



## SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS UPATING ORDER 2015

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*Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and Social Security Administration Act 1992*

## SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS UP-RATING ORDER 2015

*Approved by Tynwald: 17 February 2015*

*Coming into Operation: 6 April 2015*

The Treasury makes the following Order under sections 150B(4), 150BG(5) and 175 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992<sup>1</sup> and sections 150(1)(a), (aa), (d), (e), (ea), (g) and (h) and (2)(b) and 189 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992<sup>2</sup> as those Acts of Parliament have effect in the Island<sup>3</sup>.

### PART I – INTRODUCTION

#### 1 Title

This Order is the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2015.

#### 2 Commencement

If approved by Tynwald, this Order comes into operation on 6 April 2015<sup>4</sup>.

#### 3 Interpretation

(1) In this Order —

“**the Contributions and Benefits Act**” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;

“**the Income Support Regulations**” means the Income Support (General) (Isle of Man) Regulations 2000<sup>5</sup>; and

“**the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations**” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> 1992 c.4.

<sup>2</sup> 1992 c.5.

<sup>3</sup> See SDs 505/94 and 506/94.

<sup>4</sup> Tynwald approval is required by section 176 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and section 190 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 as those Acts have effect in the Island.

<sup>5</sup> SD 26/00 (as amended).

<sup>6</sup> S.I. 1996/207 (see SD 634/96).

- (2) Unless the context otherwise requires or it is expressly provided —
- (a) a reference in this Order to a provision of any such legislation or of any other legislation applied to the Island by an order under section 1 or 1A of the *Social Security Act 2000* is a reference to that legislation as it has effect in the Island; and
- (b) words and expressions appearing in this Order are to be construed according to the Interpretation Act 1978 (of Parliament)<sup>7</sup>.

## PART II — INCOME SUPPORT

### 4 Applicable amounts for income support

- (1) The Income Support Regulations are amended as follows.
- (2) In Schedule 2 (applicable amounts) in Part IV (weekly amounts of premiums specified in Part III) in paragraph 20(7)<sup>8</sup> —
- (a) for “£37.05” substitute ~~“£37.05”~~ “£62.60”; and
- (b) for “£55.60” substitute ~~“£55.60”~~ “£95.75”.
- (3) In Schedule 4<sup>9</sup> (applicable amounts for claimants in residential accommodation) in the Table —
- (a) in paragraph 2 for “£531.30” substitute ~~“£531.30”~~ “£584.43”; and
- (b) in paragraph 4 for “£598.43” substitute ~~“£598.43”~~ “£658.28”.

## PART III — INCOME-BASED JOBSEEKER’S ALLOWANCE

### 5 Applicable amounts for jobseeker’s allowance

- (1) The Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations are amended as follows.
- (2) In Schedule 3 (premiums) in Part III (weekly amounts of premiums specified in Part II) in paragraph 20(7)<sup>10</sup> —
- (a) for “£37.05” substitute ~~“£37.05”~~ “£62.60”; and
- (b) for “£55.60” substitute ~~“£55.60”~~ “£95.75”.

<sup>7</sup> 1978 c.30.

<sup>8</sup> Paragraph 20(7) substituted by SD 0054/13 and figures in that paragraph last amended by SD 2014/0034.

<sup>9</sup> Schedule 4 substituted by SD 73/11 and figures in that Schedule last amended by SD 2014/0034.

<sup>10</sup> Paragraph 20(7) substituted by SD 0055/13 and figures in that paragraph last amended by SD 2014/0034.

## PART IV – FUNERAL EXPENSES

### 6 Amounts for funeral expenses

- (1) Regulation 11<sup>11</sup> of the Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) (Isle of Man) Regulations 2007<sup>12</sup> (amount of additional funeral payment) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (3)<sup>13</sup> –
  - (a) in sub-paragraph (g) for “£89” substitute “£90”;
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (h) for “£51” substitute “£52”; and
  - (c) in sub-paragraph (i) for “£1,075” substitute “£1,086”.
- (3) In paragraph (7)(b)<sup>14</sup> –
  - (a) for “£1,075” substitute “£1,086”; and
  - (b) for “£168” substitute “£170”.

## PART V – RETIREMENT PENSION PREMIUM

### 7 Rate of retirement pension premium

The rate of the retirement pension premium specified in paragraph 5(1) of the Retirement Pension (Premium) Scheme 2002<sup>15</sup> shall be £16.15<sup>16</sup>.

## PART VI – CHRISTMAS AND WINTER BONUSES

### 8 Amount of Christmas bonus

The amount of Christmas bonus specified for the purposes of section 148(3)(b) of the Contributions and Benefits Act in respect of 2015 shall be £40.00.

