STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT INCOME SUPPORT (JERSEY) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 202-

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REPORT

1. Proposal to increase Income Support

The Minister for Social Security has the responsibility to review Income Support component rates each year. The Minister must bring forward any proposals to change these rates to the States Assembly.

The Minister has proposed an increase of 4% to all components from January 2025, with the exception of the Clinical Cost component. This component will not increase as extra support with GP costs has been provided through the Health Access Scheme.

An increase of 4% is in line with the most recent annual increase in the low income RPI figure published by Statistics Jersey. This ensures that Income Support components reflect the recent increases in costs in Jersey experienced by Income Support households.

2. Details of the proposal

The funding allocated of £3.2 million for 2025 allows for an overall increase of 4% across most components from their current level. The rates will be increased from 1 January 2025. As benefit is paid in advance most households will see some of the increase in their last December payment with the full increase showing in their first January payment.

The uprate includes the new Ancillary Home Care Costs component which was introduced in August.

Current and proposed rates

Component	Legislation	Current £ / week	New £/week from 1 January 2025
Part 1: Basic components			
Adult	Sch1. Para 2(1)(a)	£120.89	£125.79
Single parent supplement	Sch1. Para 2(1)(b)	£47.25	£49.14
Child (first)	Sch1. Para 2(1)(d)	£99.61	£103.60
Child (subsequent)	Sch1. Para 2(1)(e)	£83.93	£87.29
Household	Sch1. Para 2(1)(f)	£67.41	£70.14
Part 2			
A: Housing component			
Rental: private sector			
in the case of a hostel	Sch1. Para 4(2)(a)	£152.60	£158.76
in the case of lodgings or a bedsit	Sch1. Para 4(2)(b)	£184.73	£192.15



Component	Legislation	Current £ / week	New £/week from 1 January 2025
in the case of a flat with 1 bedroom	Sch1. Para 4(2)(c)	£272.37	£283.29
in the case of a flat with 2 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(2)(d)	£348.74	£362.74
in the case of a flat with 3 or more bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(2)(e)	£374.15	£389.13
in the case of a house with 1 bedroom	Sch1. Para 4(2)(f)	£312.20	£324.73
in the case of a house with 2 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(2)(g)	£396.27	£412.16
in the case of a house with 3 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(2)(h)	£462.77	£481.32
in the case of a house with 4 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(2)(i)	£504.42	£524.65
in the case of a house with 5 or more bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(2)(j)	£558.25	£580.58
Owner:			
in the case of a bedsit or flat with 1 or 2 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(7)(a)	£8.54	£8.89
in the case of a flat with 3 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(7)(b)	£12.04	£12.53
in the case of a flat with 4 or more bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(7)(c)	£17.01	£17.71
in the case of a house with 1 bedroom	Sch1. Para 4(7)(d)	£8.54	£8.89
in the case of a house with 2 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(7)(e)	£12.04	£12.53
in the case of a house with 3 or more bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(7)(f)	£17.01	£17.71
Social housing shared by two or more households:			
in the case of a hostel	Sch1. Para 4(13)(a)	£152.60	£158.76
in the case of lodgings or a bedsit	Sch1. Para 4(13)(b)	£175.14	£182.21
in the case of a flat with 1 bedroom	Sch1. Para 4(13)(c)	£258.09	£268.45
in the case of a flat with 2 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(13)(d)	£330.33	£343.56
in the case of a flat with 3 or more bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(13)(e)	£354.34	£368.55
in the case of a house with 1 bedroom	Sch1. Para 4(13)(f)	£295.68	£307.51
in the case of a house with 2 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(13)(g)	£375.55	£390.60
in the case of a house with 3 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(13)(h)	£438.55	£456.12
in the case of a house with 4 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(13)(i)	£477.82	£497.00
in the case of a house with 5 or more bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(13)(j)	£528.99	£550.20



Component	Legislation	Current £ / week	New £ / week from 1 January 2025
B: Impairment component			
Personal care element:			
Level 1: for a score of at least 15 but less than 36	Sch1. Para 6(3)(a)	£30.38	£31.64
Level 2: for a score of at least 36 but less than 56	Sch1. Para 6(3)(b)	£132.79	£138.11
Level 3: for a score of at least 56	Sch1. Para 6(3)(c)	£190.40	£198.03
Mobility element:			
(a) Level 1	Sch1. Para 7(3)(a)	£30.38	£31.64
(b) Level 2	Sch1. Para 7(3)(b)	£60.48	£62.93
Clinical cost element:			
(a) Level 1	Sch1. Para 8(2)(a)	3.99	£3.99
(b) Level 2	Sch1. Para 8(2)(b)	7.98	£7.98
C: Childcare day component			
(a) child under 3	Sch1. Para 10(3)(a)	9.61	£10.00
(b) child 3 +	Sch1. Para 10(3)(b)	8.04	£8.37
D: Carer's component			
Carer's component	Sch1. Para 12	£68.81	£71.61
E: Ancillary Home Care Costs component			
Ancillary Home Care Costs component	Sch1. Para 14	£30.03	£31.29

3. Children's Rights Impact Assessment

A Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) has been prepared in relation to this proposition and is available to read on the States Assembly website.

