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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 2

#### AMENDMENTS OF <sup>M1</sup>SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS ACT 1976

##### Marginal Citations

**M1** 1976 c. 71

### PART II

#### PROVISIONS OF THE ACT AS AMENDED

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C1** The text of ss.3(4)(8)(9)(12), 4(1), 6(1)(3), 9(6), 16(3)–(6), 21(4), Sch. 2 para. 32, Sch. 2 Pt. II, Schs. 4, 5 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

### “PART II

#### LIABILITY TO MAINTAIN, RECOVERY OF EXPENDITURE AND OFFENCES

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17 (1) For the purposes of this Act—

- (a) a man shall be liable to maintain his wife and his children; and
- (b) a woman shall be liable to maintain her husband and her children; and
- (c) a person shall be liable to maintain another person throughout any period in respect of which the first-mentioned person has, on or after the date of the passing of the Social Security Act 1980 and either alone or jointly with a further person, given an undertaking in writing in pursuance of immigration rules within the meaning of the Immigration Act 1971 to be responsible for the maintenance and accommodation of the other person.

(2) In subsection (1) above—

- (a) the reference to a man’s children includes a reference to children of whom he has been adjudged to be the putative father or, in Scotland, to children his paternity of whom has been admitted or otherwise established; and

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- (b) the reference to a woman's children includes a reference to her illegitimate children.
- (3) A document bearing a certificate which—
- (a) is signed by a person authorised in that behalf by the Secretary of State; and
  - (b) states that the document apart from the certificate is, or is a copy of, such an undertaking as is mentioned in subsection (1)(c) of this section,
- shall be conclusive evidence for the purposes of this Act of the undertaking in question; and a certificate purporting to be signed as aforesaid shall be deemed to be so signed until the contrary is proved.”

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