

## *Policy Circular*

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### **1.0 Background**

The Funds allow an amount for the cost of school meals within a notional assessment.

On an annual basis the Funds review the figure that should be allowed.

### **2.0 Policy**

The school meal allowance should be included as part of the housing cost section where a client is not in receipt of income support. The amount applies to **each** dependent child between the ages of 5 and 18 **provided** they are in full time education.

The rate for 2011-2012 has been fixed at £8.40 and should be used from 4 April 2011.

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### **3.0 Calculation of the School Meals Allowance**

In order to obtain the figure to be used for the year the ILF will apply an inflationary increase on top of the figure agreed for the previous year. This will be based on the Retail Price Index (RPI) for the year. This can be obtained from the Incomes Data Services website.  
<http://www.incomesdata.co.uk/statistics/rpitable.htm>

Once the percentage increase has been added to the existing figure this will then be rounded up or down to the nearest ten pence.

### **4.0 Source**

SMT meeting 19/5/03  
Strategic policy team meeting 17/9/04  
Incomes Data Services website 20/4/10  
Incomes Data Services website March 2011

### **5.0 Cross References**

Available Income policy

### **6.0 History Date Reviewed**

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