



Social Security Administration Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 5

An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to the administration of social security and related matters with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission. [13th February 1992]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act: transitional provision made (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#), ss. 2, 5, 7(2), [Sch. 3](#)
- C2 Act: power to modify conferred (1.7.1992) by [Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. [109\(2\)-\(7\)](#), [116\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- C3 Act modified (3.12.1992) by [The Social Security \(Austria\) Order 1992 \(S.I. 1992/3209\)](#), [art. 2](#)
- C4 Act modified (3.12.1992) by [The Social Security \(Finland\) Order 1992 \(S.I. 1992/3210\)](#), [art. 2](#)
- C5 Act modified (31.12.1992) by [The Social Security \(Iceland\) Order 1992 \(S.I. 1992/3211\)](#), arts. 1, 2
- C6 Act modified (3.12.1992) by [The Social Security \(Norway\) Order 1992 \(S.I. 1992/3212\)](#), [art. 2](#)
- C7 Act modified (3.12.1992) by [The Social Security \(Sweden\) Order 1992 \(S.I. 1992/3213\)](#), [art. 2](#)
- C8 Act modified (4.7.1994) by [The Social Security \(Cyprus\) Order 1994 \(S.I. 1994/1646\)](#), arts. 1, 2
- C9 Act modified (2.11.1994) by [The Social Security \(Jersey and Guernsey\) Order 1994 \(S.I. 1994/2802\)](#), arts. 1, 2
- C10 Act modified (13.4.1995) by [The Social Security \(Reciprocal Agreements\) Order 1995 \(S.I. 1995/767\)](#), [art. 2](#), [Schs. 1-3](#) (as amended (1.3.2001) by [S.I. 2000/3255](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with [art. 2](#)))
- C11 Act modified (1.12.1995) by [The Social Security \(Canada\) Order 1995 \(S.I. 1995/2699\)](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1](#) (as amended (1.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/349](#), arts. 1(2), [3\(2\)](#) (with [art. 2](#)))
- C12 Act modified (19.7.1995) by [Pensions Act 1995 \(c. 26\)](#), s. 180(2)(a), [Sch. 4 para. 1](#)
- C13 Act: power to modify conferred (12.12.1995) by [Jobseekers Act 1995 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 41(2), [Sch. 1 para. 18](#); [S.I. 1995/3228](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#), [Sch.](#)
- C14 Act: power to modify conferred (1.6.1996 for specified purposes; 6.4.1997 in so far as not already in force) by [Pensions Act 1995 \(c. 26\)](#), ss. [149\(2\)](#), 180(1); [S.I. 1996/778](#), [art. 2\(6\)](#); [S.I. 1997/664](#), [art. 2\(3\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 2](#)
- C15 Act modified (1.9.1996) by [The Social Security \(Malta\) Order 1996 \(S.I. 1996/1927\)](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)

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- C16** Act modified (7.10.1996) by The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1928), art. 2, Sch. 1, **Sch. 2**
- C17** Act modified (1.4.1997) by The Social Security (Jamaica) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/871), art. 2, Schs. 1, **2**
- C18** Act modified (1.9.1997) by The Social Security (United States of America) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/1778), art. 2, Schs. 1, **2**
- C19** Act modified (1.4.1998) by The Social Security (Contributions and Industrial Injuries) (Canada) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/263), arts. 1, 2, **Sch.**
- C20** Act modified (8.9.1998) by Social Security Act 1998 (c. 14), **ss. 2(1)(2)(c)**, 87(2); S.I. 1998/2209, art. 2(a), **Sch. Pt. 1**
- C21** Act: certain functions transferred (25.2.1999 for specified purposes, 1.4.1999 for specified purposes, 6.4.1999 in so far as not already in force) by Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2), **s. 8** (with ss. 9, 15); S.I. 1999/527, art. 2(b)(c), Schs. 2, **3** (with arts. 3-6)
- C22** Act: decision-making functions transferred (5.7.1999 for specified purposes, 6.9.1999 for specified purposes, 5.10.1999 for specified purposes, 18.10.1999 for specified purposes, 29.11.1999 for specified purposes) by Social Security Act 1998 (c. 14), **s. 8**; S.I. 1999/1958, art. 2(1)(b), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 3-5); S.I. 1999/2422, art. 2(c), **Sch. 1** (with Sch. 14); S.I. 1999/2739, art. 2, **Sch. 1** (with Sch. 2); S.I. 1999/2860, art. 2(c), **Sch. 1** (with Schs. 16-18); S.I. 1999/3178, art. 2(1)(a)(2), **Sch. 1** (with Schs. 21-23)
- C23** Act modified (E.W.S.) (1.9.1999) by The Child Benefit (Northern Ireland Reciprocal Arrangements) Amendment Regulations 1999 (S.I. 1999/2225), regs. 1(1), **2(2)**
- C24** Act modified (1.9.1999) by The Social Security (Northern Ireland Reciprocal Arrangements) Amendment Regulations 1999 (S.I. 1999/2227), regs. 1(1), **2(2)**
- C25** Act: certain functions transferred (5.10.1999) by Tax Credits Act 1999 (c. 10), s. 20(2), Sch. 2 paras. 1, **7(b)**
- C26** Act extended (11.11.1999) by Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30), **ss. 79(9)**, 89(4)(d)
- C27** Act: power to amend conferred (2.12.1999) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47), **s. 87** (with s. 100, Sch. 14); S.I. 1999/3209, art. 2, **Sch.**
- C28** Act modified by Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (c. 4), **Sch. 1 para. 3B(2)** (as inserted (28.7.2000) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19), **ss. 77(2)**, 86)
- C29** Act modified (1.8.2000) by The Social Security (Contributions) (Republic of Korea) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000/1823), arts. 1, 2, **Sch.**
- C30** Act modified (15.11.2000) by The Social Security (Contributions) (Japan) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000/3063), art. 2, **Sch.**
- C31** Act modified (9.4.2001) by The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/407), **art. 2**
- C32** Act: transfer of functions (1.4.2003 for specified purposes, 7.4.2003 in so far as not already in force) by Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21), **ss. 49, 50(2)(b)(2)(g), 61** (with ss. 52, 54); S.I. 2003/392, art. 2
- C33** Act modified (5.12.2005) by The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/2765), arts. 1, **2**
- C34** Act modified (1.3.2007) by The Social Security Investigation Powers (Arrangements with Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/271), regs. 1(1), **3(2)(3)**
- C35** Act modified (1.6.2007) by The Social Security (Netherlands) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/631), art. 2, **Sch.**
- C36** Act excluded (1.6.2007) by The Transfer of State Pensions and Benefits Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1398), regs. 1(1), **8(3)**
- C37** Act modified (1.10.2007) by The Social Security (Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/2122), **art. 2**
- C38** Act applied (1.10.2010) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Transitional Provisions, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit) (Existing Awards) (No. 2) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1907), reg. 16(2)(c), **Sch. 2**
- C39** Act modified (22.2.2012) by The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/360), arts. 1, 2, Sch. 1, **Sch. 2**
- C40** Act modified (24.4.2013) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 9 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions and Commencement No. 8 and Savings and Transitional Provisions

