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Ugo MIFSUD BONNICI
President

12th August, 1997

ACT No. XXII of 1997

AN ACT to amend the Social Security Act.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

Short title and
commencement.
Cap. 318.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Social Security (Amendment) Act, 1997, and shall be read and construed as one with the Social Security Act, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

(2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force as follows:

(a) sections 7 to 11, 13 and 14 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 4th January, 1997; and

(b) section 12 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 6th January, 1997; and

(c) sections 2 to 6 shall come into force on the 4th October, 1997.

Amendment of
section 2 of the
principal Act.

2. In subsection (1) of section 2 of the principal Act, for the definition of "Service Pension", there shall be substituted the following:-

" "Service Pension", means-

(i) with effect from the 1st day of April, 1978, a pension or other allowance awarded to a person at any time before or after the aforesaid date that is payable by or on behalf of his employer in respect of past services in Malta or abroad and shall in each and every case be considered on an uncommuted basis, and

(ii) with effect from January 6, 1996, net of increases in the amount payable of such Service Pension by way of cost of living increases awarded after January 7, 1995, and

(iii) with effect from October 4, 1997, a pension or other allowance, other than a pension or other allowance which has been commuted in whole, or which does not exceed Lm200 per annum, net of increases in the amount payable of such Service Pension by way of cost of living increases awarded after the initial award of such Service Pension:

Provided that, with effect from the 4th January, 1992, where such person is in receipt of two or more Service Pensions, only the higher or the highest, as the case may be, of such Service Pensions shall be deemed to be a Service Pension for the purpose of assessing, revising or re-assessing a pension in respect of retirement or invalidity under this Act; so however that, and solely for the purpose of assessing, revising or re-assessing a Retirement Pension in accordance with section 44 and paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section 47 of this Act, a person who is in receipt of two or more such Service Pensions one of which is payable by or on behalf of the United Kingdom Government, shall have the right to elect which of such Service Pension as aforesaid is to be deemed to be the Service Pension for this latter purpose:

Provided further that, with effect from the 4th January 1992, and solely for the purpose referred to in the foregoing proviso of this definition, where a Service Pension as aforesaid in this definition has been-

(a) commuted in part only and the pensioner has reached his 72nd birthday, 50% of the commuted part only of such Service Pension shall be taken into account, and

(b) commuted in whole, only 50% of such Service Pension shall be taken into account, so however that with effect from the 4th October, 1997, where such Service Pension has been commuted in whole, it shall no longer be taken into account for the purposes of this Act;".

3. In section 33 of the principal Act, immediately after the words "in connection with his employment" there shall be added the words ". So however that, such abatement shall not exceed the amount that would have been payable to the widow by the employer of her late husband, had her husband died immediately after the date of the initial award of his service pension".

Amendment of
section 33 of the
principal Act.

Amendment of
section 33A of the
principal Act.

4. In subsection (1) of section 33A of the principal Act, for the words "together with the full rate of pension such widow receives" there shall be substituted the words "together with the rate of pension, as adjusted in accordance with the provisions of this Act, such widow receives".

Amendment of
section 36 of the
principal Act.

5. In section 36 of the principal Act, immediately after the words "if such pension" there shall be added the words " , as adjusted in accordance with the provisions of this Act ,".

Amendment of
section 56 of the
principal Act.

6. In section 56 of the principal Act, for the words, "which is or had been commuted, at any time, in whole or in part," there shall be substituted the words, ", other than a Service Pension which has been commuted, at any time, in whole,".

Substitution of the
Third Schedule to
the principal Act.

