

SCOTTISH CARER'S ALLOWANCE SUPPLEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

- 1 This memo provides guidance on the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2018 ([SI 872 /2018](#)). This order comes into force on 3.9.18¹.

1 the SS (Scotland) Act 2018 (Consq Mod) Order 2018, Art 1

BACKGROUND

- 2 Under devolved powers, the Scottish Government has committed to increase the rate of Carer's Allowance (CA) to the rate of JSA paid to a single jobseeker aged not less than 25. However, DWP will continue to deliver CA in Scotland in the same way that it does for England and Wales on behalf of the Scottish Government, until Scottish Ministers introduce their own benefit scheme.
- 3 From 3.9.18 and prior to the introduction of the Scottish replacement for carer's allowance, the Scottish Government will pay a carer's allowance supplement (CAS), twice yearly to recipients of Carer's Allowance (CA) living in Scotland¹.

1 The Scotland Act 2018, s81

EFFECT ON INCOME

- 4 The CAS is an income but it is fully disregarded¹ for IS, JSA(IB) and ESA(IR) purposes. It is not a prescribed income for SPC² and is therefore also disregarded in full. This **does not** affect the treatment of CA, which will continue to be taken fully into account where claimants are also in receipt of the CAS.

1 IS (Gen) Regs. Sch 9, JSA Regs, Sch 7, ESA Regs, Sch 8; 2 SPC Regs, reg 15(1)

ANNOTATIONS

Please annotate the number of this memo (Memo DMG 9/18) against the following DMG paragraphs: 28053, 28350, 51023, 51210, 85103 & 85280.

CONTACTS

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