

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: APPROVAL OF SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENTS

[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022 \(SSI 2022/Draft\)](#)

1. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To increase Funeral Support Payment, Young Carer Grant, Best Start Grant and Child Winter Heating Assistance by 6%. Adult Disability Payment and Child Disability Payment are increased by 3.1% which is the September 2021 Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate. This is because Adult Disability Payment and Child Disability Payment must increase in line with benefits still administered by DWP under agency agreement to avoid creating a two-tier system. Scottish Child Payment will be increased by 100% to £20. These Regulations increase the amount of;

- the Young Carer Grant payable under the Carer's Assistance (Young Carer Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2019;
- Funeral Support Payment payable under the Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Regulations 2019; namely, 1) the standard amount of assistance that is available towards other funeral costs, 2) the amount which is payable towards other funeral costs if the deceased has a pre-paid funeral plan and 3) the amount which is payable towards a fee for removing an active implantable medical device from the deceased;
- Child Disability Payment payable under the Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020; namely 1) the mobility component and 2) the care component;
- Adult Disability Payment payable under the Disability Assistance for Working Age People (Scotland) Regulations 2021; namely 1) the daily living component, and 2) the mobility component
- the amount payable under the Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020,
- The amount of Best Start Grant 1) Pregnancy and Baby Payment (1st Child Payment), 2) Pregnancy and Baby Payment (Subsequent Child Payment & Extra Payment for Twins/Triplets), 3) Early Learning Payment and 4) School Age Payment payable under the Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 and
- the Child Winter Heating Assistance payable under the Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020.

3. The regulations also make amendments to The Welfare Foods (Best Start Foods) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 to increase the income thresholds for Best Start Foods to take account of the increases in the National Living Wage and the increased levels of Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.

Consideration by committee

4. This instrument has been laid to replace a previous draft which was withdrawn. The new draft uplifts several forms of devolved social security benefits and assistance from the 3.1% raise in the previous draft, up to 6%. In a [letter to the Social Justice and Social Security Committee](#), the Minister for Social Security and Local Government explains that the measures urgently seek to provide additional support to people in response to the growing cost of living pressures, which have risen significantly recently due to the war in Ukraine. He states that in order to achieve these changes by 1 April he re-laid these revised regulations on Thursday 17 March 2022 and seeks to rely on an expedited parliamentary process with a coming into force date of 1 April.

5. In order to meet the deadline, the Social Justice and Social Security Committee will consider the instrument at its meeting on 31 March, reporting straight after. If approved by the Committee, a motion for Parliament to approve the instrument will be laid after the Committee's meeting, for consideration by Parliament that afternoon. The Business Team will update Business Managers once the motion has been laid and update the Business Programme accordingly.

Decision

6. **Business Managers are invited note that the above motion will be lodged.**

7. **Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motion.**

**Parliamentary Business Team
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