

THE TROUBLES PERMANENT DISABLEMENT PAYMENT SCHEME

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INTRODUCTION

1. This Memo gives guidance on the Victims' Payments Regulations 2020 (SI 2020/103). The relevant parts of these regulations come into force on 29.05.20¹.

1. The V P Regs 2020, reg 1(3)

BACKGROUND

2. From 29.05.20 the Government is introducing victims' payments (VPs) in respect of injury caused by Troubles-related incidents that took place on or after 01.01.66 but before 12.04.10.

Note: The term "Troubles" relates to political violence originating in Northern Ireland between the relevant dates.

3. Claims for VPs will be made to the Victims' Payments Board which will be responsible for deciding them and making payments.
4. Payments may be in the form of a lump sum or monthly payments.

EFFECT ON INCOME FOR SPC PURPOSES

5. VPs are not a prescribed income¹ for SPC purposes so are disregarded in full.

1. SPC Act 02, s 15; SPC Regs, reg 15; The V P Regs 2020, reg 26(1)(a)

EFFECT ON INCOME FOR IS, JSA(IB) AND ESA(IR) PURPOSES

6. VPs are fully disregarded as income for IS¹, JSA(IB)² and ESA(IR)³ purposes.

1. The V P Regs 2020, reg 26(1)(a) & (2)(c)(i); 2. The V P Regs 2020, reg 26(1)(a) & (2)(d)(i); 3. The V P Regs 2020, reg 26(1)(a) & (2)(a)(i)

EFFECT ON CAPITAL FOR SPC, IS, JSA(IB) AND ESA(IR) PURPOSES

7. VPs are fully disregarded indefinitely as capital for SPC¹, IS², JSA(IB)³ and ESA(IR)⁴ purposes.

1. The V P Regs 2020, reg 26(1)(a) & (2)(e); 2. The V P Regs, reg 26(1)(a) & (2)(c); 3. 26(1)(a) & (2)(d); 4. 26(1)(a) & (2)(a)

ANNOTATIONS

Please annotate the number of this memo (11/20) against the following DMG paragraphs.

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CONTACTS

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