

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit

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Amendment to HB/CTB Circular A16/2007: War Pension Rates 2008 Appendix D, Annex 1

- 1 We have been advised that the War Pension rate for Rent Allowance (Maximum) for 2008 is incorrect.
- 2 The rate in *HB/CTB Circular A16/2007, Appendix D Annex 1* currently shows £41.05. The correct rate should be £41.50.
- 3 Thank you to the local authority who notified us of the change. Apologies for any inconvenience this has caused.

Queries

- 4 If you have any enquiries about the technical content of Circular A16/2007 please contact John.Kennett@dwp.gsi.gov.uk or Phillipa.Fallowfield@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Partnership Agreement for Benefit Administration, Security and Fraud between Jobcentre Plus and LAs

- 5 Jobcentre Plus and LAs have agreed a new, three year, Partnership Agreement which sets out the principles for effective partnership working between the two organisations at a local level.
- 6 The key aim of the Agreement, which is sent as a separate attachment with this Bulletin (Partnership Agreement.doc), is to provide a framework that supports effective joint working in respect of Benefit Administration, Security and Fraud. This replaces the previous separate agreements for joint working in Benefit Administration and Fraud.
- 7 As you will be aware recent announcements in the budget regarding the HB agenda, and also the In and Out of Work pilots, support an increasing need for closer working and understanding between Jobcentre Plus and LAs.
- 8 This Agreement should be brought to the attention of all appropriate operational managers and staff.
- 9 We are confident that the Agreement will make a real contribution to ensuring that both organisations continue to work effectively together and deliver a quality service to our shared customers.

Queries

- 10 If you have any queries about this article please contact the Jobcentre Plus Governmental Business Partnerships Team
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Statutory Instruments

11 The following Statutory Instruments (SI) have now been laid

- 2008 No 721, The Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 2008, coming into force 9 April 2008
- 2008 No 726, The Social Security Pensions (Low Earnings Threshold) Order 2008, coming into force 6 April 2008
- 2008 No 730, The Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order 2008, coming into force 6 April 2008
- 2008 No 731, The Occupational Pension Schemes (Employer Debt and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008, coming into force 6 April 2008
- 2008 No 759, The Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews for Partners) Amendment Regulations 2008, coming into force 28 April 2008
- 2008 No 787 (C.36), The Welfare Reform Act 2007 (Commencement No. 6 and Consequential Provisions) Order 2008, coming into force 1 April 2008

12 Copies of SIs can now be downloaded from DWP's own website <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/advisers/docs/lawvols/bluevol/> and the website of the Office of Publication Information <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/stat.htm>