

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

THE FAMILY ALLOWANCES ORDINANCE, 2025

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether they are of the opinion to approve the draft Ordinance entitled "The Family Allowances Ordinance, 2025" and to direct that the same shall have effect as an Ordinance of the States.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Ordinance amends the rate of family allowance under the Family Allowances (Guernsey) Law, 1950 with effect from 5th January, 2026. On and from that date the rate will be £18.40 a week. The rate is increased by 3.7% in line with the annual rate of inflation (RPIX) for the year ending 30th June, 2025. For clarity and the avoidance of doubt it also restates the gross household income limit for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Family Allowances Law in light of the repeal by the Ordinance of the Family Allowances Ordinance, 2024.

The Family Allowances Ordinance, 2025

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the ** November, 2025^a, and in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 1 and 3 of, and paragraph 1 of the Schedule to, the Family Allowances (Guernsey) Law, 1950^b, and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order:-

Amount of allowance.

1. The amount of allowance referred to in section 1(1) of the Family Allowances Law, in respect of each child in the family, is at the rate of £18.40 a week.

Amount as to contribution to the cost of providing for a child.

2. (1) The rate of contribution to the cost of providing for a child, for the purposes of section 3(2) of the Family Allowances Law, is £18.40 a week or more.

(2) The rate of contribution to the cost of providing for a child, for the purposes of the proviso to paragraph 1(1) of the Schedule to the Family Allowances Law, is £18.40 a week.

Gross household income limit.

3. The gross household income limit, for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Family Allowances Law, is £125,000 per annum.

^a Article ** of Billet d'État No. ** of 2025.

^b Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIV, p. 332. This enactment has been amended.

Interpretation.

4. In this Ordinance, "**the Family Allowances Law**" means the Family Allowances (Guernsey) Law, 1950.

Repeal.

5. The Family Allowances Ordinance, 2024^c is repealed.

Citation.

6. This Ordinance may be cited as the Family Allowances Ordinance, 2025.

Extent.

7. This Ordinance shall have effect in the Islands of Guernsey, Alderney, Herm and Jethou.

Commencement.

8. This Ordinance shall come into force on the 5th January, 2026.

^c Ordinance No. XXXVIII of 2024.