

**THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR
GAZETTE**

No. 3,690 of 18th December, 2008

B. 29/08

BILL

FOR

AN ACT to amend the Social Security (Open Long-Term Benefits Scheme) Act 1997.

ENACTED by the Legislature of Gibraltar.

Title and commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Social Security (Open Long-Term Benefits Scheme) (Amendment) Act 2008 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1 April 2008.

Amendment of Act.

2. The Social Security (Open Long-Term Benefits Scheme) Act 1997 is amended—

- (a) in section 11(2) and (3) on each occasion the words “weekly” appear substitute “monthly”;
- (b) in section 12(3) for “weekly” substitute “monthly”;
- (c) in section 18(3) for “weekly” substitute “monthly”;
- (d) in section 21(1) for “weekly” substitute “monthly”;
- (e) in section 22—
 - (i) for “weekly” substitute “monthly”

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- (ii) in paragraph (a) for “weekly earnings” substitute “monthly earnings” and for “£39.48” substitute “£178.51”;
- (f) in section 34 delete the words “so that payments shall not be made in respect of periods less than a week or at different rates for different parts of a week”;
- (g) by substituting the following for Schedule 2–

“SCHEDULE 2

RATE OR AMOUNT OF BENEFIT

PART I

Section 11(2)(a)

**STANDARD RATES OF BENEFITS AND INCREASES FOR
DEPENDANTS**

Description of Benefit	Monthly Basic Rate	Increase for wife or adult dependant where payable	Increase for children not exceeding 4* , where payable for child
Widow’s Benefit:			
(a) Widow’s Allowance.	£423.36	–	£51.58
(b) Widowed Mother’s Allowance.	£356.93	–	£51.58*
(c) Widow’s Pension.	£356.93	–	Omitted
1A. Widower’s pension (incapable of self-support).	£356.93	-	£51.58
2. Guardian’s Allowance.	£91.06	-	-
3. Old Age Pensions:			
(a) where the pension is payable to a woman by			

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virtue of a husband's insurance, and he is alive, or where the pension is payable by virtue of his wife's insurance to a man who is permanently incapable of self-support, and she is alive.	£178.51	-	-	£51.58
(b) in any other case.	£356.93	£178.51		£51.58

* Except in the case of a Widowed Mother's Allowance where there is no limit to the number of children in respect of whom increases may be paid.

PART II

Section 11(3)

**LOWER RATES OF BENEFITS AND OF INCREASES
FOR DEPENDANTS**

Description of Benefit	Monthly Basic Rate	Increase for wife or adult dependant where payable	Increases for children not exceeding 4*, where payable for child
	£	£	£
1. Widow's benefit:			
(a) Widow's Allowance.	5.22	-	1.09
(b) Widowed Mother's Allowance.	2.61	-	0.57*
(c) Widow's pension.	2.61	-	-
1A. Widower's pension (incapable of self support)	2.61	-	0.57
2. Guardian's Allowance.	1.09	-	-

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3. Old age pensions: (a) where the pension is payable to a woman by virtue of a husband's insurance, and he is alive, or where the pension is payable by virtue of his wife's insurance to a man who is permanently incapable of self-support, and she is alive.	1.74	–	0.57
(b) in any other case.	2.61	1.74	0.57

* Except in the case of a Widowed Mother's Allowance where there is no limit to the number of children in respect of whom increases may be paid.

PART III

Section 11(3)

**ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS RATES OF BENEFITS AND OF
INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS**

Description of Benefit	Monthly Basic Rate	Increase for wife or adult dependant where payable	Increases for children not exceeding 4*, where payable for child
	£	£	£
1. Widow's benefit:			
(a) Widow's Allowance.	8.70	–	1.09
(b) Widowed Mother's Allowance.	6.53	–	1.09*
(c) Widow's pension.	6.53	–	–
1A. Widower's pension (incapable of self support)	6.53	–	1.09
2. Guardian's Allowance.	2.18	–	–
3. Old age pensions:			
(a) where the pension is payable to a woman by virtue of a husband's insurance, and he is alive, or where the pension is payable by virtue of his wife's insurance to a man who is permanently incapable of self-support, and she is alive.	3.92	–	1.09
(b) in any other case.	6.53	3.92	1.09

* Except in the case of a Widowed Mother's Allowance where there is no limit to the number of children in respect of whom increases may be paid."

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill amends the Social Security (Open Long-Term Benefits Scheme) Act by increasing the amount of pension benefits payable and changing references to weekly payments to monthly payments as these payments are paid, and have for a number of years been paid, on a monthly basis.