

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

S.I. No. 75 of 2008

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The Minister for Social and Family Affairs, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 4 (as amended by section 17 and Schedule 3 of the Social Welfare Law Reform and Pensions Act 2006 (No. 5 of 2006)) and 100 (as amended by section 12 of the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2007 (No. 8 of 2007)) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 (No. 26 of 2005) and Rules 1(5) and 4(3) of Part 5 (as inserted by section 25 and Schedule 5 of the Social Welfare Law Reform and Pensions Act 2006) of Schedule 3 to the said Act, 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) (Carer's Income Disregard) Regulations 2008.
- (2) These Regulations and the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 142 of 2007) shall be construed together as one and may be cited as the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 to 2008.

Commencement.

2. These Regulations come into operation on 3 April 2008.

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).

Income disregards — *carer's benefit and carer's allowance.*

- 4. The Principal Regulations are amended—
 - (a) in article 57 (amended by article 4 of the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (Carer's Income Disregard and Family Income Supplement) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 148 of 2007)) by substituting "€332.50" for "€320" in each place where it occurs, and

- (i) "€332.50" for "€320", and
- (ii) "€665" for "€640".



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

3 March 2008

MARTIN CULLEN.

Minister for Social and Family Affairs

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Social Welfare legislation currently provides that a person in receipt of Carer's Benefit may engage in employment or self employment outside the home, subject to a maximum of fifteen hours per week and an income ceiling of \leq 320. Article 4(a) of these regulations increases the income ceiling to \leq 332.50 per week, effective from 3 April, 2008.

Article 4(b) of these regulations further provides for an increase in the income disregarded for the purposes of Carer's Allowance. In the case of a single person, the increase is €12.50 per week, bringing the total amount of the disregard to €332.50. In the case of a married person, the disregard is increased by €25 per week, to a new total of €665. These changes take effect from 3 April 2008.

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