

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

Affirmative

[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To fulfil the duty on the Scottish Ministers under sections 86A and 86B of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 to create legislation that increases the amounts of the Scottish Child Payment, Child Disability Payment, Adult Disability Payment, Funeral Support Payment, Carer Support Payment and Young Carer Grant. The increases are intended to match or exceed the adjustment for price inflation. Payments will increase by 1.7% rounded to the nearest multiple of 5 pence.
3. Additionally, the Regulations uprate other benefits not subject to the mandatory uprating requirements by 1.7% - Best Start Grants, Best Start Foods, Child Winter Heating Payment and Winter Heating Payment. The Regulations also increase the rates to an amount in line with inflation for Carer's Allowance and Carer Support Payment. These are not covered by the reporting or up-rating duties in sections 86A and 86B of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

5. To fulfil the statutory duty on the Scottish Ministers under sections 150 and 150A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 to review the rates of social security benefits that they are responsible for and provides for the up-rating of certain benefits. Various weekly rates of payment of Attendance Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit, Industrial Death Benefit, Personal Independence Payment and Severe Disablement Allowance will increase.
6. The Order will also make an increase to the Adult Dependency Increase as an additional weekly payment payable to some recipients of Severe Disablement

Allowance. Other associated benefits of the Severe Disablement Allowance and Industrial Injuries Scheme benefits will also increase.

Consideration by committee

7. At its meeting on 6 March 2025 the Social Justice and Social Security Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instruments be approved. The Committee's [report was published on 12 March 2025](#).

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

9. To increase the value of payments for free personal care and nursing care by 2.37%.

Consideration by committee

10. At its meeting on 4 March 2025 the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The Committee's [report was published on 12 March 2025](#).

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

12. To set out the capped level of funding for the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons in respect of the financial year 2025-2026. It also sets out reimbursement rates for bus operators in respect of 2025-2026 for both the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons and the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Young Persons.

Consideration by committee

13. At its meeting on 25 February 2025, following debate, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The Committee's [report was published on 12 March 2025](#).

Decision

14. Business Managers are invited to note that the above motions will be lodged.

15. Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.

Parliamentary Business Team
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