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# THE COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1992

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## SCHEDULE 1 — APPLICABLE AMOUNTS

# PART I — PERSONAL ALLOWANCES

- 1. The amounts specified in column (2) below in respect of...
- 2. The amounts specified in column (2) below in respect of...

PART II — FAMILY PREMIUM

3. The amount for the purposes of regulations 8(c) and 9(d)...

PART III — PREMIUMS

- 4. Except as provided in paragraph 5, the premiums specified in...
- 5. Subject to paragraph 6, where a claimant satisfies the conditions...
- 6. (1) The severe disability premium to which paragraph 14 applies...
- 7. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), for the purposes of this...
- 8. Lone Parent Premium
- 9. Pensioner Premium for persons under 75
- 10. Pensioner Premium for persons 75 and over
- 11. Higher Pensioner Premium
- 12. Disability Premium
- 13. Additional Condition for the Higher Pensioner and Disability Premiums
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- 17. Persons in receipt of concessionary payments
- 18. Person in receipt of benefit for another

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- 1. (1) Subject to paragraphs 2 and 3, the alternative maximum...
- 2. In determining a second adult's gross income for the purposes...
- 3. Where there are two or more second adults residing with...

# SCHEDULE 3 — SUMS TO BE DISREGARDED IN THE CALCULATION OF EARNINGS

- 1. In the case of a claimant who has been engaged...
- 2. In the case of a claimant who has been engaged...
- 3. (1) In a case to which this paragraph applies, £15;...
- 4. If an amount by way of a lone parent premium...
- 5. In a case where paragraph 3 does not apply to...
- 6. (1) In a case to which neither paragraph 3 nor...
- 7. Where the claimant is engaged in one or more employments...
- 8. In a case to which none of the paragraphs 3...
- 9. Any amount or the balance of any amount which would...
- 10. Where a claimant is on income support, his earnings.
- 11. Any earnings derived from employment which are payable in a...
- 12. Where a payment of earnings is made in a currency...
- 13. Any earnings of a child or young person except earnings...
- 14. In the case of earnings of a young person who...

15. In this Schedule "part-time employment" means employment in which the...

# SCHEDULE 4 — SUMS TO BE DISREGARDED IN THE CALCULATION OF INCOME OTHER THAN EARNINGS

- 1. Any amount paid by way of tax on income which...
- 2. Any payment in respect of any expenses incurred by a...
- 3. In the case of employment as an employed earner, any...
- 4. Where a claimant is on income support, the whole of...
- 5. Any disability living allowance.
- 6. Any concessionary payment made to compensate for the non-payment of
- 7. Any mobility supplement under article 26A of the Naval, Military...
- 8. Any attendance allowance.
- 9. Any payment to the claimant as holder of the Victoria...
- 10. Any sum in respect of a course of study attended...
- 11. In the case of a claimant participating in arrangements for...
- 12. Any Job Start Allowance payable under section 2(1) of the...
- 13. (1) Except where sub-paragraph (2) applies and subject to sub-paragraph...
- 14. Subject to paragraph 34, £10 of any of the following,...
- 15. (1) Any income derived from capital to which the claimant...
- 16. Where a claimant receives income under an annuity purchased with...
- 17. Where the claimant makes a parental contribution in respect of...
- 18. (1) Where the claimant is the parent of a student...
- 19. Any payment made to the claimant by a child or...
- 20. Where the claimant occupies a dwelling as his home which...
- 21. Where the claimant occupies a dwelling as his home which...
- 22. Any income in kind.
- 23. Any income which is payable in a country outside the...
- 24. (1) Any payment made to the claimant in respect of...
- 25. Any payment made by a local authority to the claimant...
- 26. Any payment made by a health authority, local authority or...
- 27. Any payment made by a local authority in accordance with...
- 28. An amount equal to any maintenance payment made by the...
- 29. Any payment received under an insurance policy taken out to...
- 30. Any payment of income which by virtue of regulation 31...
- 31. Any social fund payments made pursuant to Part VIII of...
- 32. Any payment under section 148 of the Contributions and Benefits...
- 33. Where a payment of income is made in a currency...
- 34. The total of claimant's income or, if he is a...
- 35. (1) Any payment made under the Trusts, the Fund or...
- 36. Any housing benefit.
- 37. Any payment made by the Secretary of State to compensate...
- 38. Any payment by the Secretary of State to compensate for...
- 39. Any resettlement benefit which is paid to the claimant by...
- 40. Any payment to a juror or witness in respect of...
- 41. Any payment in consequence of a reduction of a personal...
- 42. Any special war widows payment made under—
- 43. (1) Any payment or repayment made—(a) as respects England...
- 44. Any payment made under regulation 9 to 11 or regulation...
- 45. Any payment made by either the Secretary of State for...
- 46. (1) Where a claimant's applicable amount includes an amount by...
- 47. Any payment made by the Secretary of State to compensate...

