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I, HEATHER HUMPHREYS, Minister for Social Protection, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 4 (amended by section 10 of the Social Welfare Act 2020 (No. 30 of 2020)) and 292 (amended by section 8 of and schedule 1 to the Social Welfare Act 2017 (No. 38 of 2017)) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 (No.26 of 2005), with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, hereby make the following Regulations:

***Citation***

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Welfare (Disability Allowance, Blind Pension, Invalidity Pension) (Temporary Provisions) Regulations 2022.

***Definitions***

2. In these Regulations—

“Principal Act” means the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005;

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

“relevant week” means—

- (a) in relation to disability allowance, the period commencing on 16 November 2022 and expiring on 22 November 2022,
- (b) in relation to invalidity pension, the period commencing on 17 November 2022 and expiring on 23 November 2022, and
- (c) in relation to blind pension, the period commencing on 18 November 2022 and expiring on 24 November 2022.

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3. (1) This article applies to a person who is, or becomes, entitled to a payment specified in article 4 of these Regulations in respect of the relevant week.

(2) Where sub-article (1) of this article applies, the amount payable in respect of the relevant week shall be increased by €500.

(3) A person shall not be entitled to an increase in accordance with sub-article (2) of this article in respect of more than one payment specified in article 4 of these Regulations.

*Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in  
“Iris Oifigiúil” of 2nd December, 2022.*

*Specified payments*

4. The following payments are specified for the purposes of article 3(1) of these Regulations—

- (a) invalidity pension,
- (b) blind pension,
- (c) disability allowance.

The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform consents to the making of the foregoing Regulations.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
24 November, 2022.

MICHAEL MCGRATH,  
Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
24 November, 2022.

HEATHER HUMPHREYS,  
Minister for Social Protection.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations provide for the payment of a bonus to recipients of disability allowance, blind pension, and invalidity pension in November 2022.

The amount of the bonus is €500 in addition to the normal weekly payment payable during that week.

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