 in relation to each item specified in column 1 thereof indicated in column 1 of Schedule 4 to these regulations, such amount being set out in column 2 of that Schedule 4, there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 3 of that Schedule 4.

(4) Schedule 1 to the Single Payments Regulations as amended by paragraph (2) of this regulation is set out in Schedule 5 to these regulations.

(5) Schedule 2 to the Single Payments Regulations as amended by paragraph (3) of this regulation is set out in Schedule 6 to these regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

Tony Newton,
Minister of State,
Department of Health and Social Security.

29th July 1985.

We consent,

Donald Thompson,
John Major,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

2nd August 1985.

Regulation 2(10) SCHEDULE 1

AMOUNTS SUBSTITUTED IN SCHEDULE 1
TO THE REQUIREMENTS REGULATIONS

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision of Schedule 1 to the Requirements Regulations	Old Amount	New Amount
Paragraph A (couples) —		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£57.10	£60.00
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£45.55	£47.85
Paragraph B (householders) —		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£35.70	£37.50
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£28.05	£29.50
Paragraph 1 (non-householders not less than 18 or less than 18 with a dependant) —		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£28.55	£30.00
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£22.45	£23.60
Paragraph 2 (non-householders less than 18 without a dependant) —		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£21.90	£23.00
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£17.30	£18.20
Paragraph 3 (dependants) —		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£22.45	£23.60
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£17.30	£18.20
sub-paragraph (*c*)	£14.35	£15.10
sub-paragraph (*d*)	£ 9.60	£10.10

SCHEDULE 2 Regulation 2(11)

AMOUNTS SUBSTITUTED IN SCHEDULE 4 TO THE REQUIREMENTS REGULATIONS

Column 1 Provision of Schedule 4 to the Requirements Regulations	Column 2 Old Amount	Column 3 New Amount
Part I — Heating		
Paragraph 1 (ill-health)—		
sub-paragraph (1)	£2.10	£2.20
sub-paragraph (2)	£5.20	£5.45
sub-paragraph (3)	£5.20	£5.45
Paragraph 2 (home difficult to heat)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£2.10	£2.20
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£5.20	£5.45
Paragraph 3 (central heating)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£2.10	£2.20
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£4.20	£4.40
Paragraph 6 (estate heating)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£4.20	£4.40
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£8.40	£8.80
Paragraph 7 (persons receiving certain disability benefits)	£5.20	£5.45
Paragraph 8 (very young & aged persons)		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£2.10	£2.20
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£2.10	£2.20
sub-paragraph (*c*)	£5.20	£5.45
Part II — Items other than Heating		
Paragraph 11 (baths)	£0.25	£0.30
Paragraph 14 (diet)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£3.60	£3.70
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£1.55	£1.60
sub-paragraph (*c*)	£1.55	£1.60
sub-paragraph (*d*)	£10.35	£10.65
Paragraph 17 (hospital fares)—		
sub-paragraph (*b*) (i)	£14.25	£14.85
sub-paragraph (*b*) (ii)	£10.35	£10.70
sub-paragraph (*c*) (i)	£7.10	£7.20
sub-paragraph (*c*) (ii)	£3.20	£3.05
sub-paragraph (*d*) (i)	£15.30	£15.95
sub-paragraph (*d*) (ii)	£10.15	£10.55
sub-paragraph (*d*) (iii)	£7.20	£7.45
sub-paragraph (*e*) (i)	£28.55	£29.85
sub-paragraph (*e*) (ii)	£20.90	£21.85
sub-paragraph (*e*) (iii)	£21.40	£22.35
sub-paragraph (*e*) (iv)	£15.30	£15.95
Paragraph 18 (laundry)	£0.50	£0.55

Regulation 3(2) SCHEDULE 3

AMOUNTS SUBSTITUTED IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THE SINGLE PAYMENTS REGULATIONS (BEDCLOTHES)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Old Amount	New Amount
	£	£
Pillow	4.70	5.00
Pillowcase	2.10	2.25
Sheet — polyester and cotton mix (single)	7.00	7.50
Sheet — flannelette (cot)	3.65	4.00
Sheet — flannelette (single)	7.00	7.50
Sheet — nylon (double)	6.80	7.50

SCHEDULE 4 Regulation 3(3)

