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S.I. No. 601 of 2008

SOCIAL WELFARE (CONSOLIDATED CLAIMS, PAYMENTS AND
CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) (INCREASE IN RATES)
REGULATIONS 2008

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The Minister for Social and Family Affairs, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by sections 2 (as amended by sections 4, 5, 17 and 29 and Schedules 1, 3 and 6 of the Social Welfare Law Reform and Pensions Act 2006 (No. 6 of 2006)), 3 (as amended by section 37 and Schedule 7 of the Social Welfare Law Reform and Pensions Act 2006), 4 (as amended by section 17 and Schedule 3 of the Social Welfare Law Reform and Pensions Act 2006), 41 (as amended by section 6 of the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2008 (No. 2 of 2008)), 49 (as amended by section 4 and Schedule 1 of the Social Welfare Law Reform and Pensions Act 2006), 53, 60 (as amended by section 4 and Schedule 1 of the Social Welfare Law Reform and Pensions Act 2006), 64 (as amended by section 8 of the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2007 (No.8 of 2007)), 109 (as amended by section 4 and Schedule 1 of the Social Welfare Law Reform and Pensions Act 2006), 115 (as amended by section 4 and Schedule 1 of the Social Welfare Law Reform and Pensions Act 2006), 125, 178A (as amended by section 23 of the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2007), 229 and 297 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 (No. 26 of 2005), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and construction.

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No. 4) (Increase in Rates) Regulations 2008.

(2) These Regulations and the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2008 shall be construed together as one and may be cited together as the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2008.

Commencement.

2. These Regulations come into operation—

- (a) in so far as they relate to jobseeker's allowance, pre-retirement allowance and farm assist, on 24 December 2008,
- (b) in so far as they relate to jobseeker's benefit, on 25 December 2008,
- (c) in so far as they relate to illness benefit, maternity benefit, adoptive benefit, health and safety benefit and injury benefit, on 29 December 2008,
- (d) in so far as they relate to disability allowance, on 31 December 2008,

*Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in
"Iris Oifigiúil" of 16th January, 2009.*

- (e) in so far as they relate to State pension (transition), invalidity pension, family income supplement and a payment referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of “relevant payment” in section 178 of the Principal Act, on 1 January 2009, and
- (f) in so far as they relate to State pension (contributory), widow’s and widower’s (contributory) pension and incapacity supplement, on 2 January 2009.

Definitions.

3. In these Regulations “the Principal Regulations” means the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 142 of 2007);

Interpretation.

4. In these Regulations, save where the context otherwise requires, a reference to a Schedule is to a Schedule to these Regulations.

Maternity and adoptive benefit.

5. The Principal Regulations are amended in article 32(2) by substituting “€230.30” for “€221.80”.

Reduced rates of benefit.

6. The Principal Regulations are amended by—

- (a) the substitution for Schedule 5 thereto of the Schedule set out in Schedule 1,
- (b) the substitution for Schedule 6 thereto of the Schedule set out in Schedule 2,
- (c) the substitution for Schedule 8 thereto of the Schedule set out in Schedule 3,
- (d) the substitution for Schedule 10 thereto of the Schedule set out in Schedule 7,
- (e) the substitution for Schedule 11 thereto of the Schedule set out in Schedule 8.

Increase for qualified adult.

7. The Principal Regulations are amended:

- (a) in article 62(5) by substituting “€154.70” for “€150.00” and “€123.00” for “€119.00”,
- (b) in article 65(4) by substituting “€154.70” for “€150.00” and “€123.00” for “€119.00”,
- (c) by the substitution for Schedule 2 thereto of the Schedule set out in Schedule 4,

- (d) by the substitution for Schedule 3 thereto of the Schedule set out in Schedule 5,
- (e) by the substitution for Schedule 9 thereto of the Schedule set out in Schedule 6,
- (f) by the substitution for Schedule 1 thereto of the Schedule set out in Schedule 9,
- (g) by the substitution for Schedule 7 thereto of the Schedule set out in Schedule 10, and
- (h) by the substitution for Schedule 4 thereto of the Schedule set out in Schedule 11.