48. Any payment (other than a training allowance) made, whether by...

#### SCHEDULE 5 — CAPITAL TO BE DISREGARDED

- 1. The dwelling together with any garage, garden and outbuildings, normally...
- 2. Any premises acquired for occupation by the claimant which he...
- 3. Any sum directly attributable to the proceeds of sale of...
- 4. Any premises occupied in whole or in part—
- 5. Where a claimant is on income support, the whole of...
- 6. Any reversionary interest.
- 7. (1) The assets of any business owned in whole or...
- 8. Any arrears of, or any concessionary payment made to compensate...
- 9. Any sum— (a) paid to the claimant in consequence of...
- 10. Any sum— (a) deposited with a housing association as defined...
- 11. Any personal possessions except those which have been acquired by...
- 12. The value of the right to receive any income under...
- 13. Where the funds of a trust are derived from a...
- 14. The value of the right to receive any income under...
- 15. The value of the right to receive any income which...
- 16. The surrender value of any policy of life insurance.
- 17. Where any payment of capital falls to be made by...
- 18. Any payment made by a local authority in accordance with...
- 19. Any social fund payment made pursuant to Part VIII of...
- 20. Any refund of tax which falls to be deducted under...
- 21. Any capital which by virtue of regulation 25 or 47...
- 22. Where any payment of capital is made in a currency...
- 23. (1) Any payment made under the Trusts, the Fund or...
- 24. (1) Where a claimant has ceased to occupy what was...
- 25. Any premises where the claimant is taking reasonable steps to...
- 26. Any premises which the claimant intends to occupy as his...
- 27. Any premises which the claimant intends to occupy as his...
- 28. Any payment made by the Secretary of State to compensate...
- 29. Any payment made by the Secretary of State to compensate...
- 30. The value of the right to receive an occupational or...
- 31. The value of the right to receive any rent.
- 32. Any payment in kind made by a charity or under...
- 33. Any payment not exceeding £200 made under section 2 of...
- 34. Any housing benefit.
- 35. Any payment in consequence of a reduction of a personal...
- 36. Any grant made in accordance with a scheme made under...
- 37. Any arrears of special war widows payment which is disregarded...
- 38. (1) Any payment or repayment made—(a) as respects England...
- 39. Any payment made under regulation 9 to 11 or regulation...
- 40. Any payment made either by the Secretary of State for...
- 41. Any payment made by the Secretary of State to compensate...
- 42. Any payment (other than training allowance, or training bonus under...
- 43. Any payment made by a local authority under section 3...

# SCHEDULE 6 — MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

# PART I — GENERAL

- 1. The statement of matters to be included in any notice...
- 2. Every notice of determination shall include a statement as to...
- 3. Every notice of determination shall include a statement as to...

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- 4. Every notice of determination following written representations in accordance with...
- 5. Every notice of determination following written representations in accordance with...
- 6. An authority may include in the notice of determination any...
- 7. Parts II, III and IV of this Schedule shall apply...
- 8. Where a notice of determination is given following a review...
  - PART II AWARDS WHERE INCOME SUPPORT IS PAYABLE
- 9. Where a person on income support is awarded council tax...
  - PART III AWARDS WHERE NO INCOME SUPPORT IS PAYABLE
- 10. Where a person is not on income support but is...
  - PART IV NOTICE WHERE INCOME OF NON-DEPENDANT IS TREATED AS CLAIMANT'S INCOME
- 11. Where an authority makes a determination under regulation 12 (circumstances...
  - PART V NOTICE WHERE NO AWARD IS MADE
- 12. Where a person is not awarded council tax benefit under...
  - PART VI AWARDS WHERE ALTERNATIVE MAXIMUM COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT IS PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF A DAY
- 13. Where a person is awarded council tax benefit determined in...
- 14. Notice where no award of alternative maximum council tax benefit is made
- 15. Notice where council tax benefit is awarded and section 131(9) of the Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 applies
  - PART VII NOTICE WHERE THERE IS RECOVERABLE EXCESS BENEFIT
- 16. Except in cases to which paragraphs (a) and (b) of...

# SCHEDULE 7 — CONSTITUTION OF REVIEW BOARDS

- 1. A Review Board appointed by an authority listed in column...
- 2. The members of a Review Board shall appoint one of...

**Explanatory Note**