7. For the Third Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:-

"THIRD SCHEDULE

Sections 18, 28, 29, 30

*Rates of Sickness, Unemployment, Special Unemployment, and Injury Benefits;
Injury Grant and Injury Pension*

Part I

Type of Benefit	Daily Rate of Benefit			
	A Single Person or married man who is maintaining his wife		Any other person	
	4 Jan - 4 Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm c	4 Jan - 4 Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm c
Sickness Benefit	5.13	5.16	3.31	3.33
Injury Benefit	7.72	7.76	5.82	5.85
Unemployment Benefit	3.12	3.14	2.03	2.04
Special Unemployment Benefit	5.24	5.27	3.40	3.42

Part II

Amounts of Injury Grant

Degree of Disablement	Amount of Grant	
%	4 Jan - 4 Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm c
1	63.16	63.52
2	126.32	127.04
3	189.48	190.56
4	252.64	254.08
5	315.80	317.60
6	378.96	381.12
7	442.12	444.64
8	505.28	508.16
9	568.44	571.68
10	631.60	635.20
11	694.76	698.72
12	757.92	762.24
13	821.08	825.76
14	884.24	889.28
15	947.40	952.80
16	1010.56	1016.32
17	1073.72	1079.84
18	1136.88	1143.36
19	1200.04	1206.88

Part III

Highest Rate of Injury Pension

Weekly Rate	
4 Jan - 4 Apr	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98
Lm c	Lm c
18.20	18.30

Part IV

Orphan's Allowance

Weekly Rate	
4 Jan - 4 Apr	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98
Lm c 11.29	Lm c 11.36

Part V

Orphan's Supplementary Allowance

Weekly Rate	
4 Jan - 4 Apr	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98
Lm c 24.31	Lm c 24.48

Substitution of the
Sixth Schedule to
the principal Act.

8. For the Sixth Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:-

"SIXTH SCHEDULE
Sections 27, 30, 66, 68

Part I

*Scale of Social Assistance per week, inclusive of any measures
under the provisions of section 90A of this Act*

<i>A household of ONE eligible member only</i>	
4 Jan - 4 Apr	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98
Lm c 24.79	Lm c 24.96

Where the number of eligible members in the household exceeds the number indicated in the above column, the respective weekly rates indicated therein shall be increased by Lm3.50 per week in respect of every other eligible member in that household.

Part II

*Highest Rate of Age pension per week inclusive of any increases
under the provisions of section 90A of this Act*

Category of Pensioner	Highest Rate of Age Pension per week	
	4 Jan - 4 Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm c
1. A married man whose wife:- (i) also qualifies for a pension in her own right under section 27 or 66 of this Act (ii) does not qualify for a pension in her own right under sections 27 or 66 of this Act	35.10 18.87	35.30 19.04
2. A married woman whose husband does not qualify for a pension in his own right under sections 27 or 66 of this Act	18.87	19.04
3. Widowed or single persons	26.43	26.60

Part III

*Highest Rate of Disability Pension and Blindness Pension per week, inclusive of any
increase under the provisions of section 90A of this Act*

Category of Pensioner	Highest Rate of Disability Pension or Blindness Pension per week	
	4 Jan - 4 Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm c
1. A married man whose wife:- (i) also qualifies for a pension in her own right under sections 27 or 66 of this Act (ii) does not qualify for a pension in her own right under sections 27 or 66 of this Act	33.45 18.87	33.62 19.04
2. A married woman whose husband does not qualify for a pension in his own right under sections 27 or 66 of this Act	18.87	19.04
3. Widowed or single persons	24.31	24.48

Part IV

Highest Rate of Carer's Pension per week inclusive of any increases under the provisions of section 90A of this Act

Highest Rate of Carer's Pension per week	
4 Jan - 4 Apr	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98
Lm c 26.43	Lm c 26.60

Part V

House Rent

The rates in Parts I, II, III and IV of this Schedule shall be increased by 50c per week if the household is paying rent for its normal place of habitation:

Provided that, where more than one household live within the same premises, the rent allowance shall be paid only once, and shall be paid to the head of household responsible for the payment of such rent to third parties.

The groundrent payable by the household in respect of premises which are held in emphyteusis for a period not exceeding twenty-five years shall be deemed to be the house rent for the purposes of this paragraph if such premises are used exclusively by the household and solely as residence.

Part VI

Rate per week of Allowance in lieu of an Age Pension, a Disability Pension and a Blindness Pension

4 Jan - 4 Apr	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98
Lm c 3.52	Lm c 3.57

9. For the Seventh Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:-

Substitution of the Seventh Schedule to the principal Act.

