



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

**S.I. No. 78 of 2021**

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SOCIAL WELFARE (CONSOLIDATED CLAIMS, PAYMENT AND  
CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 8) (EARNINGS DISREGARD)  
REGULATIONS 2021

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I, HEATHER HUMPHREYS, Minister for Social Protection, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 4 (as adapted by the Employment Affairs and Social Protection (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 447 of 2020)), and by Rule 1(2)(b)(viii) of Part 2 of Schedule 3 to the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 (No. 26 of 2005) hereby make the following Regulations:

**Citation and construction**

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payment and Control) (Amendment) (No. 8) (Earnings Disregard) Regulations 2021.
- (2) These Regulations and the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payment and Control) Regulations 2007 to 2021 shall be construed together as one and may be cited together as the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 to 2021.

**Commencement**

2. These Regulations come into operation—
  - (a) in so far as they relate to disability allowance, on 2 June 2021, and
  - (b) in so far as they relate to blind pension, on 4 June 2021.

**Earnings disregard**

3. The Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payment and Control) Regulations 2007 (S. I. No. 142 of 2007) are amended—
  - (a) in article 147(3)(e) (as amended by article 4(a) of Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No. 3) (Earnings Disregard) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 42 of 2019)) by the substitution of “140” for “120”, and
  - (b) in article 150(3)(d) (as amended by article (as amended by article 4(b) of Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No. 3) (Earnings Disregard) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 42 of 2019)) by the substitution of “140” for “120”.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
23 February, 2021.

HEATHER HUMPHREYS,  
Minister for Social Protection.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)*

These Regulations provide for an increase of €20, from €120 to €140, in the weekly earnings disregard in the case of recipients of Disability Allowance arising from Budget 2021.

The increase in the weekly earnings disregard is effective from 2 June 2021 for Disability Allowance and 4 June 2021 for Blind Pension.

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