SCHEDULE 1

“SCHEDULE 5

*Articles 27 and 48.***Reduced rates of Illness and Jobseeker’s Benefits**

Amount of reckonable weekly earnings	Weekly Rate	Increase for Qualified Adult (where payable)
(1)	(2)	(3)
€	€	€
32.00 to 44.43	91.80	87.90
44.44 to 63.48	132.00	87.90
63.49 to 88.87	160.10	87.90

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SCHEDULE 2

Articles 27, 37 and 48.

“SCHEDULE 6

Reduced rates of Illness, Health and Safety and Jobseeker’s Benefits

Amount of reckonable weekly earnings	Weekly Rate	Increase for Qualified Adult (where payable)
(1)	(2)	(3)
€	€	€
32.00 to 79.99	91.80	87.90
80.00 to 124.99	132.00	87.90
125.00 to 149.99	160.10	87.90

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“SCHEDULE 8

Reduced rates of State Pension (Contributory) where contribution conditions are partially satisfied and increases for Qualified Adult

Yearly Average	Weekly Rate	Increase for Qualified Adult (under 66)	Increase for Qualified Adult (over 66)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	€	€	€
20 to 47	225.80	153.50	206.30
15 to 19	172.70	115.10	154.70
10 to 14	115.20	76.80	103.20
5 to 9	57.60	38.40	51.60

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SCHEDULE 4

Articles 10, 62 and
65.

“SCHEDULE 2

Rates of tapered qualified adult allowance payable with rates of State Pension (Contributory) and State Pension (Transition) where the qualified adult has attained pensionable age

Spouse's earnings: (1)	Yearly Average 48-52 (2)	Yearly Average 20-47 (3)	Yearly Average 15-19 (4)	Yearly Average 10-14 (5)	Yearly Average 5-9 (6)
	€	€	€	€	€
Less than or equal to €100.00	206.30	206.30	154.70	103.20	51.60
Exceed €100.01 but do not exceed €110.00	196.90	196.90	147.60	98.50	49.30
Exceed €110.01 but do not exceed €120.00	187.50	187.50	140.50	93.80	47.00
Exceed €120.01 but do not exceed €130.00	178.10	178.10	133.40	89.10	44.70
Exceed €130.01 but do not exceed €140.00	168.70	168.70	126.30	84.40	42.40
Exceed €140.01 but do not exceed €150.00	159.30	159.30	119.20	79.70	40.10
Exceed €150.01 but do not exceed €160.00	149.90	149.90	112.10	75.00	37.80
Exceed €160.01 but do not exceed €170.00	140.50	140.50	105.00	70.30	35.50
Exceed €170.01 but do not exceed €180.00	131.10	131.10	97.90	65.60	33.20
Exceed €180.01 but do not exceed €190.00	121.70	121.70	90.80	60.90	30.90
Exceed €190.01 but do not exceed €200.00	112.30	112.30	83.70	56.20	28.60
Exceed €200.01 but do not exceed €210.00	102.90	102.90	76.60	51.50	26.30
Exceed €210.01 but do not exceed €220.00	93.50	93.50	69.50	46.80	24.00
Exceed €220.01 but do not exceed €230.00	84.10	84.10	62.40	42.10	21.70
Exceed €230.01 but do not exceed €240.00	74.70	74.70	55.30	37.40	19.40
Exceed €240.01 but do not exceed €250.00	65.30	65.30	48.20	32.70	17.10
Exceed €250.01 but do not exceed €260.00	55.90	55.90	41.10	28.00	14.80
Exceed €260.01 but do not exceed €270.00	46.50	46.50	34.00	23.30	12.50
Exceed €270.01 but do not exceed €280.00	37.10	37.10	26.90	18.60	10.20
Exceed €280.01 but do not exceed €290.00	27.70	27.70	19.80	13.90	7.90
Exceed €290.01 but do not exceed €300.00	18.30	18.30	12.70	9.20	5.60
Exceed €300.01 but do not exceed €310.00	8.90	8.90	5.60	4.50	3.30