"SEVENTH SCHEDULE

Section 20

Scale Rates of Means Governing Sickness Assistance

Number of Persons in household	Scale Rate
1 person only	Lm 9.30

Where the number of members in the household exceeds, 1, the weekly rate indicated above shall be increased by Lm3.50 per week in respect of every other member in that household."

10. For the Eighth Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:-

Substitution of the Eighth Schedule to the principal Act.

"EIGHTH SCHEDULE

Part I

Section 23

Scale rates of means governing Free Medical Aid where the head of household is in insurable employment or self-occupied

Number of Persons in household	Scale Rate	
	4 Jan - 4 Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm c
1 person only	35.88	36.13

Where the number of members in the household exceeds 1, the weekly rate indicated above shall be increased by Lm3.50 per week in respect of every other member in that household.

Part II

Scale rates of means governing Free Medical Aid where the head of household is neither in insurable employment or self-occupied

Number of Persons in household	Scale rate
1 person only	Lm 11.75

Where the number of members in the household exceeds 1, the weekly rate indicated above shall be increased by Lm3.50 per week in respect of every other member in that household.”.

Substitution of the
Ninth Schedule to
the principal Act.

11. For the Ninth Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:-

“NINTH SCHEDULE

Section 25

Amounts of Sickness Assistance, Milk Grant, Leprosy Assistance and Tuberculosis Assistance

Type of Assistance	Weekly Rate	
	4 Jan - 4 Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm c
1. Sickness Assistance:-		
(i) in respect of the first member of the household	5.20	5.25
(ii) in respect of any other member of the same household	3.00	3.05
2. Milk Grant	3.40	3.45
3. Leprosy Assistance:-		
(i) in respect of the head of household who is a leper	9.55	9.60
(ii) in respect of any other member of the household who is a leper and not gainfully occupied;		
(a) if under 16 years of age	3.40	3.45
(b) if 16 years of age or over	9.55	9.60
(iii) in respect of any other member of the household who is not gainfully occupied	3.40	3.45
4. Tuberculosis Assistance:-		
(i) basic amount of tuberculosis assistance payable in respect of the household one member of which is effected by tuberculosis	6.40	6.45
(ii) allowance payable in respect of each additional member of the household affected by or particularly vulnerable to tuberculosis	2.00	2.05

12. For the Tenth Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:-

Substitution of the Tenth Schedule to the principal Act.

"TENTH SCHEDULE

Sections 7 and 10

RATES OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Part I

Class One Contributions (Employed Persons)

Category	Type of Employed Person	Weekly Rate of Contribution payable by employed person		Weekly Rate of Contribution payable by the employer	
		6 Jan - 6 Apr I Lm c	7 Apr-4 Jan'98 II Lm c	6 Jan - 6 Apr I Lm c	7 Apr-4 Jan'98 II Lm c
A	Persons under eighteen years of age (other than those falling under Category 'E' below of this Part) whose basic weekly wage or the weekly equivalent of their basic monthly salary does not exceed (i) Lm43.88 or (ii) Lm44.13 in respect of periods marked under columns I or II.	2.19	2.21	2.63	2.64
B	Persons over eighteen years of age (other than those falling under Category 'F' of this Part) whose basic weekly wage or the weekly equivalent of their basic monthly salary does not exceed (i) Lm43.88 or (ii) Lm44.13 in respect of periods marked under columns I or II.	3.66	3.68	4.39	4.41

