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PART 2

Universal credit

CHAPTER 2

Claimant responsibilities

Introductory

Work-related requirements: introductory

18.—(1) This Chapter provides for the Department to impose work-related requirements with which claimants must comply for the purposes of this Part.

(2) In this Part “work-related requirement” means—

- (a) a work-focused interview requirement (see Article 20);
- (b) a work preparation requirement (see Article 21);
- (c) a work search requirement (see Article 22);
- (d) a work availability requirement (see Article 23).

(3) The work-related requirements which may be imposed on a claimant depend on which of the following groups the claimant falls into—

- (a) no work-related requirements (see Article 24);
- (b) work-focused interview requirement only (see Article 25);
- (c) work-focused interview and work preparation requirements only (see Article 26);
- (d) all work-related requirements (see Article 27).

Claimant commitment

19.—(1) A claimant commitment is a record of a claimant’s responsibilities in relation to an award of universal credit.

(2) A claimant commitment is to be prepared by the Department and may be reviewed and updated as the Department thinks fit.

(3) A claimant commitment is to be in such form as the Department thinks fit.

(4) A claimant commitment is to include—

- (a) a record of the requirements that the claimant must comply with under this Part (or such of them as the Department considers it appropriate to include),
- (b) any prescribed information, and
- (c) any other information the Department considers it appropriate to include.

(5) For the purposes of this Part a claimant accepts a claimant commitment if, and only if, the claimant accepts the most up-to-date version of it in such manner as may be prescribed.