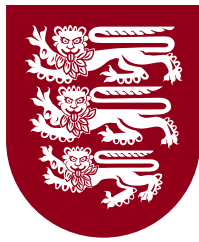


STATES OF JERSEY



Jersey

DRAFT CHRISTMAS BONUS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 202-

**Lodged au Greffe on 17th October 2023
by the Minister for Social Security
Earliest date for debate: 28th November 2023**

STATES GREFFE

Report

Background

Last month, States Members voted ([P.59/2023 part a](#)) to increase the value of the annual Christmas Bonus to £114.19.

A Christmas bonus is paid to eligible individuals under two separate pieces of legislation.

These Regulations make necessary amendments and an associated Order provides for the updated value under the [Social Security \(Bonus\) \(Jersey\) Law 2014](#).

Regulations

Regulation 1 sets the value of the Christmas bonus within the [Income Support \(Special Payments\) \(Christmas Bonus\) \(Jersey\) Regulations 2016](#) to £114.19. Regulation 2 clarifies the wording within the [Social Security \(Christmas Bonus\) \(Jersey\) Regulations 2016](#). A separate Order under the Social Security (Bonus) (Jersey) Law 2014 will reset the ongoing value of the Christmas bonus to £114.19. This Order will be signed by the Minister subject to the approval by the Assembly of these Regulations.

Subject to approval, these Regulations will come into effect at the beginning of December to allow the 2023 payments to be made at the new rate.

Financial and staff implications

There are no staff implications.

The cost of the increased bonus has been estimated at £142,000. This estimate includes an allowance for the expansion of the Pension Plus Scheme, as announced by the Minister earlier this year. Individuals who are members of the Pension Plus scheme will automatically receive a Christmas bonus.

The additional cost will be met by CLS benefit budgets but it is noted that this additional cost will reduce the ability of the Government to provide financial support in response to any emerging issues in 2024.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Draft Christmas Bonus (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 202-, if made, will amend the Income Support (Special Payments) (Christmas Bonus) (Jersey) Regulations 2016 to increase the amount of Christmas bonus payable as a special payment under the Income Support (Jersey) Law 2007 from £84.87 in previous years to £114.19 from 2023. The Regulations also amend the Social Security (Christmas Bonus) (Jersey) Regulations 2016 to remove the requirement to set a bonus amount on an annual basis, and to remove a provision relating to the introduction of the Christmas bonus that is no longer required. The Regulations will come into force on 4th December 2023.



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Made [date to be inserted]

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THE STATES make these Regulations under Articles 8 and 18 of the [Income Support \(Jersey\) Law 2007](#) and Article 2 of the [Social Security \(Bonus\) \(Jersey\) Law 2014](#) –

1 [Income Support \(Special Payments\) \(Christmas Bonus\) \(Jersey\) Regulations 2016](#) amended

In Regulation 3(1) (amount of payment of Christmas bonus) of the [Income Support \(Special Payments\) \(Christmas Bonus\) \(Jersey\) Regulations 2016](#), for “for any year is £84.87” there is substituted “for 2023 and subsequent years is £114.19”.

2 [Social Security \(Christmas Bonus\) \(Jersey\) Regulations 2016](#) amended

In the [Social Security \(Christmas Bonus\) \(Jersey\) Regulations 2016](#) –

- (a) in Regulation 3 (amount of Christmas bonus) “in respect of any one year” is deleted; and
- (b) Regulation 9 (transitional provisions) is deleted.

3 Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the Christmas Bonus (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 202- and come into force on 4th December 2023.