STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Benefits (Adjustment of Amounts and Thresholds) Regulations 2016

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 123(1)(a) and (d), 130A(2), 135(1), 137(1) and 175(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(**1**), sections 4(5), 35(1) and 36(2) and (4) of the Jobseekers Act 1995(**2**), sections 2(3)(b), 3(7), 12(2)(b) and (c) and 17(1) of the State Pension Credit Act 2002(**3**) and sections 4(2), 24(1) and 25(2), (3) and (5) of the Welfare Reform Act 2007(**4**).

In accordance with section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**5**), the Secretary of State has obtained the agreement of the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations need not be referred to it.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security Benefits (Adjustment of Amounts and Thresholds) Regulations 2016.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force for the purposes of—

(a) this regulation, on 1st April 2016;

(b) regulation 2, 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 11th April 2016, and for the

(**1**) 1992 c.4. Section 130A was inserted by section 30(2) of the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c.5). Section 175(1) and (4) was amended by paragraph 29 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c.2) "(the 1999 Act)". Section 175(3) and (4) is applied to provisions of the State Pension Credit Act 2002 (c.16) by section 19(1) of that Act. Section 137(1) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning given to the word "prescribed".

(**2**) 1995 c.18. Section 35(1) was amended by paragraph 62 of Schedule 3 to the 1999 Act. Section 36(4) was amended by paragraph 63 of Schedule 3 to the 1999 Act. Section 35(1) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning given to the word "regulations".

(**3**) 2002 c.16. Section 17(1) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning given to the words "prescribed" and "regulations".

(**4**) 2007 c.5. Section 24(1) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning given to the words "prescribed" and "regulations".

(**5**) 1992 c.5.

purpose of this sub-paragraph "benefit week" has the same meaning as in the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987(**6**);

(c) regulation 3, 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 11th April 2016, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph "benefit week" has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996(**7**);

(d) regulation 4, 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 11th April 2016, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph "benefit week" has the same meaning as in the State Pension Credit Regulations 2002(**8**);

(e) regulation 5, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 4th April 2016, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2016, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph "rent" has the same meaning as in the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006(**9**);

(f) regulation 6, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 4th April 2016, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2016, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph "rent" has the same meaning as in the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006(**10**); and

(g) regulation 7, 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 11th April 2016, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph "benefit week" has the same meaning as in the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008(**11**).

Amendment of the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987

2.—(1) The Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 are amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 15 of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts: weekly amounts of premiums specified in Part III) in column (2) for "£116.00" in sub-paragraphs (2)(**12**), (2A) and (3) substitute "£122.70".

(3) In paragraph 18 of Schedule 3(**13**) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for "£93.80" substitute "£94.50";

(b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for "£14.55" substitute "£14.65";

(c) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for "£129.00" substitute "£133.00";

(d) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) for "£129.00", "£189.00" and "£33.40" substitute "£133.00", "£195.00" and "£33.65" respectively;

(e) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) for "£189.00", "£246.00" and "£45.85" substitute "£195.00", "£253.00" and "£46.20" respectively;

(f) in sub-paragraph (2)(d) for "£246.00", "£328.00" and "£75.05" substitute "£253.00", "£338.00" and "£75.60" respectively; and

(**6**) S.I. 1987/1967. *See* regulation 2(1) for the definition of "benefit week" which was amended by S.I. 1988/1445.
(**7**) S.I. 1996/207. *See* regulation 1(3) for the definition of "benefit week" which was substituted by S.I. 2009/604.
(**8**) S.I. 2002/1792. *See* regulation 1(2) for the definition of "benefit week" which was substituted by S.I. 2009/3229.
(**9**) S.I. 2006/213. *See* regulation 2(1) for the definition of "rent".
(**10**) S.I. 2006/214. *See* regulation 2(1) for the definition of "rent".
(**11**) S.I. 2008/794. *See* regulation 2(1) for the definition of "benefit week".
(**12**) Sub-paragraph (2A) was inserted by S.I. 1989/534. Sub-paragraphs (2), (2A) and (3) were substituted by S.I. 2002/3019 and amended by S.I. 2015/457.
(**13**) Schedule 3 was substituted by S.I. 1995/1613; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1995/2927, 1996/2518, 1999/3178, 2004/2327 and 2015/457.

(g) in sub-paragraph (2)(e) for "£328.00", "£408.00" and "£85.45" substitute "£338.00", "£420.00" and "£86.10" respectively.

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996

3.—(1) The Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 1 (applicable amounts)—

(a) in paragraph 20(**14**) (weekly amounts of premiums specified in Part III) in the column headed "Amount"—

(i) for "£78.10", "£116.00" and "£116.00" in sub-paragraph (2) substitute "£82.50", "£122.70" and "£122.70" respectively;

(ii) for "£116.00" in sub-paragraph (3) substitute "£122.70"; and

(iii) for "£78.10" and "£116.00" in sub-paragraph (4) substitute "£82.50" and "£122.70" respectively;

(b) in paragraph 20M(**15**) (weekly amounts of premiums specified in Part IVA) in the column headed "Amount" for "£116.00" in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) substitute "£122.70".

(3) In paragraph 17 of Schedule 2(**16**) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for "£93.80" substitute "£94.50";

(b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for "£14.55" substitute "£14.65";

(c) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for "£129.00" substitute "£133.00";

(d) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) for "£129.00", "£189.00" and "£33.40" substitute "£133.00", "£195.00" and "£33.65" respectively;

(e) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) for "£189.00", "£246.00" and "£45.85" substitute "£195.00", "£253.00" and "£46.20" respectively;

(f) in sub-paragraph (2)(d) for "£246.00", "£328.00" and "£75.05" substitute "£253.00", "£338.00" and "£75.60" respectively; and

(g) in sub-paragraph (2)(e) for "£328.00", "£408.00" and "£85.45" substitute "£338.00", "£420.00" and "£86.10" respectively.

Amendment of the State Pension Credit Regulations 2002

4.—(1) The State Pension Credit Regulations 2002 are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 7(**17**) (savings credit) in paragraph (2) for "£126.50" and "£201.80" substitute "£133.82" and "£212.97" respectively.

(3) In paragraph 14 of Schedule II(**18**) (persons residing with the claimant)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for "£93.80" substitute "£94.50";

(b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for "£14.55" substitute "£14.65";

(c) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for "£129.00" substitute "£133.00";

(d) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) for "£129.00", "£189.00" and "£33.40" substitute "£133.00", "£195.00" and "£33.65" respectively;

(**14**) Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2015/457.
(**15**) Part IVB was inserted by S.I. 2000/1978 and amended by S.I. 2015/457.
(**16**) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/2518, 1999/2860, 2004/2327 and 2015/457.
(**17**) Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2015/457.
(**18**) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2002/3197, 2004/2327, 2006/2378 and 2015/457.