C	Persons (other than those falling under Category 'B' and 'F' of this Part) whose basic weekly wage or the weekly equivalent of their basic monthly salary exceeds (i) Lm43.88 but does not exceed Lm119.77 or (ii) exceeds Lm44.13 but does not exceed Lm120.02 in respect of periods marked under Columns I or II.	1/12, calculated to the nearest cent, of their basic weekly wage or the weekly equivalent of their basic monthly salary.		1/10, calculated to the nearest cent, of their basic weekly wage or the equivalent of their basic monthly salary.	
D	Persons (other than those falling under Category 'E' and 'F' of this Part) whose basic weekly wage or the weekly equivalent of their basic monthly salary exceeds (i) Lm119.77 or (ii) Lm 120.02 in respect of periods marked under Columns I or II.	9.98	10.00	11.98	12.00
E	Persons under eighteen years of age who are following a full-time course of studies or instruction under the Student-Worker Scheme or other similar schemes (including the Extended Skills Training Schemes, but excluding the Worker-Student Schemes) involving distinct work and study periods for which they are receiving remuneration.	1/12, calculated to the nearest cent, of the basic weekly remuneration or the weekly equivalent of their basic monthly remuneration up to the maximum rate of contribution of Lm1.57.		1/10, calculated to the nearest cent, of the basic weekly remuneration or the weekly equivalent of their basic monthly remuneration up to the maximum rate of contribution of Lm1.88.	
F	Persons over eighteen years of age who are following a full-time course of studies or instruction under the Student-Worker Scheme or other similar schemes (including the Extended Skills Training Schemes, but excluding the Student-Worker Schemes) involving distinct work and study periods for which they are receiving remuneration.	1/12, calculated to the nearest cent, of the basic weekly remuneration or the weekly equivalent of their basic monthly remuneration up to the maximum rate of contribution of Lm2.84.		1/10, calculated to the nearest cent, of the basic weekly remuneration or the weekly equivalent of their basic monthly remuneration up to the maximum rate of contribution of Lm3.41.	

Part II

Class Two Contributions

(Self Employed Persons)

Category	Type of Self-Employed person	Weekly Rate of Contributions payable by a Self-Employed person	
		6 Jan - 6 Apr Lm c	7 Apr - 4 Jan '98 Lm c
	Persons whose annual net income (excluding Maternity Benefit, Children's Allowance and any ex gratia Benefit payable under section 88 of this Act, and any income belonging to the spouse, if any) during the calendar year immediately preceding the contribution year in which the contribution is being paid:-		
SP	Exceeds Lm430 but does not exceed Lm2212 (this category is applicable ONLY to single persons who are not self-occupied)	5.77	5.80
SA	does not exceed Lm2820	7.37	7.40
SB	exceeds Lm2820 but does not exceed Lm3350	8.67	8.70
SC	exceeds Lm3350 but does not exceed Lm3880	9.97	10.00
SD	exceeds Lm3880 but does not exceed Lm4410	11.22	11.25
SE	exceeds Lm4410 but does not exceed Lm5150	13.02	13.05
SF	exceeds Lm5150	15.37	15.40

Part III

Class Two Contributions

(Self Occupied Persons)

Category	Type of Self-Occupied person	Weekly Rate of Contributions payable by a Self-Occupied person	
		6 Jan - 6 Apr Lm c	7 Apr - 4 Jan'98 Lm c
	Persons whose annual net earnings (excluding Maternity Benefit, Children's Allowance and any ex gratia Benefit payable under section 88 of this Act) during the calendar year immediately preceding the contribution year in which the contribution is being paid:-		
SA	exceeds Lm390 but does not exceed Lm2820	7.37	7.40
SB	exceeds Lm2820 but does not exceed Lm3350	8.67	8.70
SC	exceeds Lm3350 but does not exceed Lm3880	9.97	10.00
SD	exceeds Lm3880 but does not exceed Lm4410	11.22	11.25
SE	exceeds Lm4410 but does not exceed Lm5150	13.02	13.05
SF	exceeds Lm5150	15.37	15.40

Substitution of the Twelfth Schedule to the principal Act.