AMOUNTS SUBSTITUTED IN SCHEDULE 2 TO THE SINGLE PAYMENTS REGULATIONS (CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Old Amount	New Amount
	£	£
Part I (men's clothing and footwear)		
Anorak	22.50	23.00
Cardigan	11.50	14.00
Dressing-gown	17.75	18.00
Pullover	10.00	11.00
Raincoat	31.00	35.00
Shirt	8.50	9.00
Shoes	17.00	18.00
Slippers	6.00	6.50
Socks	1.50	1.60
Sports-jacket	37.00	40.00
Underpants — briefs	1.75	1.90
Underpants — thermal (long)	5.00	6.00
Underpants — thermal (short)	4.50	5.00
Vest — singlet	2.25	2.75
Part II (working clothes and footwear)		
Boiler suit	12.50	14.00
Jeans	12.50	13.00
Overalls	10.50	11.00
Part III (women's clothing and footwear)		
Briefs	1.40	1.50
Cardigan	10.00	11.00
Dress — summerweight	15.00	16.00
Dress — winterweight	18.50	19.00
Hat	5.50	6.00
Jumper	9.00	10.00
Knickers	2.60	2.85
Overcoat	43.00	44.00
Girdle (pantie-girdle or open girdle)	10.75	11.00
Raincoat	31.00	32.50
Skirt	11.50	13.00
Slippers	5.50	6.00
Stockings/tights	0.75	0.80
Trousers	13.00	14.00
Vest — thermal	2.75	3.50

SCHEDULE 4 (*continued*)

Column 1	Column 2		Column 3	
Item	Old Amount		New Amount	
	Small to Large		Small to Large	
	£	£	£	£
Part IV (boys' clothing and footwear)				
Dressing-gown	8.60	12.00	8.60	12.50
Jacket/anorak	11.00	16.00	11.00	17.00
Overcoat	18.25	26.00	19.00	27.50
Pyjamas	4.90	8.00	5.00	8.00
Raincoat	13.50	21.00	15.00	21.00
Shirt	4.30	6.50	4.50	7.00
Socks	0.85	1.05	0.90	1.15
Sweater	5.00	7.50	5.00	8.00
Trousers — long	6.80	10.00	6.80	11.50
Trousers — short	4.50	5.50	4.50	6.00
Vest	—	1.45	—	1.50
Part V (girls' clothing and footwear)				
Cardigan	5.00	8.00	5.00	9.00
Dress — summerweight	5.50	13.00	6.00	13.00
Jacket/anorak	11.00	16.00	11.00	17.00
Jumper	4.90	7.50	4.90	8.00
Overcoat	17.25	25.00	18.00	26.50
Girdle (pantie-girdle or open girdle)	—	10.75	—	11.00
Petticoat	2.15	3.05	2.25	3.05
Pyjamas	4.90	8.00	5.00	8.00
Raincoat	13.50	20.00	15.00	21.00
Skirt	5.90	9.40	5.90	10.00
Socks	0.85	1.05	0.90	1.15
Stockings/tights	—	0.75	—	0.80
Trousers	6.50	10.00	6.50	11.00
Vest	—	1.40	—	1.50
Part VI (baby clothing)	£		£	
Napkin	1.15		1.25	
Plastic pants	0.90		0.95	

SCHEDULE 5 Regulation 3(4)

SCHEDULE 1 TO THE SINGLE PAYMENTS REGULATIONS AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 12

Bedclothes

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount
	£
Blanket (cot)	5.70
Blanket (single)	15.00
Blanket (double)	18.00
Pillow	5.00
Pillowcase	2.25
Eiderdown — terylene (single)	16.00
Eiderdown — terylene (double)	22.00
Sheet — polyester and cotton mix (single)	7.50
Sheet — polyester and cotton mix (double)	9.00
Sheet — flannelette (cot)	4.00
Sheet — flannelette (single)	7.50
Sheet — flannelette (double)	9.00
Sheet — nylon (single)	5.20
Sheet — nylon (double)	7.50

Regulation 3(5)

SCHEDULE 6

SCHEDULE 2 TO THE SINGLE PAYMENTS REGULATIONS AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

SCHEDULE 2 Regulations 7, 23 and 27

Clothing and Footwear

PART I

Men's Clothing and Footwear

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount
	£
Anorak	23.00
Cap	7.00
Cardigan	14.00
Dressing-gown	18.00
Overcoat	55.00
Pullover	11.00
Pyjamas	9.20
Raincoat	35.00
Shirt	9.00
Shoes	18.00
Slippers	6.50
Socks	1.60
Sports-jacket	40.00
Suit	60.00
Trousers	16.00
Underpants — briefs	1.90
Underpants — thermal (long)	6.00
Underpants — thermal (short)	5.00
Vest — singlet	2.75
Vest — thermal	5.00

