

STATES OF JERSEY



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DRAFT INCOME SUPPORT (JERSEY) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 202-

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REPORT

1. Background

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

2. Proposal to increase Income Support

The Minister has proposed an increase of 3.6% to most components from January 2027, 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.

The increase of 3.6% is in line with the RPI(X) figure and the RPI(low income) figure for June 2026. This is above the headline rate of inflation which was 2.8%.

In addition to these Regulations, the Minister will make an Order to increase the level at which earnings, pension income and maintenance income are disregarded as part of the Income Support calculation, from 26% to 27.5%.

3. Details of the proposal

The funding allocated of £3.8 million for 2027 allows for an overall increase of 3.6% across most components from their current level. The rates will be increased from 1 January 2027. 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.

In addition to the component increases set out in these Regulations, the Minister will make an Order to increase the level at which earnings, pension income and maintenance income are disregarded as part of the Income Support calculation from 26% to 27.5%.

Clinical cost component: The clinical cost component of Income Support was originally designed to help meet the cost of GP fees for individuals with additional health needs. Surgery GP consultations are now free for children and full-time students. Income support adults are automatically included in the Health Access Scheme which sets a patient fee of £10 for a GP surgery consultation. This means that the need for additional financial support for GP costs is significantly reduced compared to the situation pre-2020. As such the Clinical Cost component has not been increased in recent years.

It is proposed that the component is maintained at its current level for 2027.

Current and proposed rates

Rates are increased by 3.6% with the exception of Clinical costs (a) and (b) – no uplift

Component	Legislation	Current Weekly Rate	New Weekly rate
Basic Components			
Adult	Sch1. Para 2(1)(a)	£130.83	£ 135.59

Component	Legislation	Current Weekly Rate	New Weekly rate
Single parent	Sch1. Para 2(1)(b) and (ba)	£181.93	£ 188.51
Child (first)	Sch1. Para 2(1)(c)	£107.80	£ 111.72
Child (subsequent)	Sch1. Para 2(1)(d)	£90.79	£ 94.08
Household	Sch1. Para 2(1)(e)	£73.01	£ 75.67
Private Rented Accommodation			
in the case of a hostel	Sch1. Para 4(2)(a)	£199.85	£ 207.06
in the case of lodgings or a bedsit	Sch1. Para 4(2)(b)	£199.85	£ 207.06
in the case of a flat with 1 bedroom	Sch1. Para 4(2)(c)	£294.63	£ 305.27
in the case of a flat with 2 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(2)(d)	£377.30	£ 390.95
in the case of a flat with 3 or more bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(2)(e)	£404.74	£ 419.37
in the case of a house with 1 bedroom	Sch1. Para 4(2)(f)	£337.75	£ 349.93
in the case of a house with 2 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(2)(g)	£428.68	£ 444.15
in the case of a house with 3 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(2)(h)	£500.64	£ 518.70
in the case of a house with 4 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(2)(i)	£545.65	£ 565.32
in the case of a house with 5 or more bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(2)(j)	£603.82	£ 625.59
Owner Occupied Accommodation			
in the case of a bedsit or flat with 1 or 2 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(7)(a)	£9.31	£ 9.66
in the case of a flat with 3 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(7)(b)	£13.09	£ 13.58
in the case of a flat with 4 or more bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(7)(c)	£18.48	£ 19.18
in the case of a house with 1 bedroom	Sch1. Para 4(7)(d)	£9.31	£ 9.66
in the case of a house with 2 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(7)(e)	£13.09	£ 13.58

Component	Legislation	Current Weekly Rate	New Weekly rate
in the case of a house with 3 or more bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(7)(f)	£18.48	£ 19.18
Social Capped Accommodation			
in the case of a hostel	Sch1. Para 4(13)(a)	£165.13	£ 171.08
in the case of lodgings or a bedsit	Sch1. Para 4(13)(b)	£189.56	£ 196.42
in the case of a flat with 1 bedroom	Sch1. Para 4(13)(c)	£279.23	£ 289.31
in the case of a flat with 2 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(13)(d)	£357.35	£ 370.23
in the case of a flat with 3 or more bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(13)(e)	£383.32	£ 397.18
in the case of a house with 1 bedroom	Sch1. Para 4(13)(f)	£319.83	£ 331.38
in the case of a house with 2 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(13)(g)	£406.28	£ 420.91
in the case of a house with 3 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(13)(h)	£474.39	£ 491.47
in the case of a house with 4 bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(13)(i)	£516.88	£ 535.50
in the case of a house with 5 or more bedrooms	Sch1. Para 4(13)(j)	£572.25	£ 592.90
Impairment			
Personal care element: for a score of at least 15 but less than 36	Sch1. Para 6(3)(a)	£32.97	£ 34.16
Personal care element: for a score of at least 36 but less than 56	Sch1. Para 6(3)(b)	£143.64	£ 148.82
Personal care element: for a score of at least 56	Sch1. Para 6(3)(c)	£206.01	£ 213.43
Mobility element: (a)	Sch1. Para 7(3)(a)	£32.97	£ 34.16
Mobility element: (b)	Sch1. Para 7(3)(b)	£65.45	£ 67.83
Clinical cost element: (a)	Sch1. Para 8(2)(a)	£3.99	£ 3.99
Clinical cost element: (b)	Sch1. Para 8(2)(b)	£7.98	£ 7.98

Child Care			
Component	Legislation	Current Hourly Rate	New Hourly Rate
(a) child under 3	Sch1. Para 10(3)(a)	£10.00	£ 10.78
(b) child 3 +	Sch1. Para 10(3)(b)	£8.37	£ 9.03
Carer			
Component	Legislation	Current Weekly Rate	New Weekly Rate
Carer's Component	Sch1. Para 12	£71.61	£77.21
Ancillary Home Care Costs			
Ancillary Home Care Costs	Sch1. Para 14	£31.29	£33.74

The Regulations also take the opportunity to rectify a missing cross-reference to Article 5(2)(ba) of the [Income Support \(Jersey\) Law 2007](#). This references the award of the Single Parent Component. This was an administrative oversight and has not affected any actual claims.