13. For the Twelfth Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:-

"TWELFTH SCHEDULE

Sections 26, 31, 44, 50, 54, 63, 64 and 67

Rates of several kinds of pension

A. Full Rates of Retirement Pension per week, inclusive of any increase under the provisions of section 90A of this Act, where the yearly average of contributions paid or credited is 50 or more

Persons who are also in receipt of a Service Pension that is payable by or on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom				Persons who are also in receipt of a Service Pension that is NOT payable by or on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom			
Married Man who is maintaining his wife		Any other person		Married Man who is maintaining his wife		Any other person	
4Jan-4Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm c	4Jan-4Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan '98 Lm c	4Jan-4Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm	4Jan-4Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm c
29.51	29.68	20.82	20.99	27.05	27.22	19.70	19.87

B. Full Rates of Increased Retirement Pension, Invalidity Pension, Increased Invalidity Pension, National Minimum Pension and Increased National Minimum Pension per week, inclusive of any increases under the provisions of section 90A of this Act, where the yearly average of contributions paid or credited is 50 or more.

Type of Pension	Married Man who is maintaining his wife		Any other person	
	4 Jan - 4 Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm c	4 Jan - 4 Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm c
Increased Retirement Pension	44.34	44.51	33.85	34.02
Invalidity Pension	21.80	21.97	16.15	16.32
Increased Invalidity Pension	36.51	36.68	26.51	26.68
National Minimum Pension*	35.11	35.30	29.26	29.42
Increased National Minimum Pension	44.34	44.51	33.85	34.02

*N.B. The full rates of National Minimum Pension are calculated at four-fifths (to the nearest whole cent) of the National Minimum Wage in the case of a married man who is maintaining his wife and at two-thirds (to the nearest whole cent of the National Minimum Wage) in the case of any other person, as provided for in section 50 of this Act.

C. Full Rate of Widow's Pension per week and inclusive of any increases under the provisions of section 90A of this Act, where the yearly average of contribution paid or credited is 50 or more.

4 Jan - 4 Apr	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98
Lm c	Lm c
32.33	32.50

D. Reduced Rates of Retirement Pension, Increased Retirement Pension, Invalidity Pension, Increased Invalidity Pension, National Minimum Pension and Increased National Minimum Pension per week, inclusive of any increases under the provisions of section 90A of this Act, where the yearly average of contributions paid or credited is between 20 and 49.

Yearly average of contributions paid or credited	Rate of pension payable per week (calculated to the nearest whole cent)
40 - 49	$[(FAP - INC) \times 0.89] + INC$
30 - 39	$[(FAP - INC) \times 0.69] + INC$
20 - 29	$[(FAP - INC) \times 0.49] + INC$

For the purposes of the above table, 'FAP' means the Full Rate of the applicable weekly rate of pension in accordance with tables A or B, as the case may be, of this Schedule, and 'INC' means all increases granted in terms of section 90A of this Act taking effect from January 1, 1994, and subsequent years.

E. Rates of National Minimum Pension Additional Allowance per week.

Yearly average of contributions paid or credited	Married Man who is maintaining his wife	Any other person
	Lm c	Lm c
50 (full rate)	2.05	3.07
40 - 49	1.83	3.56
30 - 39	1.42	4.49
20 - 29	1.01	5.39

F. Reduced Rates of Widows' Pension per week, inclusive of any increases under the provisions of section 90A of this Act, where the yearly average contributions paid or credited is between 20 and 49.

Yearly average of contributions paid or credited	Rate of pension payable per week (calculated to the nearest whole cent)
40 - 49	$[(FWP - (INC + 7.63)) \times 0.89] + INC + 7.63$
30 - 39	$[(FWP - (INC + 7.63)) \times 0.69] + INC + 7.63$
20 - 29	$[(FWP - (INC + 7.63)) \times 0.49] + INC + 7.63$

For the purposes of the above table, 'FWP' means the full rate of Widow's Pension in accordance with Table C of this Schedule, and 'INC' means all increases granted in terms of section 90A of this Act taking effect from January 1, 1994, and subsequent years; whilst the amount of Lm7.63 represents the weekly rate of Widow's Supplementary Pension which up to the year 1990 was payable to widows who were in receipt of a Widow's Pension irrespective of the yearly average of contributions paid or credited, which weekly amount was, with effect from the year 1991, incorporated with the rates payable by way of a Widows' Pension.

