

DMG - Volume 4: JSA & IS

Chapters 20-24

Summary of changes from December 2020

April 2026

Chapter 23

DMG Memo 02/26: giving guidance on the 2026 Up-rating – Amendment to Appendix 4

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DMG Memo 01/26 'The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Carer's Assistance) (Consequential Modifications) Order 2026'. This memo gives guidance on The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Carer's Assistance) (Consequential Modifications) Order 2026 which came into force on 15.03.26. Chapter amended to link to memo.

January 2026

Chapter 23

Following changes have been made to include the DMG 05-25 Uprating Memo. Appendix 4 to Chapter 23: Info at bottom of Page added.

August 2025

Chapter 23

DMG Memo 08/25 to be noted against DMG paragraph 23775.

April 2025

DMG Memo 06-25: Legacy Benefits and State Pension Credit - The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Disability Assistance) (Consequential Amendments) Order 2025, added with cross references to the DMG Abbreviations, Statutes & S.I. lists plus DMG chapters 61, 35, Vol 1 Annex A, 02, 04, 03, 04, 53, 23, 41, 44, 78, 20, 28 & 86

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New DMG Memo 5/25: and uprating amendment to Appendix 4

November 2024

Chapter 23

Paragraphs 23182/23183 amended to include ADP/CDP and 23205 to include ADP.

Paragraph 23181 amended to make clear it is the enhanced rate of ADP that is applicable when considering entitlement to the EDP.

October 2024

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DMG Memo 02/24 incorporated at Appendix 4.

March 2024

Chapter 20

There is now the addition of a **Note** referencing changes to SoS requirement for a signed declaration at paragraphs 20912, 20915, 20919, 20936 and 20957.

May 2023

Chapter 23

DMG Memos 15/20 and 15/21 incorporated – payments disregarded when considering the income of non-dependants (see para. 23775).

DMG Memos 09/21 and 03/22 incorporated – when considering whether a non-dependant deduction for housing costs is appropriate, or when calculating their gross weekly income, CDP and ADP are added to the list of benefits to consider (paras. 23770, 23775).

DMG Memo 3/22 incorporated – ADP is added to the list of qualifying benefits when considering entitlement to premiums etc. (paras. 23103, 23106, 23122, 23123, 23127, 23182, 23202, 23220, 23243, 23292).

DMG Memo 12/22 incorporated – ADP commences/converted from PIP/DLA whilst a claimant is in hospital – entitlement to SDP will have to be considered (para. 23289).

Up-rating DMG Memos 4/21, 7/22 and 4/23 incorporated (Appendix 4).

References to DMG Memo 06/22 removed – no changes to definition of terminally ill needed to paras. 23103 and 23123.

July 2022

Chapter 20

Amendments to this chapter incorporate Memo DMG 8/20 about the effect of parental bereavement leave and pay on work and earnings, Memos DMG 9/21 and 3/22 about the effect of Scottish child and adult disability payments on whether a claimant is a carer or is in remunerative work, and make minor amendments.

December 2020 updates

Chapter 23

DMG 23225 gives guidance on the Shared Lives Scheme when considering the SDP and non-dependants. The **Note** to this paragraph has been amended to make clear just who is or is not a non-dependant, especially in relation to the carer's own household.