



Welfare Reform Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 24

PART 1

SOCIAL SECURITY

Pilot schemes

27 State pension credit: pilot schemes

- (1) The State Pension Credit Act 2002 (c. 16) is amended as follows.
- (2) Before section 19 (but after the italic heading immediately before that section) insert—

“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—

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- (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,
 - (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.”
- (3) In section 19 (regulations and orders) after subsection (2) insert—
- “(2A) A statutory instrument containing regulations which, by virtue of section 18A, are to have effect for a limited period shall not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.”

28 Period for which pilot schemes have effect etc.

- (1) In section 29 of the Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18) (pilot schemes)—
- (a) in subsection (1), for “12 months” substitute “ 36 months ”, and
 - (b) in subsection (8), for the words from “facilitate” to the end substitute “ make it more likely that persons will obtain or remain in work or be able to do so ”.
- (2) In section 19(1) of the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c. 5) (pilot schemes), for “24 months” substitute “ 36 months ”.

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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](#)