



Welfare Reform Act 2009

CHAPTER 24

WELFARE REFORM ACT 2009

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Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)

- 1 In sections 89(2A) and 90(3A) of the Magistrates' Courts Act...

Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53)

- 2 In section 24 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 (recovery...

Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5)

- 3 In section 74 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992...

Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14)

- 4 In paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 4 to the Local Government...

Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18)

- 5 The Jobseekers Act 1995 is amended as follows.
6 In section 2(1) (the contribution-based conditions), at the end of...
7 In section 3A(1)(c) (the conditions for claims by joint-claim couples),...

Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33)

- 8 In section 97(5) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999...

Social Security Fraud Act 2001 (c. 11)

- 9 The Social Security Fraud Act 2001 is amended as follows....
10 In section 6B(5) (loss of benefit in case of conviction,...
11 In section 7(2) (loss of benefit for commission of benefit...

Courts Act 2003 (c. 39)

- 12 The Courts Act 2003 is amended as follows.
13 In paragraph 10(a) of Schedule 5 (applications for benefit deductions),...
14 In paragraph 2(1)(a)(v) of Schedule 6 (discharge of fines by...

Child Trust Funds Act 2004 (c. 6)

- 15 In section 9(8)(a) of the Child Trust Funds Act 2004...

Age-Related Payments Act 2004 (c. 10)

- 16 In section 2(3)(b) of the Age-Related Payments Act 2004 (entitlement:...

Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c. 5)

- 17 In paragraph 11 of Schedule 4 to the Welfare Reform...

Schedule 3 — Claimants dependent on drugs etc.

Part 1 — JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Requirements imposed on claimants dependent on drugs etc.

- 1 Claimants dependent on drugs
2 Claimants dependent on drugs

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- 3 Claimants dependent on drugs
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Requirements imposed on persons dependent on drugs etc.

- 6 Claimants dependent on drugs
- 7 Claimants dependent on drugs

Consequential amendments

- 8 Claimants dependent on drugs

Report on the initial operation of drugs provisions

- 9 Claimants dependent on drugs

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Part 1 — FURTHER AMENDMENTS OF SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD ACT 2001

- 1 In this Part of this Schedule “the 2001 Act” means...
- 2 (1) Section 7 of the 2001 Act (loss of benefit...
- 3 (1) Section 8 of the 2001 Act (effect of offence...
- 4 (1) Section 9 of the 2001 Act (effect of offence...
- 5 (1) Section 10 of the 2001 Act (power to supplement...
- 6 (1) Section 11 of the 2001 Act (loss of benefit...
- 7 (1) Section 13 of the 2001 Act (interpretation of sections...
- 8 In section 21(2) of the of the 2001 Act (extent),...

Part 2 — RELATED AMENDMENTS OF OTHER ACTS

Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5)

- 9 In section 170 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992...

Social Security Act 1998 (c. 14)

- 10 In paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security...

Schedule 5 — Section 51: consequential amendments etc.

Child Support Act 1991 (c. 48)

- 1 The Child Support Act 1991 is amended as follows.
- 2 In section 39B (disqualification for holding or obtaining travel authorisation),...
- 3 (1) Section 39C (period for which orders under section 39B...
- 4 In section 39D (power to order search), for subsections (1)...
- 5 (1) Section 39E (variation and revocation of orders following payment)...
- 6 For section 39F substitute— Power to make supplementary provision
 - (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision...
- 7 Omit section 39G (application of sections 39B and 39F to...

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- 8 Omit section 40B (disqualification for holding or obtaining driving licence)....
- 9 In section 52(2A)(b) (regulations and orders: affirmative resolution procedure), after...

Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (c. 6)

- 10 In section 59(5) and (6) of the Child Maintenance and...

Schedule 6 — Registration of births

Part 1 — AMENDMENTS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT 1953

- 1 In this Schedule “the 1953 Act” means the Births and...
- 2 (1) Section 1 of the 1953 Act (particulars of births...
- 3 (1) Section 2 of the 1953 Act (information concerning birth...
- 4 After section 2 of the 1953 Act insert— Information concerning...
- 5 In section 4 of the 1953 Act (registrar's power to...
- 6 In section 5 of the 1953 Act (registration of births...
- 7 Omit section 6 of the 1953 Act (which makes special...
- 8 In section 7 of the 1953 Act (registration after twelve...
- 9 In section 8 of the 1953 Act (penalty for improper...
- 10 (1) Section 9 of the 1953 Act (giving of information...
- 11 (1) Section 10 of the 1953 Act (registration of father...
- 12 (1) Section 10A of the 1953 Act (Re-registration where parents...
- 13 After section 10A of the 1953 Act insert— Re-registration after...
- 14 In section 34 of the 1953 Act (entry in register...
- 15 In section 36 of the 1953 Act (penalties for failure...
- 16 In section 39 of the 1953 Act (regulations), in paragraph...
- 17 After section 39 of the 1953 Act insert— Regulations made...
- 18 In section 41 of the 1953 Act (interpretation), in the...

Part 2 — OTHER AMENDMENTS

Perjury Act 1911 (c. 6)

- 19 In section 4 of the Perjury Act 1911 (false statements,...

Population (Statistics) Act 1938 (c. 12)

- 20 (1) In the Schedule to the Population (Statistics) Act 1938...

Children Act 1989 (c. 41)

- 21 (1) Section 4 of the Children Act 1989 (acquisition of...
- 22 (1) Section 4ZA of the Children Act 1989 (acquisition of...

Child Support Act 1991 (c. 48)

- 23 In section 26 of the Child Support Act 1991 (disputes...

Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/2628 (N.I. 23))

- 24 In Article 27 of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order...

Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 36)

- 25 In section 3 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (provisions...

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Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/755 (N.I. 2))

26 (1) Article 7 of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995...

Schedule 7 — Repeals and revocations

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 8 heading word substituted by 2012 c. 5 s. 58(3)
- s. 2 repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- s. 3(1) repealed by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 7 Pt. 1
- s. 3(1)(2) repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- s. 4 repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- s. 5 repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- s. 5(1) repealed by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 7 Pt. 1
- s. 8(2)(a) repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- s. 9 repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- s. 14 repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 9
- s. 29(1) word substituted by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 7 para. 14(b)
- s. 29(1) words substituted by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 7 para. 14(a)
- s. 29(1) words substituted by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 7 para. 14(c)
- s. 31(1) words substituted by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 7 para. 15(2)(a)
- s. 31(1) words substituted by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 7 para. 15(2)(b)
- s. 31(2) words inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 54(7)
- s. 32(2) words inserted by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 7 para. 16(2)(b)
- s. 32(2) words substituted by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 7 para. 16(2)(a)
- s. 32(3)(a)-(d) substituted by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 7 para. 16(3)
- s. 34(1)(2) repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- s. 37(3) repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- Sch. 2 repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- Sch. 4 para. 3 repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- Sch. 7 Pt. 1 repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1

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

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

- Sch. 4 para. 9(3)(b) repealed by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 7 Pt. 1