

Social Security Agency Benefits and Allowances

Changes to Pay Periods and Paydays



What It Means For You

Making Payments Simpler

From 6th April 2009, the day on which the Social Security Agency pays some benefits and allowances will change.

Please note that you do not need to do anything now.

If this affects you, the Social Security Agency will write to you personally before the change takes place.

Benefits Affected:

- Jobseeker's Allowance**
- Income Support**
- Incapacity Benefits**
- Bereavement Benefits**

How the Changes Will Affect You

For people in receipt of these benefits and allowances, this will mean that all your payments will be:

- paid to the same day, based on the last two digits of your National Insurance Number
- paid a minimum of fortnightly and in arrears.

The Social Security Agency will notify everyone who is affected at least 4 weeks before these changes take place.

If you are affected by the change the notification you receive will provide you with all the details you will need.

Further Information

For further information please visit our website at www.dsdni.gov.uk/paydaychanges

Things You May Wish to Consider

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To help you manage your money through this period of change, it may be useful to consider the following when we write to you:

- If you pay any of your bills by direct debit or standing orders, you will need to make sure that you have enough money in your account on the day that these are paid. This may mean changing the date on which you make these payments
- If you have regular arrangements in place to repay a loan, you will need to make sure that you have enough money in your account on the day that this is paid
- For any other payments you make on a weekly basis, you will need to make sure that you have enough money in your account at the time that these are due.

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