

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

**PROJET DE LOI**

Entitled

**THE FAMILY ALLOWANCES AND SOCIAL INSURANCE (GUERNSEY) (AMENDMENT)  
LAW, 2026**

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether they are of the opinion to approve the draft Projet de Loi entitled "The Family Allowances and Social Insurance (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2026", and to authorise the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to His Majesty praying for His Royal Sanction thereto.

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Projet principally amends the Family Allowances (Guernsey) Law, 1950 ("the 1950 Law"). It also makes a consequential amendment to the Social Insurance (Guernsey) Law, 1978 ("the 1978 Law").

The purpose of the amendments is to provide for family allowance and widowed parent's allowance to continue to be payable in respect of a person over the age of 18 years who is receiving full time education during the period up to the last Sunday in July in the academic year in which the person turns 18. It does this principally by deleting references in the 1950 Law to a child being a person under 18, and family allowance only being paid in respect of a child under 18, and by inserting a provision providing for its payment to a person over the age of 18 in the circumstances set out above. Section 1(7) is a consequential provision deleting a now redundant interpretative provision in the 1950 Law. Section 2 makes a minor consequential amendment to the 1978 Law to ensure that widowed parent's allowance, like family allowance, continues to be paid in respect of a person receiving fulltime education throughout the academic year (up to the last Sunday in July) in which s/he turns 18.



# PROJET DE LOI

ENTITLED

## **The Family Allowances and Social Insurance (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2026**

**THE STATES**, in pursuance of their Resolutions of the 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2025<sup>a</sup> have approved the following provisions which, subject to the Sanction of His Most Excellent Majesty in Council, shall have force of law in the Islands of Guernsey, Alderney, Herm and Jethou.

### **Amendment of the Family Allowances Law.**

1. (1) The Family Allowances (Guernsey) Law, 1950<sup>b</sup> ("**the Law**") is amended as follows.

(2) In section 1(1), in both places it appears, delete "aged under eighteen".

(3) Section 1(3) is repealed.

(4) In section 1(4), delete the definitions of "compulsory school age" and "receiving full-time education".

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<sup>a</sup> Article III of Billet d'État No. IX of 2025.

<sup>b</sup> Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIV, p. 332; this enactment has been amended.

(5) For section 2(1)(b), substitute –

"(b) during any period before the last Sunday in July during the academic year in which the person attains the age of 18 years whilst receiving full-time education by attendance at a recognised educational establishment."

(6) After section 2(1), insert –

"(1A) For the purposes of this section, "**academic year**" means any period commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> September and ending on the next 31<sup>st</sup> August."

(7) Section 19(8) is repealed.

**Amendment of the Social Insurance Law.**

2. (1) The Social Insurance (Guernsey) Law, 1978<sup>c</sup> is amended as follows.

(2) In section 31 (Widowed parent's allowance), at the end of subsection (1)(b)(i) delete "or", and after subsection (1)(b)(i), insert –

"(iA) the claimant has residing with him or her a person who is over the age of eighteen years and who is a child of his or her

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<sup>c</sup> Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXVI, p. 292; this enactment has been amended.

family, or".

**Citation.**

3. This Law may be cited as the Family Allowances and Social Insurance (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2026.

**Commencement.**

4. (1) This Law shall come into force on the day appointed for this purpose by regulations of the Guernsey Committee for Employment & Social Security; and different dates may be appointed for different provisions and for different purposes.

(2) Regulations under subsection (1) shall be laid before a meeting of the States as soon as possible after being made.