

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

**THE INCOME SUPPORT (IMPLEMENTATION) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDINANCE,
2025**

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether they are of the opinion to approve the draft Ordinance entitled "The Income Support (Implementation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance, 2025" and to direct that the same shall have effect as an Ordinance of the States.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Ordinance amends the Income Support (Implementation) Ordinance, 1971 to substitute Tables 1 to 4 in the Appendix to the First Schedule to the 1971 Ordinance. It also amends paragraph 6 of that First Schedule relating to rent.

The effect of the amendments is to amend the short term and long-term requirement rates on which the calculation of income support is based, related rent allowances added in calculating a claimant's requirements and the level of personal allowances for people in residential homes who are in receipt of income support. It also increases the limit of weekly income support payable for persons in residential and nursing homes.

Rates, allowances and limits are increased by 3.7% in line with the annual rate of inflation (RPIX) for the year ending 30th June, 2025. The amendments are made with effect from 9th January, 2026.

The Income Support (Implementation) (Amendment)

(No. 2) Ordinance, 2025

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolutions of the ** November 2025^a, and in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 3(2) and (4), 15 and 15B of the Income Support (Guernsey) Law, 1971^b, and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order:-

Amendment of Ordinance.

1. The First Schedule (including its Appendix) to the Income Support (Implementation) Ordinance, 1971^c is amended as follows.

2. In paragraph 6 (rent), in subparagraphs (1)(b) and (2A)(a), for "£96.00" substitute "£99.50".

3. For Tables 1 to 4 set out in the Appendix to the First Schedule, substitute the numbered Tables 1 to 4 set out in the Schedule to this Ordinance.

Extent.

4. This Ordinance has effect in the Islands of Guernsey, Alderney, Herm and Jethou.

Repeal.

5. Sections 6 and 10 of the Income Support (Implementation)

^a Article ** of Billet d'État No. ** of 2025.

^b Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXIII, p. 26. This enactment has been amended.

^c Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XVII, p. 139. This enactment has been amended.

(Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance, 2024^d are repealed.

Citation.

6. This Ordinance may be cited as the Income Support (Implementation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance, 2025.

Commencement.

7. This Ordinance shall come into force on the 9th January, 2026.

^d Ordinance No. XXXVII of 2024.

SCHEDULE

Section 3

"Table 1

(Paragraph 3)

Limitation of weekly benefit payable for certain persons as from the week
commencing 9th January, 2026

<i>Residential home</i>	<i>Residential home, receiving EMI care</i>	<i>Nursing Home, etc</i>	<i>Personal Allowance</i>	<i>UK Personal Allowance</i>
£1,286.00	£1,451.00	£1,824.00	£50.67	£71.63

Table 2

(Paragraph 5(1) and (2))

Short-term Weekly Requirements as from week commencing

9th January, 2026

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Married couple or other persons falling within paragraph 2(1) (" Couple ")	£281.01
Person not falling within paragraph 2(1) who is directly responsible for household necessities and rent (if any) (" Single householder ")	£168.46
Person who is not a householder (" Non-householder ") -	£128.57
Member of a household -	
Aged 11 years or over	£123.34
Aged 5 years or over but less than 11	£96.53
Aged less than 5 years	£79.15

Table 3

(Paragraph 5(2) and (2A))

Long-term Weekly Requirements as from week commencing

9th January, 2026

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Married couple or other persons falling within paragraph 2(1) (" Couple ")	£399.86
Person not falling within paragraph 2(1) who is directly responsible for household necessities and rent (if any) (" Single householder ")	£240.50
Person who is not a householder (" Non-householder ") -	£183.11
Member of a household -	
Aged 11 years or over	£140.47
Aged 5 years or over but less than 11	£106.87
Aged less than 5 years	£93.29

Table 4

(Paragraph 6(4))

Maximum Rent Allowances as from week commencing

9th January, 2026

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Married couple or other persons falling within paragraph 2(1) (" Couple ") with no child dependants	£312.05
Person not falling within paragraph 2(1) who is directly responsible for household necessities and rent (if any) (" Single householder ") with no child dependants	£312.05
Couple or Single householder with one child dependant	£362.47
Couple or Single householder with two child dependants	£461.48
Couple or Single householder with three or more child dependants	£564.11
Person living in shared accommodation	£241.58

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