Financial and staffing implications

The total estimated cost of the changes proposed for January 2027 is £3.8 million a year. The cost of these proposals is provided for in the 2027 draft Budget. There are no staff or other resource implications to this proposal. This cost includes the cost associated with the improvement in the disregard for certain types of household income.

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.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations, if passed, will increase the rates of the components of income support by 3.6%. The exception is the rate payable in respect of the clinical cost element of the impairment component, which has not been increased. These Regulations will also insert missing references to Article 5(2)(ba) of the Income Support (Jersey) Law 2007 into the Income Support (Jersey) Regulations 2007.

These Regulations come into force on 1 January 2027.



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*Made**[date to be inserted]**Coming into force**[date to be inserted]*

THE STATES make these Regulations under Articles 5 and 18 of the [Income Support \(Jersey\) Law 2007](#) –

1 [Income Support \(Jersey\) Regulations 2007](#) amended

These Regulations amend the [Income Support \(Jersey\) Regulations 2007](#).

2 References to Article 5(2) of the Income Support (Jersey) Law 2007 amended

For “or (b)” there is substituted “, (b) or (ba)” in the following places –

- (a) Regulation 5(2);
- (b) Regulation 5D(2);
- (c) Regulation 5E(7);
- (d) Schedule 1, paragraph 1(5);
- (e) Schedule 1, paragraph 3(3)(a);
- (f) Schedule 1, paragraph 5(5); and
- (g) Schedule 1, paragraph 11(3).

3 Schedule 1 (basic and special components) amended

- (1) This Regulation amends Schedule 1.
- (2) For paragraph 2 (rates of 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)	£135.59
(b)	under Article 5(2)(b) or (ba) of the Law (single parent component rate)	£188.51

(c)	under Article 5(2)(c) of the Law (first child component rate)	£111.72
(d)	under Article 5(2)(ca) of the Law (subsequent child component rate)	£94.08
(e)	under Article 5(2)(d) of the Law (household component rate)	£75.67

- (3) For paragraph 4A(3) (rate of housing component – private sector rental) there is substituted –

(3) The rates payable under this sub-paragraph are –

(a)	hostel	£207.06
(b)	lodgings or a bedsit	£207.06
(c)	flat with 1 bedroom	£305.27
(d)	flat with 2 bedrooms	£390.95
(e)	flat with 3 or more bedrooms	£419.37
(f)	house with 1 bedroom	£349.93
(g)	house with 2 bedrooms	£444.15
(h)	house with 3 bedrooms	£518.70
(i)	house with 4 bedrooms	£565.32
(j)	house with 5 or more bedrooms	£625.59

- (4) For paragraph 4C(4) (rate of housing component – dwelling owned by member of household) there is substituted –

(4) The rates payable under this sub-paragraph are –

(a)	bedsit or flat with 1 or 2 bedrooms	£9.66
(b)	flat with 3 bedrooms	£13.58
(c)	flat with 4 or more bedrooms	£19.18
(d)	house with 1 bedroom	£9.66
(e)	house with 2 bedrooms	£13.58
(f)	house with 3 or more bedrooms	£19.18

- (5) For paragraph 4I (rates payable under paragraphs 4B(2) and (3) and 4G(5)(ii)) there is substituted –

4I Rates payable under paragraphs 4B(2) and (3) and 4G(5)(ii)

The rates payable under this paragraph are –

(a)	in the case of a hostel	£171.08
(b)	in the case of lodgings or a bedsit	£196.42
(c)	in the case of a flat with 1 bedroom	£289.31
(d)	in the case of a flat with 2 bedrooms	£370.23
(e)	in the case of a flat with 3 or more bedrooms	£397.18
(f)	in the case of a house with 1 bedroom	£331.38
(g)	in the case of a house with 2 bedrooms	£420.91
(h)	in the case of a house with 3 bedrooms	£491.47
(i)	in the case of a house with 4 bedrooms	£535.50
(j)	in the case of a house with 5 or more bedrooms	£592.90

(6) For paragraph 6(3) (rate of 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	£34.16
(b)	for a score of at least 36 but less than 56	£148.82
(c)	for a score of at least 56	£213.43

(7) For paragraph 7(3) (rate of mobility element) there is substituted –

(3) The rate of mobility element of the impairment component is –

- (a) £34.16 if the person's average weekly earnings do not exceed the amount in clause (b); or
- (b) £67.83.

(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	£10.78
(b)	for a child aged 3 years or over	£9.03

(9) For paragraph 12 (rate for the carer's component) there is substituted –

12 Rate for the carer's component

The rate payable in respect of the carer's component is £77.21.

(10) For paragraph 14 (rate for ancillary home care costs component) there is substituted –

14 Rate for ancillary home care costs component

The rate payable in respect of an ancillary home care costs component is £33.74.

4 Title

These Regulations are the Income Support (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202-.

5 Commencement

These Regulations come into force on 1 January 2027.