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“SCHEDULE 3

Rates of tapered qualified adult allowance payable with rates of State Pension (Contributory) and State Pension (Transition) where the qualified adult has not attained pensionable age

Spouse's earnings: (1)	Yearly Average 48-52 (2)	Yearly Average 20-47 (3)	Yearly Average 15-19 (4)	Yearly Average 10-14 (5)	Yearly Average 5-9 (6)
	€	€	€	€	€
Less than or equal to €100.00	153.50	153.50	115.10	76.80	38.40
Exceed €100.01 but do not exceed €110.00	146.50	146.50	109.80	73.30	36.70
Exceed €110.01 but do not exceed €120.00	139.50	139.50	104.50	69.80	35.00
Exceed €120.01 but do not exceed €130.00	132.50	132.50	99.20	66.30	33.30
Exceed €130.01 but do not exceed €140.00	125.50	125.50	93.90	62.80	31.60
Exceed €140.01 but do not exceed €150.00	118.50	118.50	88.60	59.30	29.90
Exceed €150.01 but do not exceed €160.00	111.50	111.50	83.30	55.80	28.20
Exceed €160.01 but do not exceed €170.00	104.50	104.50	78.00	52.30	26.50
Exceed €170.01 but do not exceed €180.00	97.50	97.50	72.70	48.80	24.80
Exceed €180.01 but do not exceed €190.00	90.50	90.50	67.40	45.30	23.10
Exceed €190.01 but do not exceed €200.00	83.50	83.50	62.10	41.80	21.40
Exceed €200.01 but do not exceed €210.00	76.50	76.50	56.80	38.30	19.70
Exceed €210.01 but do not exceed €220.00	69.50	69.50	51.50	34.80	18.00
Exceed €220.01 but do not exceed €230.00	62.50	62.50	46.20	31.30	16.30
Exceed €230.01 but do not exceed €240.00	55.50	55.50	40.90	27.80	14.60
Exceed €240.01 but do not exceed €250.00	48.50	48.50	35.60	24.30	12.90
Exceed €250.01 but do not exceed €260.00	41.50	41.50	30.30	20.80	11.20
Exceed €260.01 but do not exceed €270.00	34.50	34.50	25.00	17.30	9.50
Exceed €270.01 but do not exceed €280.00	27.50	27.50	19.70	13.80	7.80
Exceed €280.01 but do not exceed €290.00	20.50	20.50	14.40	10.30	6.10
Exceed €290.01 but do not exceed €300.00	13.50	13.50	9.10	6.80	4.40
Exceed €300.01 but do not exceed €310.00	6.50	6.50	3.80	3.30	2.70

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SCHEDULE 6

Articles 62 and 65.

“SCHEDULE 9

Rates of tapered qualified adult allowance payable with State Pension (Contributory) and State Pension (Transition) where beneficiary was entitled to or in receipt of a qualified adult allowance on 5 April 2001