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- (Amendment) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/983), **art. 22** (as amended (16.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1452, arts. 3, 14)
- C41** Act modified (1.6.2015) by The Social Security (Contributions) (Republic of Chile) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/828), arts. 1, **2(a)**
- C42** Act modified (6.4.2016) by The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreement) (Isle of Man) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/157), arts. 1, 2, **Sch.**
- C43** Act modified (6.4.2016) by The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/158), arts. 1, 2, Sch. 1, **Sch. 2**
- C44** Act modified (6.4.2016) by The Social Security (Northern Ireland Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/287), regs. 1, 2(2)(a), **Sch.**
- C45** Act applied (with modifications) (27.11.2016 for specified purposes, 6.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by The Social Security (Northern Ireland Reciprocal Arrangements) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1050), regs. 1(2), **2(2)**
- C46** Act modified (6.4.2017) by The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/159), arts. 1, 2, **Schs. 1-3**
- C47** Act modified (24.7.2020) by The Universal Credit (Northern Ireland Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/677), regs. 1, 2, **Sch.**
- C48** Act modified (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) by The Social Security (Ireland) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/622), **art. 2**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C49** Act modified (1.1.2021) by The Social Security (Norway) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/1597), arts. 1, 2(1)(2), **Sch.** (with art. 2(3))
- C50** Act modified (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) by The Social Security (Switzerland) Order 2021 (S.I. 2021/1088), art. 2(1)-(3), **Sch.**
- C51** Act modified (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by The Social Security (Iceland) (Liechtenstein) (Norway) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/1060), art. 2, **Sch.**
- C52** Act modified (S.) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.S.I.) by The Social Security (Gibraltar) (Iceland) (Liechtenstein) (Norway) (Further provision in respect of Scotland) Order 2024 (S.S.I. 2024/62), **art. 2**
- C53** Act modified (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by The Social Security (Gibraltar) Order 2024 (S.I. 2024/149), **art. 2**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2018/1125 reg. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2018/1125, reg. 8 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24), s. 4(3), Sch. 5 para. 4(4))
- Act modified by [S.I. 2019/1302 art. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk S.I. 2019/1302 revoked (17.12.2020) by The Social Security (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) (Citizens' Rights Agreement) (Revocation) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/1569), arts. 1(2), 2)
- Act modified by [S.I. 2019/1303 art. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/1303 revoked (17.12.2020) by The Social Security (Switzerland) (Citizens' Rights Agreement) (Revocation) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/1570), arts. 1(2), 2)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 2G(1)(d) inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 59\(5\)](#)
- s. 5(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 22\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 22 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 101(2); S.I. 2013/358, art. 4(2))
- s. 78A inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 16\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 121B(1)(aa) inserted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 19\(a\)](#) (S. 121B repealed by Finance Act 2008 (c. 9), Sch. 43 para. 14)
- s. 121B(4) words inserted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 19\(b\)](#) (S. 121B repealed by Finance Act 2008 (c. 9), Sch. 43 para. 14)
- s. 122F(5) inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 4 para. 12\(4\)](#)
- s. 122G inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 18](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 122H inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 20\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 134(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 134(2) by [2007 c. 5 s. 37](#)
- s. 148AB inserted by [2008 c. 30 Sch. 4 para. 14](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 4 paras. 13-22 repealed (1.10.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 19, Sch. 12 para. 96(c); S.I. 2014/2377, art. 2(1)(a)(ii)(3)(c))
- s. 148AB(1)(2) words substituted by [2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 148AB(9) inserted by [2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 8\(3\)](#)
- s. 151(10)(b)(i)(ii) repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 160C inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 2 para. 24](#)
- s. 165(1)(b)(viii) and word inserted by [2023 c. 20 Sch. para. 19\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 190(1)(ac) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 21](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- Sch. 4 Pt. 3 para. 5 word substituted by [S.I. 2010/978 art. 2](#)