# DRAFT INVALID CARE ALLOWANCE (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 199

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## STATES OF JERSEY

STATES GREFFE

### Report

Invalid Care Allowance is paid to people of working age who cannot work because they have to stay at home to care for a relative who is already receiving Attendance Allowance. It was introduced as a partial compensation for loss of earnings and also to safeguard the contribution record of Carers who had to give up work to care for their relative.

Recognizing the very important role of Carers in our society, the Employment and Social Security Committee stated in a report to the States (P.132/96) that the rate of Benefit paid to Carers should be brought into line with the standard rate of Contributory Benefit (it had previously been set at under half the rate), a more reasonable compensation for loss of earnings. This would better support the Care in the Community Policy of the States which is intended to help people remain in the Community rather than institutional care.

The States approved the proposition "to increase the level of Invalid Care Allowance to the standard rate of Contributory Benefit" at the end of 1996, and money has been made available in this year's budget to implement the change from 1st October 1999.

## **Explanatory Note**

The purposes of these Regulations is to make the invalid care allowance the same as standard rate of benefit. As an invalid care allowance is paid monthly and the standard rate of benefit weekly the latter has to be multiplied by a factor of 4.33 to arrive at the former.

The Regulations were made on and come into force on the day following promulgation.

## Invalid Care and Disability Allowances (Jersey) Law 1978

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(Promulgated on the day of 199)

#### STATES OF JERSEY

The day of 199

**THE STATES,** in pursuance of Articles 15 and 17 of the Invalid Care and Disability Allowances (Jersey) Law 1978, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Law") have made the following Regulations -

- 1. With effect from the first day of October 1999 an invalid care allowance payable under Article 2 of the Law<sup>2</sup> shall be the standard rate of benefit payable under paragraph (2) of Article 13 of the Social Security (Jersey) Law 1974,<sup>3</sup> as amended<sup>4</sup> multiplied by a factor of 4.33.
- **2.** The Invalid Care Allowance (Jersey) Regulations 1988<sup>5</sup> are repealed.
- 3. These Regulations may be cited as the Invalid Care Allowance (Jersey) Regulations 1999 and shall come into force on the day following promulgation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 1975-1978, page 444.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 1975-1978, page 436, and Volume 1979-1981, page 377.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 1973-1974, page 328.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 1990-1991, page 467.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> No. 7827.