

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make provision about early years assistance, a type of assistance that is to be given by the Scottish Ministers under Part 2 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.

Part 2 of the Regulations provides for the interpretation of expressions used in that Part and in the schedules.

Schedule 1 deals with procedural matters connected to the giving of early years assistance.

Schedule 2 sets out who is eligible to be given early years assistance in the form of a pregnancy and baby grant. It is a grant payable to people who have, or are expecting to have, a new baby in the family. Part 2 of schedule 2 states the value of a pregnancy and baby grant and makes provision about the circumstances in which it can be given in non-monetary form.