

**DRAFT DISABILITY TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 200-**

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## **Report**

Unlike other social security and disability benefits, Disability Transport Allowance has no statutory provision for automatically increasing the rate of benefit or the maximum income level. Whilst social security benefits are increased by the same percentage figure as the annual increase in the earnings index, other disability benefits such as Attendance Allowance are increased by a figure half-way between the percentage increase in earnings and the percentage increase in retail prices. A similar half-way index provision was removed from the Disability Transport Allowance Law during the debates and redrafting of the Law for the current system. Without automatic indexation, and due to the timing of the earnings index, it is virtually impossible to have Regulations increasing rates in place by 1st October each year using the normal indices.

However, due to the problems associated with benefit increases over the past two years, the Employment and Social Security Committee are proposing to reset the rate of Disability Transport Allowance so that there would be no doubts as to the base for future increases. The Committee are proposing a figure of £158.05 a month, which is currently being paid and represents the allowance indexed by the percentage figure half-way between the retail prices and earnings increases since the allowance came into force in 1997. The Committee is also proposing to maintain the income bar at the same level that applies to other disability benefits.

In suggesting resetting the rate, the Committee wishes to point out that a consultation exercise on the allowance is about to take place where all aspects of the allowance will be reviewed. Amongst the elements of the review will be the appropriate level of benefit, the income bar and the indexation of the allowance.

The Finance and Economics Committee supports the draft Regulations, subject to the increased costs involved being met from within the Employment and Social Security Committee's existing cash limits.

## **Explanatory Note**

These Regulations provide for -

- (a) the rate of disability transport allowance payable under the Disability Transport Allowance (Jersey) Law 1997 to be increased to £158.08 per month; and
- (b) the maximum income level for the purposes of that Law to be increased to £41,083 per annum,

both with effect from 1st October 2000.

**Disability Transport Allowance (Jersey) Law 1997**

DISABILITY TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE  
(JERSEY) REGULATIONS 200-

(Promulgated on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 200-)

**STATES OF JERSEY**

The \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 200-

**THE STATES**, in pursuance of Articles 3, 13 and 15 of the Disability Transport Allowance (Jersey) Law 1997,<sup>[1]</sup> as amended (in these Regulations called “the Law”), have made the following Regulations -

**Rate of allowance**

1. With effect from the first day of October 2000 the rate of allowance payable under the Law shall be £158.08 per month.

**Maximum income level**

2. Subject to the provisions of Article 4 of the Law,<sup>[2]</sup> with effect from the first day of October 2000 the maximum income level for the purposes of the Law shall be £41,083 per annum.

**Repeal**

3. The Disability Transport Allowance (Jersey) Regulations 1997<sup>[3]</sup> shall be repealed.

**Citation and commencement**

4. These Regulations may be cited as the Disability Transport Allowance (Jersey) Regulations 200- and shall come into force on the day following promulgation.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 1996-1997, pages 493, 498 and 499.

<sup>[2]</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 1996-1997, page 493.

<sup>[3]</sup> No. 9079.