

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT INCOME SUPPORT (AMENDMENT No. 17) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 201-

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by the Minister for Social Security

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REPORT

Following the States' decision to reinstate the single parent component ([P.113/2017](#)) using funding from ongoing underspends in the Income Support budget during this Medium Term Financial Plan ("MTFP"), these draft Regulations provide for a single parent to be allocated an additional single parent component valued at £40.39 per week from 1st June 2018.

This additional component will be available to single parents who currently continue to receive a reduced amount of the previous component, as they were receiving a single parent component at the end of October 2015. There are approximately 750 claimants in this category.

It will also be available to other claimants who have established a single parent claim since 1st November 2015. There are approximately 450 claimants in this category.

Both groups will be entitled to the same additional component of £40.39 per week.

With the agreement of the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel, and subject to the approval of the States Assembly, claimants will be eligible for this additional amount from 1st June 2018.

Income Support Rates

As set out in the MTFP in 2015, flexibility was included in the Income Support budget for 2017 – 2019 to allow for increases in Income Support rates and the possible introduction of a higher component rate for the first child in a household.

A separate proposition will be lodged before the end of March setting out component rates and income disregards for all Income Support households, in line with the available MTFP budget. These proposals will then be debated following the election, to allow for the changes to take effect from 1st October 2018.

Collective responsibility under Standing Order 21(3A)

The Council of Ministers has a single policy position on this proposition, and as such, all Ministers, and the Assistant Minister for Social Security, are bound by the principle of collective responsibility to support the proposition, as outlined in the Code of Conduct and Practice for Ministers and Assistant Ministers ([R.11/2015](#) refers).

Financial and manpower implications

The cost of the additional single parent component is estimated at £4 million from 1st June 2018 to 31st December 2019. This cost will be met from underspends forecast within the Income Support budget for 2018 and 2019.

A growth bid currently estimated at an additional £2.6 million per annum will be required in MTFP3 to maintain funding for the single parent component from 1st January 2020 onwards.

Additional administrative tasks will be undertaken using existing staff resources.

Explanatory Note

Regulation 1 amends paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to the Income Support (Jersey) Regulations 2007, the effect of which is to introduce a single parent component rate of £40.39 per week, applicable from 1st June 2018.

Regulation 2 provides for the title by which these Regulations may be cited and for their coming into force 7 days after they are made.



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Made [date to be inserted]
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THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 5 and 18 of the Income Support (Jersey) Law 2007¹, have made the following Regulations –

1 Schedule 1 to the Income Support (Jersey) Regulations 2007 amended

For paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to the Income Support (Jersey) Regulations 2007² there is substituted the following sub-paragraph –

“(1) The rates payable for the basic components under Article 5(2) of the Law are as follows –

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| (a) | under Article 5(2)(a) (adult component rate) | £94.85 |
| (b) | under Article 5(2)(b) (single parent component rate) where the conditions in sub-paragraph (2) are satisfied – | |
| | (i) for the period commencing 1st November 2015 until the end of 31st December 2015 | equivalent of the adult component rate plus £40.39 |
| | (ii) for the period commencing 1st January 2016 until the end of 30th September 2016 | equivalent of the adult component rate plus £30.31 |
| | (iii) for 1 year commencing 1st October 2016 | equivalent of the adult component rate plus £20.23 |
| | (iv) for the period commencing 1st October 2017 until the end of 31st May 2018 | equivalent of the adult component rate plus £10.15 |

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| | (v) | from 1st June 2018 | equivalent of the adult component rate plus £40.39 |
| (c) | under Article 5(2)(b) (single parent component rate) where the conditions in sub-paragraph (3) are satisfied – | | |
| | (i) | for the period commencing 1st November 2015 until the end of 31st May 2018 | equivalent of the adult component rate |
| | (ii) | from 1st June 2018 | equivalent of the adult component rate plus £40.39 |
| (d) | under Article 5(2)(c) of the Law (first child component rate) | | £65.87 |
| (e) | under Article 5(2)(ca) of the Law (subsequent child component rate) | | £65.87 |
| (f) | under Article 5(2)(d) of the Law (household component rate) | | £52.85”. |

2 Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the Income Support (Amendment No. 17) (Jersey) Regulations 201- and shall come into force 7 days after the day they are made.

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- ¹ *chapter 26.550*
² *chapter 26.550.30*