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2 Work-related activity: income support claimants and partners of claimants
3 Lone parents
4 Entitlement to jobseeker's allowance without seeking employment etc.
5 Couples where at least one member capable of work
6 Statutory sick pay and employment and support allowance
7 Transitional provision relating to sections 4 to 6
8 Parliamentary procedure: regulations imposing work-related activity requirements on lone parents of children under 7

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9 Abolition of income support

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10 Power to direct claimant to undertake specific work-related activity

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11 Claimants dependent on drugs etc.

Contributory jobseeker's allowance and employment and support allowance

12 Conditions for contributory jobseeker's allowance
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15 Maternity allowance and carer's allowance

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16 External provider social loans
17 Power to restrict availability of social fund loans
18 Supply of information to or by lenders making external provider social loans
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22 Payments on account

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23 Power to up-rate benefits following review in tax year 2009-10

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24 Loss of benefit provisions
25 Jobseeker's allowance: sanctions for violent conduct etc. in connection with claim
26 Repeal of sections 62 to 66 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000

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28 Period for which pilot schemes have effect etc.

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30 Good cause for failure to comply with regulations etc.
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1 Introduction
2 Work-focused interviews etc.
3 After section 11 insert— Work-focused interviews etc. Persons not required...
4 Directions given by officers of the Secretary of State etc.
5 Before section 19 (but after the italic heading immediately before...
6 For sections 19 and 20 substitute— Certain circumstances in which...
7 For sections 20A and 20B substitute— Certain circumstances in which...
8 Other amendments
9 In section 2(1) (the contribution-based conditions), for "section 1(2)(d)" substitute...
10 (1) Section 3 (the income-based conditions) is amended as follows....
11 In section 3A(1) (the conditions for claims by joint-claim couples),...
12 In section 4(11A) (amount payable by way of a jobseeker's...
13 In section 9 (the jobseeker's agreement)— (a) in subsection (2),...
14 In section 10 (variation of jobseeker's agreement)—
15 (1) Section 14 (trade disputes) is amended as follows.
16 (1) Section 15 (effect on other claimants) is amended as...
17 (1) Section 15A (trade disputes: joint-claim couples) is amended as...
18 After section 15A insert— Other provision relating to a person's...
19 In— (a) section 17A(8) (schemes for assisting persons to obtain...
20 In section 22(2) (members of the forces), for "section 19(6)(b)"...
21 In section 35(1) (interpretation) — (a) after the definition of...
22 In section 36(4A)(b) (regulations and orders), which is inserted by...
23 (1) Schedule 1 (supplementary provisions) is amended as follows.
Part 2 — AMENDMENTS OF OTHER ACTS
24 Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5)
25 Social Security Act 1998 (c. 14)
26 Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c. 5)

Schedule 2 — Abolition of income support: consequential amendments
1 Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)
2 Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53)
3 Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5)
4 Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14)
5 Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18)
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),...
8 Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33)
9 Social Security Fraud Act 2001 (c. 11)
10 In section 6B(5) (loss of benefit in case of conviction,...
11 In section 7(2) (loss of benefit for commission of benefit...
12 Courts Act 2003 (c. 39)
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...
15 Child Trust Funds Act 2004 (c. 6)
16 Age-Related Payments Act 2004 (c. 10)

17 Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c. 5)

Schedule 3 — Claimants dependent on drugs etc.
Part 1 — JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE
1 Requirements imposed on claimants dependent on drugs etc.
2 Before Schedule 1 to the Jobseekers Act 1995 insert— Schedule...
3 Consequential amendments
4 In paragraph 3(da) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security...
5 Report on initial operation of drugs provisions
Part 2 — EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE
6 Requirements imposed on persons dependent on drugs etc.
7 After Schedule 1 to the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c....
8 Consequential amendments
9 Report on the initial operation of drugs provisions

Schedule 4 — Loss of benefit provisions: further amendments
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
9 Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5)
10 Social Security Act 1998 (c. 14)

Schedule 5 — Section 51: consequential amendments etc.
1 Child Support Act 1991 (c. 48)
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...
8 Omit section 40B (disqualification for holding or obtaining driving licence)....
9 In section 52(2A)(b) (regulations and orders: affirmative resolution procedure), after...
10 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (c. 6)

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
19 Perjury Act 1911 (c. 6)
20 Population (Statistics) Act 1938 (c. 12)
21 Children Act 1989 (c. 41)
22 (1) Section 4ZA of the Children Act 1989 (acquisition of...
23 Child Support Act 1991 (c. 48)
24 Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/2628 (N.I. 23))
25 Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 36)
26 Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/755 (N.I. 2))

Schedule 7 — Repeals and revocations
Part 1 — ABOLITION OF INCOME SUPPORT
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