



Welfare Reform Act 2012

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PART 2

WORKING-AGE BENEFITS

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EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE

Claimant responsibilities for interim period

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- (1) The Welfare Reform Act 2007 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1(3) (employment and support allowance: basic conditions) after paragraph (a) there is inserted—
“*(aa)* has accepted a claimant commitment,”.
- (3) After section 1B (as inserted by section 52 above) there is inserted—

“1C Claimant commitment

- (1) For the purposes of this Part a “claimant commitment” is a record of the claimant’s responsibilities in relation to an award of an employment and support allowance.
- (2) A claimant commitment is to be prepared by the Secretary of State and may be reviewed and updated as the Secretary of State thinks fit.
- (3) A claimant commitment is to be in such form as the Secretary of State thinks fit.
- (4) A claimant commitment is to include—

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- (a) any prescribed information, and
 - (b) any other information the Secretary of State considers it appropriate to include.
- (5) For the purposes of this Part a claimant accepts a claimant commitment if, and only if, the claimant accepts the most up-to-date version of it in such manner as may be prescribed.
- (6) Regulations may provide that, in prescribed circumstances, a claimant is to be treated as having satisfied the condition mentioned in section 1(3)(aa)."
- (4) In section 15(2)(b) (directions about work-related activity) for the words from "by" to "14" there is substituted "in such manner as the Secretary of State thinks fit".
- (5) In section 16(1) (contracting out) before paragraph (a) there is inserted—
 - "(za) any function under section 1C in relation to a claimant commitment;"
- (6) In Schedule 2 (supplementary provisions) after paragraph 4 there is inserted—
 - Regulations may prescribe circumstances in which a person may be entitled to employment and support allowance without having accepted a claimant commitment."
- (7) In section 31(2) of the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (action plans: well-being of children), in subsection (5) inserted into section 14 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007, after "preparing any" there is inserted "claimant commitment or".