TAX CREDITS ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance

Section 57: Abolition of exclusion of tax exempt persons

198. This section removes the provision that anyone who has income exempt from UK income tax (or whose partner has such income) is excluded from child benefit entitlement. Child benefit originated in an earlier income tax relief and retained this restriction on claims from that relief. One of its effects is to exclude some people from child benefit entitlement who do pay UK tax. There will be no such restriction on claims for child tax credit and this change brings the rules for child benefit into line with those for that tax credit.