PART II

Working Clothes and Footwear

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount
	£
Boiler suit	14.00
Boots	16.75
Donkey-jacket	20.00
Dungarees	11.50
Jeans	13.00
Overalls	11.00
Suit	60.00
Wellingtons	12.00

PART III

Women's Clothing and Footwear

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount
	£
Blouse	9.00
Boots (ankle)	18.00
Brassiere	5.00
Briefs	1.50
Cardigan	11.00
Corselette	16.25
Dress — summerweight	16.00
Dress — winterweight	19.00
Dressing-gown	15.00
Girdle (pantie-girdle or open girdle)	11.00
Hat	6.00
Jumper	10.00
Knickers	2.85
Nightdress (standard length)	7.00
Nightdress (full length)	8.60
Overcoat	44.00
Petticoat	5.50
Pyjamas	10.00
Raincoat	32.50
Shoes	15.00
Skirt	13.00
Slippers	6.00
Stockings/tights	0.80
Trousers	14.00
Vest — cotton	2.50
Vest — thermal	3.50

PART IV

Boys' Clothing and Footwear

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount Small to Large	
	£	£
Dressing-gown	8.60	12.50
Dufflecoat	17.00	23.00
Jacket/anorak	11.00	17.00
Overcoat	19.00	27.50
Pyjamas	5.00	8.00
Raincoat	15.00	21.00
Shirt	4.50	7.00
Shoes	8.90	12.50
Slippers	3.50	5.00
Socks	0.90	1.15
Sweater	5.00	8.00
Trousers — long	6.80	11.50
Trousers — short	4.50	6.00
Underpants	—	1.25
Vest	—	1.50
Wellingtons	4.15	6.20

PART V

Girls' Clothing and Footwear

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount Small to Large	
	£	£
Blouse	4.70	8.30
Brassiere	—	3.00
Briefs	—	1.10
Cardigan	5.00	9.00
Dress — summerweight	6.00	13.00
Dress — winterweight	7.50	15.00
Dressing-gown	8.60	13.00
Dufflecoat	17.00	23.00
Girdle (pantie-girdle or open girdle)	—	11.00
Jacket/anorak	11.00	17.00
Jumper	4.90	8.00
Nightdress	5.00	7.30
Overcoat	18.00	26.50
Petticoat	2.25	3.05
Pyjamas	5.00	8.00
Raincoat	15.00	21.00
Shoes	8.90	12.50
Skirt	5.90	10.00
Slippers	3.50	5.00
Socks	0.90	1.15
Stockings/tights	—	0.80
Trousers	6.50	11.00
Vest	—	1.50
Wellingtons	4.15	6.20

PART VI

Baby Clothing

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Amount
	£
Napkin	1.25
One-piece stretch sleeping suit	4.00
Plastic pants	0.95
Pramsuit	6.50
Vest	1.00
Wrap/shawl	5.40

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations increase certain amounts specified in regulations made under the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 for the purposes of determining supplementary benefit under that Act. They also amend Parts III and IV of the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations 1983 ("the Requirements Regulations") which deal with additional requirements and housing requirements respectively of persons claiming supplementary benefit.

Paragraphs (2), (3), (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11) of regulation 2 and Schedules 1 and 2 increase amounts specified in the Requirements Regulations relating to a person's normal, additional and housing requirements. Schedule 2 shows the higher amounts applicable for certain additional requirements. Paragraph (4) of regulation 2 makes a minor typographical amendment to regulation 11(2B)(*b*) which is concerned with heating additions payable in respect of specified ages. Paragraph (5) of regulation 2 amends regulation 12(2) to take into account the introduction of a new paragraph 7A of Schedule 4 to the Regulations as inserted by paragraph (11)(*b*) of these regulations, and to provide that, the additional requirement to meet the cost of the central heating of a home is only to be payable to a householder where that householder had been entitled to such an addition immediately prior to 5th August 1985. Paragraph (6) of regulation 2 makes a minor typographical amendment to regulation 14(7)(*b*) which is concerned with the exclusion of certain persons from entitlement to housing requirements.

Paragraph (11)(*b*) of regulation 2 inserts a new paragraph 7A of Schedule 4 to the Requirements Regulations and provides for an additional heating requirement for householders in receipt of the long-term scale rate of supplementary benefit and who are not required to be available for work because they are sick or disabled. Regulation 3 and Schedules 3 and 4 increase the amounts specified in Schedules 1 and 2 to the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations 1981 which relate to bedclothes and clothing and footwear. Those Schedules 1 and 2 as amended by these regulations are set out in Schedules 5 and 6 respectively to these regulations.

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