G. Rate of Parent's Pension per week, inclusive of any increases under the provision of section 90A of this Act.

Married man who is maintaining his wife		Any other person	
4 Jan - 4 Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm c	4 Jan - 4 Apr Lm c	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98 Lm c
35.11	35.30	29.26	29.42

H. Rate of Widows' and Survivors' Pensions Additional Allowance per week.

Where Widow or Survivor is entitled to an Allowance under paragraph (a) of section 31	Where Widow or Survivor is entitled to an Allowance under paragraph (b) of section 31
Lm c 1.95	Lm c 4.00

I. Highest Rate per week of a Two-Thirds pension

4 Jan - 4 Apr	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98
Lm c 79.85	Lm c 80.02

14. For the Fourteenth Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:-

Substitution of the Fourteenth Schedule to the principal Act.

"FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE

Sections 30, 70, 72, 73, 76, 77

Rates of several kinds of Allowances, Maternity Benefit and a Marriage Grant

A. Part I

Rate per week of Allowance paid to residents of a therapeutic community in terms of subsection (9) of section 30.

Lm c 10.00

B. Part II

Rate per week of Allowance paid to residence of a state owned Institution in terms of subsection (10) of section 30.

4 Jan - 4 Apr	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98
Lm c 3.52	Lm c 3.57

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PART III

Lump sum paid by way of a Marriage Grant in terms of section 70.

4 Jan - 4 Apr	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98
Lm c 71.72	Lm c 72.13

D.

PART IV

Rate per week of Maternity Benefit paid in terms of subsection (1) of section 72.

4 Jan - 4 Apr	5 Apr - 2 Jan'98
Lm c 11.14	Lm c 11.30

E.

PART V

Supplementary Allowance

STATUS	Maximum annual reckonable income that can be taken for entitlement purposes. (So however that any reckonable income below Lm2104 shall be deemed to be equivalent to Lm2104)	Allowance payable	Maximum amount of annual allowance payable
Married man who is maintaining his wife or single parent who is not entitled to an allowance under section 76	Lm3604	Lm120	Equivalent to 1.5% of the difference obtaining between Lm10,104 and actual reckonable income
Single Person	Lm3104	Lm60	Equivalent to 1% of the difference obtaining between Lm8,104 and actual reckonable income

No entitlement to an Allowance under this Part is acquired where the annual reckonable income exceeds the maximums indicated above, as the case may be.

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PART VI

Children's Allowance

Maximum annual reckonable income that can be taken for entitlement purposes – Lm10,104 (So however any reckonable income below Lm2,604 shall be accepted to be equivalent to Lm2,604)	
Number of children in household under 16 years of age	Percentage rate payable, by way of an Allowance, on difference obtaining between reckonable annual income and Lm10,104
1	6%
2	9%
3	11.5%
4	13%
5th and other subsequent child	1.5% for each such child
Over 16 years but under 21 years and still undergoing full-time education or training in an educational institution recognised by the government in terms of the Education Act and who is not receiving any form of remuneration or allowance or is registered unemployed under the Part I of the register and has never been gainfully occupied	1.5% for each such child
Over 16 years but under 21 years and is registered as unemployed under Part I of the employment register kept in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Service Act and who has never been gainfully occupied, and who is not in receipt of any benefit, pension or assistance payable under this Act.	1.5% for each such child

No entitlement to an Allowance under this Part is acquired where the annual reckonable income exceeds the maximum annual reckonable income indicated above.

PART VII

Disabled Child Allowance

Maximum annual reckonable income that can be taken for entitlement purposes - Lm 13,104	
	Rate of disabled Child Allowance per week
Where annual reckonable income does not exceed Lm9,104	Lm c 5.00

When annual reckonable income exceeds Lm9,104 but does not exceed Lm13,104, the weekly rate of Lm5, by way of an allowance, is to be deducted by 6.5% of the difference obtaining between the reckonable income and Lm13,104.

No entitlement to an allowance under this Part is acquired where the annual reckonable income exceeds the maximum annual reckonable income indicated above."

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 115 of Wednesday, 30th July, 1997.

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Speaker

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Clerk to the House of Representatives.