4. Financial and staffing implications

The total estimated cost of the changes proposed for January 2025 is £3.2 million a year. The cost of these proposals will be included in the 2025 Budget.

There are no staff or other resource implications to this proposal.



EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations, if made, would amend Schedule 1 to the Income Support (Jersey) Regulations 2007. The amendments increase by 4% the rates payable for the following components of income support from 1 January 2025 –

- the basic components;
- the housing component;
- the personal care and mobility elements of the impairment component;
- the child day care component;
- the carer's component; and
- the ancillary home care costs component.

These rates, apart from the rate for the ancillary home care costs component, were last increased with effect from 1 January 2024. The ancillary home care costs component was introduced with effect from 1 August 2024 (and has not been increased since then).

The rates payable for the clinical cost element of the impairment component are not changed.





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THE STATES make these Regulations under Articles 5 and 18 of the <u>Income Support</u> (Jersey) Law 2007 –

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

- (1) This Regulation amends Schedule 1 to the <u>Income Support (Jersey)</u> Regulations 2007.
- (2) For paragraph 2 (rates for basic components) there is substituted –

"2 Rates for basic components

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

(a)	under Article 5(2)(a) of the Law (adult component rate)	£125.79
(b)	under Article 5(2)(b) of the Law (single parent component rate)	£49.14
(c)	under Article 5(2)(c) of the Law (first child component rate)	£103.60
(d)	under Article 5(2)(ca) of the Law (subsequent child component rate)	£87.29
(e)	under Article 5(2)(d) of the Law (household component rate)	£70.14".

- (3) For paragraph 4(2) (rates of housing component: rented dwellings) there is substituted -
 - "(2) The rates payable under this sub-paragraph are –

(a)	in the case of a hostel	£158.76
(b)	in the case of lodgings or a bedsit	£192.15
(c)	in the case of a flat with 1 bedroom	£283.29



(d)	in the case of a flat with 2 bedrooms	£362.74
(e)	in the case of a flat with 3 or more bedrooms	£389.13
(f)	in the case of a house with 1 bedroom	£324.73
(g)	in the case of a house with 2 bedrooms	£412.16
(h)	in the case of a house with 3 bedrooms	£481.32
(i)	in the case of a house with 4 bedrooms	£524.65
(j)	in the case of a house with 5 or more bedrooms	£580.58".

- (4) For paragraph 4(7) (rates of housing component: owned dwellings) there is substituted
 - "(7) The rates payable under this sub-paragraph are –

(a)	in the case of a bedsit or flat with 1 or 2 bedrooms	£8.89
(b)	in the case of a flat with 3 bedrooms	£12.53
(c)	in the case of a flat with 4 or more bedrooms	£17.71
(d)	in the case of a house with 1 bedroom	£8.89
(e)	in the case of a house with 2 bedrooms	£12.53
(f)	in the case of a house with 3 or more bedrooms	£17.71".

- (5) For paragraph 4(13) (rates of housing component: dwellings shared by 2 or more households) there is substituted
 - "(13) The rates payable under this sub-paragraph are –

(a)	in the case of a hostel	£158.76
(b)	in the case of lodgings or a bedsit	£182.21
(c)	in the case of a flat with 1 bedroom	£268.45
(d)	in the case of a flat with 2 bedrooms	£343.56
(e)	in the case of a flat with 3 or more bedrooms	£368.55
(f)	in the case of a house with 1 bedroom	£307.51
(g)	in the case of a house with 2 bedrooms	£390.60
(h)	in the case of a house with 3 bedrooms	£456.12
(i)	in the case of a house with 4 bedrooms	£497.00
(j)	in the case of a house with 5 or more bedrooms	£550.20".

- (6) For paragraph 6(3) (personal care element) there is substituted
 - "(3) The rate of personal care element payable in respect of the total score calculated under sub-paragraph (2) is –



(a)	for a score of at least 15 but less than 36	£31.64
(b)	for a score of at least 36 but less than 56	£138.11
(c)	for a score of at least 56	£198.03".

- (7) For paragraph 7(3) (mobility element) there is substituted
 - "(3) The rate of mobility element of the impairment component is
 - (a) £31.64 if the person's average weekly earnings do not exceed the amount in clause (b); or
 - (b) £62.93.".
- (8) For paragraph 10(3) (rate for the child day care component) there is substituted
 - "(3) The rates payable under this sub-paragraph are –

(a)	for a child under the age of 3 years	£10.00
(b)	for a child aged 3 years or over	£8.37".

- (9) In paragraph 12 (rate for the carer's component), for "£68.81" there is substituted "£71.61".
- (10) In paragraph 14 (rate for ancillary home care costs component), for "£30.03" there is substituted "£31.29".

2 Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the Income Support (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- and come into force on 1 January 2025.



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