



# Welfare Reform Act 2012

## 2012 CHAPTER 5

### PART 1

#### UNIVERSAL CREDIT

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#### ENTITLEMENT AND AWARDS

#### *Awards*

#### **7 Basis of awards**

- (1) Universal credit is payable in respect of each complete assessment period within a period of entitlement.
- (2) In this Part an “assessment period” is a period of a prescribed duration.
- (3) Regulations may make provision—
  - (a) about when an assessment period is to start;
  - (b) for universal credit to be payable in respect of a period shorter than an assessment period;
  - (c) about the amount payable in respect of a period shorter than an assessment period.
- (4) In subsection (1) “period of entitlement” means a period during which entitlement to universal credit subsists.