Spouse's earnings: (1)	Increase for Qualified Adult (over 66) (2)	Increase for Qualified Adult (under 66) (3)
	€	€
Less than or equal to €100.00	154.70	123.00
Exceed €100.01 but do not exceed €110.00	147.60	117.20
Exceed €110.01 but do not exceed €120.00	140.50	111.40
Exceed €120.01 but do not exceed €130.00	133.40	105.60
Exceed €130.01 but do not exceed €140.00	126.30	99.80
Exceed €140.01 but do not exceed €150.00	119.20	94.00
Exceed €150.01 but do not exceed €160.00	112.10	88.20
Exceed €160.01 but do not exceed €170.00	105.00	82.40
Exceed €170.01 but do not exceed €180.00	97.90	76.60
Exceed €180.01 but do not exceed €190.00	90.80	70.80
Exceed €190.01 but do not exceed €200.00	83.70	65.00
Exceed €200.01 but do not exceed €210.00	76.60	59.20
Exceed €210.01 but do not exceed €220.00	69.50	53.40
Exceed €220.01 but do not exceed €230.00	62.40	47.60
Exceed €230.01 but do not exceed €240.00	55.30	41.80
Exceed €240.01 but do not exceed €250.00	48.20	36.00
Exceed €250.01 but do not exceed €260.00	41.10	30.20
Exceed €260.01 but do not exceed €270.00	34.00	24.40
Exceed €270.01 but do not exceed €280.00	26.90	18.60
Exceed €280.01 but do not exceed €290.00	19.80	12.80
Exceed €290.01 but do not exceed €300.00	12.70	7.00
Exceed €300.01 but do not exceed €310.00	5.60	1.20

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SCHEDULE 7

“SCHEDULE 10

Reduced rates of State Pension (Transition) where contribution conditions are partially satisfied

Yearly Average (1)	Weekly Rate (2)
24 to 47	€ 225.80

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SCHEDULE 8

“SCHEDULE 11

Reduced rates of Widow's (Contributory) Pension, Widower's (Contributory) Pension and a payment by virtue of paragraph (a) in the definition of “relevant payment” in section 178 where contribution conditions are partially satisfied

Yearly Average (1)	Weekly Rate (under 66) (2)	Weekly Rate (over 66) (3)
	€	€
36 to 47	206.80	225.80
24 to 35	204.30	220.40
18 to 23	150.90	165.20
12 to 17	99.50	109.70
5 to 11	50.40	54.90

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SCHEDULE 9

Article 9.

“SCHEDULE 1

**Rates of increases for Qualified Adult payable with Illness Benefit,
Jobseeker’s Benefit, Injury Benefit, Incapacity Supplement, Jobseeker’s
Allowance, Pre-Retirement Allowance, Disability Allowance or Farm Assist**

Qualified Adult weekly income, calculated or estimated in accordance with article 6B	Increase in respect of Qualified Adult
(1)	(2)
	€
Less than or equal to €100.00	135.60
Exceed €100.01 but do not exceed €110.00	130.20
Exceed €110.01 but do not exceed €120.00	124.80
Exceed €120.01 but do not exceed €130.00	118.50
Exceed €130.01 but do not exceed €140.00	112.20
Exceed €140.01 but do not exceed €150.00	105.90
Exceed €150.01 but do not exceed €160.00	99.60
Exceed €160.01 but do not exceed €170.00	93.30
Exceed €170.01 but do not exceed €180.00	87.00
Exceed €180.01 but do not exceed €190.00	80.70
Exceed €190.01 but do not exceed €200.00	74.40
Exceed €200.01 but do not exceed €210.00	68.10
Exceed €210.01 but do not exceed €220.00	61.80
Exceed €220.01 but do not exceed €230.00	55.50
Exceed €230.01 but do not exceed €240.00	49.20
Exceed €240.01 but do not exceed €250.00	42.90
Exceed €250.01 but do not exceed €260.00	36.60
Exceed €260.01 but do not exceed €270.00	30.30
Exceed €270.01 but do not exceed €280.00	24.00
Exceed €280.01 but do not exceed €290.00	17.70
Exceed €290.01 but do not exceed €300.00	11.40
Exceed €300.01 but do not exceed €310.00	5.10

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“SCHEDULE 7

Rates of increases for Qualified Adult, payable with reduced rates of Illness and Jobseeker’s Benefit

