

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT INCOME SUPPORT (AMENDMENT No. 3) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 200

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by the Minister for Social Security**

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REPORT

Subject to States' agreement of P.163/2008, these Regulations give effect to the proposed changes to the component rates in Income Support.

Basic component increases

All Income Support claims include basic components for adults, children, lone parents and households, as appropriate. Increasing these rates ensures that every claim will receive a certain level of additional benefit. The amount of additional benefit will depend on the number of people in the household, with larger households receiving a higher amount than smaller households.

Targeted support

There are certain groups who encounter additional barriers to accessing the workplace, and so will be less likely to be able to take advantage of the improved incentives available in the Income Support system.

Many individuals with high personal care needs will be unlikely to be able to enter the labour market and, for a variety of reasons, may not receive LTIA or a pension.

Providing an increase in the Personal Care components levels 2 and 3 will ensure that this group receive additional benefit. The components will be increased by £7 per week.

Summary of component increases

Increase in weekly component rates

| <i>Component</i> | <i>Current rate</i> | <i>Proposed increase</i> | <i>Proposed rate</i> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Adult | £89.32 | £0.98 | £90.30 |
| Child | £60.27 | £0.63 | £60.90 |
| Lone parent | £128.94 | £0.98 | £129.92 |
| Household | £45.71 | £0.49 | £46.20 |
| Personal care level 2 | £89.32 | £7.00 | £96.32 |
| Personal care level 3 | £131.25 | £7.00 | £138.25 |

Financial and manpower implications

There are no manpower implications. Implementation costs, including administration, are estimated at a maximum of £10,000. The cost of the increased benefits can be met from the Departmental cash limit, subject to the approval of P.163/2008.

Explanatory Note

These Regulations further amend the Income Support (Jersey) Regulations 2007 (the “principal Regulations”). Certain rates for income support components were last increased with effect from 1st October 2008. These draft Regulations would further increase certain of those rates from 1st February 2009.

The adult rate basic component is increased from £89.32 to £90.30.

The single parent rate basic component is increased from £128.94 to £129.92.

The child rate basic component is increased from £60.27 to £60.90.

The household rate basic component is increased from £45.71 to £46.20.

The rate of personal care element payable is increased in 2 cases by £7.



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Made

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Coming into force

[date to be inserted]

THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 5 and 18 of the Income Support (Jersey) Law 2007^[1], have made the following Regulations –

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

In Schedule 1 to the Income Support (Jersey) Regulations 2007^[2] –

(a) for paragraph 2 there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

“2 Rates for basic components

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

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| (a) | under Article 5(2)(a) of the Law (adult rate) | £90.30 |
| (b) | under Article 5(2)(b) of the Law (single parent rate) | £129.92 |
| (c) | under Article 5(2)(c) of the Law (child rate) | £60.90 |
| (d) | under Article 5(2)(d) of the Law (household rate) | £46.20.”; |

(b) in paragraph 6, for clauses (b) and (c) of subparagraph (3) there shall be substituted the following clauses –

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| “(b) | for a score of at least 36 but less than 56 | £96.32 |
| (c) | for a score of at least 56 where the member of the household is not receiving appropriate residential care | £138.25”. |

2 Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the Income Support (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations 200 and shall come into force on 1st February 2009.

[1]

chapter 26.550

[2]

chapter 26.550.30