### 9 Amount of winter bonus

The amount of winter bonus specified for the purposes of section 150B(4)<sup>17</sup> of the Contributions and Benefits Act in relation to 2016 shall be—

- (a) £300, in the case of a person who qualifies for a bonus by virtue of section 150B(3)(a)(i) of that Act (qualifying benefit: income support); and

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<sup>11</sup> Regulation 11 amended by regulation 2 of SD 115/08.

<sup>12</sup> SD 500/07.

<sup>13</sup> Figures in paragraph (3) last amended by article 8 of SD 2014/0034.

<sup>14</sup> Figures in paragraph (7)(b) last amended by article 8 of SD 2014/0034.

<sup>15</sup> GC 25/02.

<sup>16</sup> Figure last substituted by article 9 of SD 2014/0034.

<sup>17</sup> Section 150B inserted by article 3 of SD848/10 and amended by article 4 of SD924/11 and article 3 of SD608/12.

- (b) zero, in the case of a person who qualifies for a bonus by virtue of section 150B(3)(a)(ii) of that Act (qualifying benefit: employed person's allowance).

#### **10 Amount of additional winter bonus**

The amount of additional winter bonus specified for the purposes of section 150B(4) of the Contributions and Benefits Act in respect of 2016 shall be zero.

#### **11 Amounts of variable rate winter bonus**

For the purposes of section 150BG(5)<sup>18</sup> of the Contributions and Benefits Act, in respect of 2016—

- (a) the maximum variable rate winter bonus shall be £300; and  
(b) the minimum variable rate winter bonus shall be £10.

### **PART VII — MATERNITY ALLOWANCE**

#### **12 Rate of maternity allowance: self-employed earners**

In Part I of Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (rates of contributory periodical benefits), in paragraph 4(b) (maternity allowance: self-employed earners), in column 2 (weekly rate of benefit) for “£138.18”<sup>19</sup> substitute “£139.58”.

### **PART VIII — NURSING CARE CONTRIBUTION**

#### **13 Amount of nursing care contribution**

In paragraph 7<sup>20</sup> of the Nursing Care Contribution Scheme 2008<sup>21</sup> (amount of nursing care contribution) —

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£111.00” substitute “£112.10”; and  
(b) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£15.86” substitute “£16.01”.

### **PART IX — REVOCATION**

#### **14 Revocation**

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2014<sup>22</sup> is revoked.

<sup>18</sup> Section 150BG inserted by article 3 of SD 848/10 and revoked with savings by article 4 of SD 924/11.

<sup>19</sup> Figure last substituted by article 14 of SD 2014/0034.

<sup>20</sup> Paragraph 7 substituted by SD347/10 and figures in paragraph 7 last substituted by SD 2014/0034.

<sup>21</sup> GC 30/08.

<sup>22</sup> SD 2014/0034.

**MADE 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015**

**W E TEARE**  
*Minister for the Treasury*

*EXPLANATORY NOTE**(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is made under sections 150B, 150BG and 175 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and sections 150 and 189 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (as those Acts of Parliament have effect in the Island). It includes details of the sums mentioned in those sections taking effect from 6 April 2015.

Part I (articles 1, 2 and 3) relates to the title, commencement and interpretation of the Order.

Part II relates to income support. Article 4 sets out the weekly amounts of the carer premiums and the applicable amounts for persons residing in certain Department of Health and Social Care care accommodation in certain circumstances.

Part III relates to income-based jobseeker's allowance. Article 5 sets out the weekly amounts of the carer premiums.

Part IV relates to funeral expenses. Article 6 specifies the maximum amount of miscellaneous funeral expenses to be included in any means-tested additional funeral payment. It also specifies the maximum amounts payable for Minister's and organist's fees.

Part V relates to the retirement pension premium. Article 7 specifies the maximum rate of retirement pension premium payable.

Part VI relates to the Christmas Bonus and the three winter bonuses. Article 8 specifies the amount of Christmas Bonus payable in 2015. Article 9 specifies the amount of Winter Bonus payable in 2016. Article 10 specifies that the amount of Additional Winter Bonus payable in 2016 shall be zero. Article 11 specifies the maximum and minimum amounts of Variable Rate Winter Bonus payable in 2016.

Part VII relates to maternity allowance. Article 12 specifies the standard rate of maternity allowance for self-employed earners.

Part VIII (article 13) specifies the daily and weekly amounts of nursing care contribution.

Part IX (article 14) revokes the Order relating to the up-rating of benefits from 7 April 2014.