Qualified Adult weekly income, calculated or estimated in accordance with article 6B (1)	Increase in respect of Qualified Adult (2)
	€
Less than or equal to €100.00	87.90
Exceed €100.01 but do not exceed €110.00	83.90
Exceed €110.01 but do not exceed €120.00	79.90
Exceed €120.01 but do not exceed €130.00	75.90
Exceed €130.01 but do not exceed €140.00	71.90
Exceed €140.01 but do not exceed €150.00	67.90
Exceed €150.01 but do not exceed €160.00	63.90
Exceed €160.01 but do not exceed €170.00	59.90
Exceed €170.01 but do not exceed €180.00	55.90
Exceed €180.01 but do not exceed €190.00	51.90
Exceed €190.01 but do not exceed €200.00	47.90
Exceed €200.01 but do not exceed €210.00	43.90
Exceed €210.01 but do not exceed €220.00	39.90
Exceed €220.01 but do not exceed €230.00	35.90
Exceed €230.01 but do not exceed €240.00	31.90
Exceed €240.01 but do not exceed €250.00	27.90
Exceed €250.01 but do not exceed €260.00	23.90
Exceed €260.01 but do not exceed €270.00	19.90
Exceed €270.01 but do not exceed €280.00	15.90
Exceed €280.01 but do not exceed €290.00	11.90
Exceed €290.01 but do not exceed €300.00	7.90
Exceed €300.01 but do not exceed €310.00	3.90

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SCHEDULE 11

Article 11.

“SCHEDULE 4

Rates of increases for Qualified Adult payable with Invalidity Pension

Qualified Adult weekly income, calculated or estimated in accordance with article 6B	Increase in respect of Qualified Adult (under 66)	Increase in respect of Qualified Adult (over 66)
(1)	(2)	(3)
	€	€
Less than or equal to €100.00	149.70	206.30
Exceed €100.01 but do not exceed €110.00	142.90	196.90
Exceed €110.01 but do not exceed €120.00	136.10	187.50
Exceed €120.01 but do not exceed €130.00	129.30	178.10
Exceed €130.01 but do not exceed €140.00	122.50	168.70
Exceed €140.01 but do not exceed €150.00	115.70	159.30
Exceed €150.01 but do not exceed €160.00	108.90	149.90
Exceed €160.01 but do not exceed €170.00	102.10	140.50
Exceed €170.01 but do not exceed €180.00	95.30	131.10
Exceed €180.01 but do not exceed €190.00	88.50	121.70
Exceed €190.01 but do not exceed €200.00	81.70	112.30
Exceed €200.01 but do not exceed €210.00	74.90	102.90
Exceed €210.01 but do not exceed €220.00	68.10	93.50
Exceed €220.01 but do not exceed €230.00	61.30	84.10
Exceed €230.01 but do not exceed €240.00	54.50	74.70
Exceed €240.01 but do not exceed €250.00	47.70	65.30
Exceed €250.01 but do not exceed €260.00	40.90	55.90
Exceed €260.01 but do not exceed €270.00	34.10	46.50
Exceed €270.01 but do not exceed €280.00	27.30	37.10
Exceed €280.01 but do not exceed €290.00	20.50	27.70
Exceed €290.01 but do not exceed €300.00	13.70	18.30
Exceed €300.01 but do not exceed €310.00	6.90	8.90

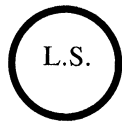
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GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for Social and Family
Affairs,
18 December 2008

MARY HANAFIN.
Minister for Social and Family Affairs.

The Minister for Finance hereby consents to the making of the foregoing
regulations.



GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for Finance,
18 December 2008

BRIAN LENIHAN.
Minister for Finance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

The Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2008 provides for increases in the maximum rates of social insurance payments arising from Budget 2008.

These Regulations provide for increases in the reduced rates of Illness Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, State Pension (Contributory), State Pension (Transition), Widow's and Widower's (Contributory) Pension and Deserted Wife's Benefit, and also provides for increases in the rates of tapered increases in respect of Qualified Adults. All of these increases are effective from the first week in January 2009.

The Regulations provide for increases in the minimum weekly rate of Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, with effect from 29 December 2008.

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