



# State Pension Credit Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 16

### *Final provisions*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>18A Pilot schemes**

- (1) Any regulations to which this subsection applies may be made so as to have effect for a specified period not exceeding 12 months.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), subsection (1) applies to—
  - (a) regulations made under this Act, and
  - (b) regulations made under section 1 or 5 of the Administration Act.
- (3) Subsection (1) only applies to regulations if they are made with a view to ascertaining whether their provisions will—
  - (a) make it more likely that persons who are entitled to claim state pension credit will do so;
  - (b) make it more likely that persons who are entitled to claim state pension credit will receive it.
- (4) Regulations which, by virtue of subsection (1), are to have effect for a limited period are referred to in this section as a “pilot scheme”.
- (5) A pilot scheme may, in particular—
  - (a) provide for a relevant provision not to apply, or to apply with modifications, for the purposes of the pilot scheme, and
  - (b) make different provision for different cases or circumstances.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5)(a), a “relevant provision” is—
  - (a) any provision of this Act, and
  - (b) section 1 of the Administration Act.
- (7) A pilot scheme may provide that no account is to be taken of any payment made under the pilot scheme in considering a person's—
  - (a) liability to tax,

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- (b) entitlement to benefit under an enactment relating to social security (irrespective of the name or nature of the benefit), or
  - (c) entitlement to a tax credit.
- (8) A pilot scheme may provide that its provisions are to apply only in relation to—
- (a) one or more specified areas or localities;
  - (b) one or more specified classes of person;
  - (c) persons selected—
    - (i) by reference to prescribed criteria, or
    - (ii) on a sampling basis.
- (9) A pilot scheme may make consequential or transitional provision with respect to the cessation of the scheme on the expiry of the specified period.
- (10) A pilot scheme may be replaced by a further pilot scheme making the same or similar provision.
- (11) The power of the Secretary of State to make regulations which, by virtue of this section, are to have effect for a limited period is exercisable only with the consent of the Treasury.]

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 18A inserted (12.11.2009) by [Welfare Reform Act 2009 \(c. 24\)](#), ss. [27\(2\)](#), [61\(1\)](#)

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- s. 18A(7)(c) and word repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)

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- Act modified by [S.S.I. 2024/62 art. 2](#)
- Act modified by [S.I. 2023/1060 art. 2Sch.](#)
- Act modified by [S.I. 2024/149 art. 2](#)

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

- s. 1(2)(c)(iii) and word inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 4 para. 2](#)
- s. 1(2)(d) and word inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 75\(b\)](#)
- s. 1(3)(c) and word inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 4 para. 3\(a\)](#)
- s. 3A inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 4 para. 4](#)
- s. 3A(5)(a) words omitted by [2016 c. 7 s. 20\(8\)](#)
- s. 7(10) inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 4 para. 5](#)
- s. 19(2)(za) inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 75\(2\)](#)