## **Social Security News**

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SD2022/0285 amends Part XC and Part XD of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (as it applies to the IOM) to provide for a third round of energy support payments and family support payments to be made to qualifying persons.

**SD2022/0286** amends Part X of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (as it applies to the IOM) to remove the 13-week benefit qualifying condition for the Christmas Bonus which applies to a person who is under state pension age and the only qualifying benefit they are getting is income support.



## Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (Application) (Amendment) (No. 6) Order 2022 SD2022/0285

This Order amends the Order which applied to the Island the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (of Parliament).

Part XC of the Act (energy support payment) is amended to provide for a third round of energy support payments (referred to as "ESP3") worth up to £300 to be paid to qualifying persons and to set out the conditions and circumstances, including the relevant period and relevant day, under which it will be paid and the amount of such payment.

To be entitled to an ESP3 a person must, among other things, be entitled to an income-related benefit for a period which includes 28 November 2022 and be continuously entitled to an income-related benefit for the period from 31 October 2022 to 27 November 2022.

Part XD of the Act (family support payment) is amended to provide for a third round of family support payments (referred to as "FSP3") worth up to £400 (depending on family size and household income) to be paid to qualifying persons and to set out the conditions, including the relevant day, under which it will be paid and the amount of such payment.

To be entitled to an FSP3 a person must, among other things, be entitled to child benefit for a period which includes 28 November 2022.

Part XA of the Act (winter bonus) is omitted as it has been suspended temporarily. It is not currently needed as extra support with meeting fuel bills is now being delivered to people on low incomes through energy support payments.

Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (Application) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order 2022
SD2022/0286

This Order amends the Order which applied to the Island the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (of Parliament).

Part X of the Act is amended to remove the 13-week benefit qualifying condition for the Christmas Bonus which applies to a person who is under state pension age and is receiving income support and no other qualifying benefit, and to make consequential amendments.