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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 215**

**The Council Tax Benefit Regulations 2006**

**PART 1**

General

**Citation and commencement**

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Council Tax Benefit Regulations 2006.
- (2) These Regulations are to be read, where appropriate, with the Consequential Provisions Regulations.
- (3) Except as provided in Schedule 4 to the Consequential Provisions Regulations, these Regulations shall come into force on 6th March 2006.
- (4) The regulations consolidated by these Regulations are revoked, in consequence of the consolidation, by the Consequential Provisions Regulations.

**Interpretation**

- 2.—(1) In these Regulations—
- “the Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;
- “the Administration Act” means the Social Security Administration Act 1992 <sup>M1</sup>;
- “the 1973 Act” means the Employment and Training Act 1973 <sup>M2</sup>;
- “the 1992 Act” means the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- [<sup>F1</sup>“the 2000 Act” means the Electronic Communications Act 2000;]
- “Abbeyfield Home” means an establishment run by the Abbeyfield Society including all bodies corporate or incorporate which are affiliated to that Society;
- “adoption leave” means a period of absence from work on ordinary or additional adoption leave by virtue of section 75A or 75B of the Employment Rights Act 1996 <sup>M3</sup>;
- “alternative maximum council tax benefit” means the amount determined in accordance with regulation 62 and Schedule 2;
- “appropriate DWP office” means an office of the Department for Work and Pensions dealing with state pension credit or claim office which is normally open to the public for the receipt of claims for income support [<sup>F2</sup>, a jobseeker's allowance or an employment and support allowance];
- “assessment period” means such period as is prescribed in regulations 19 to 21 over which income falls to be calculated;
- “attendance allowance” means—
- (a) an attendance allowance under Part 3 of the Act;
- (b) an increase of disablement pension under section 104 or 105 of the Act;

- (c) a payment under regulations made in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 7(2) (b) of Part 2 of Schedule 8 to the Act <sup>M4</sup>;
- (d) an increase of an allowance which is payable in respect of constant attendance under paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 8 to the Act;
- (e) a payment by virtue of article 14, 15, 16, 43 or 44 of the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983 <sup>M5</sup> or any analogous payment; or
- (f) any payment based on need for attendance which is paid as part of a war disablement pension;

[<sup>F3</sup>“basic rate”, where it relates to the rate of tax, has the same meaning as in the Income Tax Act 2007 (see section 989 of that Act).]

“the benefit Acts” means the Act [<sup>F4</sup>, the Jobseekers Act and the Welfare Reform Act]<sup>M6</sup>;

“benefit week” means a period of 7 consecutive days commencing upon a Monday and ending on a Sunday;

“care home” in England and Wales has the meaning assigned to it by section 3 of the Care Standards Act 2000 <sup>M7</sup> and in Scotland means a care home service within the meaning assigned to it by [<sup>F5</sup>paragraph 2 of schedule 12 to the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010]<sup>M8</sup>;

[<sup>F6</sup>“the Caxton Foundation” means the charitable trust of that name established on 28th March 2011 out of funds provided by the Secretary of State for the benefit of certain persons suffering from hepatitis C and other persons eligible for payment in accordance with its provisions;]

“child” means a person under the age of 16;

“child tax credit” means a child tax credit under section 8 of the Tax Credits Act;

“the Children Order” means the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 <sup>M9</sup>;

“claim” means a claim for council tax benefit;

“claimant” means a person claiming council tax benefit;

“close relative” means a parent, parent-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, step-parent, step-son, step-daughter, brother, sister, or if any of the preceding persons is one member of a couple, the other member of that couple;

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“concessionary payment” means a payment made under arrangements made by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury which is charged either to the National Insurance Fund or to a Departmental Expenditure Vote to which payments of benefit [<sup>F8</sup>or tax credits under the benefit Acts or the Tax Credits Act] are charged;

“the Consequential Provisions Regulations” means the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2006<sup>M10</sup>;

[<sup>F9</sup>“contributory employment and support allowance” means a contributory allowance under Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act;]

[<sup>F10</sup>“converted employment and support allowance” means an employment and support allowance which is not income-related and to which a person is entitled as a result of a conversion decision within the meaning of the Employment and Support Allowance (Existing Awards) Regulations;]

“council tax benefit” means council tax benefit under Part 7 of the Act;

“couple” means—

- (a) a man and a woman who are married to each other and are members of the same household;
- (b) a man and a woman who are not married to each other but are living together as husband and wife;
- (c) two people of the same sex who are civil partners of each other and are members of the same household; or
- (d) two people of the same sex who are not civil partners of each other but are living together as if they were civil partners,

and for the purposes of sub-paragraph (d), two people of the same sex are to be regarded as living together as if they were civil partners if, but only if, they would be regarded as living together as husband and wife were they instead two people of the opposite sex;

“date of claim” means the date on which the claim is made, or treated as made, for the purposes of regulation 69 (time and manner in which claims are to be made);

“the Decisions and Appeals Regulations” means the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2001<sup>M11</sup>;

“designated authority” means any of the following—

- (a) the Secretary of State;
- (b) a person providing services to the Secretary of State;
- (c) a local authority;
- (d) a person providing services to, or authorised to exercise any function of, any such authority;

“designated office” means the office designated by the relevant authority for the receipt of claims to council tax benefit—

- (a) by notice upon or with a form approved by it for the purpose of claiming council tax benefit; or
- (b) by reference upon or with such a form to some other document available from it and sent by electronic means or otherwise on application and without charge; or
- (c) by any combination of the provisions set out in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above;

“disability living allowance” means a disability living allowance under section 71 of the Act;

“dwelling” has the same meaning in section 3 or 72 of the 1992 Act;

“earnings” has the meaning prescribed in regulation 25 or, as the case may be, 27;

“the Eileen Trust” means the charitable trust of that name established on 29th March 1993 out of funds provided by the Secretary of State for the benefit of persons eligible for payment in accordance with its provisions;

[<sup>F11</sup>“electronic communication” has the same meaning as in section 15(1) of the 2000 Act;]

“employed earner” is to be construed in accordance with section 2(1)(a) of the Act and also includes a person who is in receipt of a payment which is payable under any enactment having effect in Northern Ireland and which corresponds to statutory sick pay or statutory maternity pay;

[<sup>F12</sup>“the Employment, Skills and Enterprise Scheme” means a scheme under section 17A (schemes for assisting persons to obtain employment: “work for your benefit” schemes etc.) of the Jobseekers Act 1995 known by that name and provided pursuant to arrangements made by the Secretary of State that is designed to assist claimants to obtain employment, including self-employment, and which may include for any individual work-related activity (including work experience or job search);]

[<sup>F13</sup>“Employment and Support Allowance Regulations” means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008;]

[<sup>F14</sup>“Employment and Support Allowance (Existing Awards) Regulations” means the Employment and Support Allowance (Transitional Provisions, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit) (Existing Awards) (No. 2) Regulations 2010;]

“employment zone” means an area within Great Britain designated for the purposes of section 60 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 <sup>M12</sup> and an “employment zone programme” means a programme established for such an area or areas designed to assist claimants for a jobseeker's allowance to obtain sustainable employment;

“employment zone contractor” means a person who is undertaking the provision of facilities in respect of an employment zone programme on behalf of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions;

[<sup>F15</sup>“enactment” includes an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament;]

[<sup>F16</sup>“extended payment” means a payment of council tax benefit payable pursuant to regulation 60;

“extended payment period” means the period for which an extended payment is payable in accordance with regulation 60A or 61A;]

[<sup>F17</sup>“extended payment (qualifying contributory benefits)” means a payment of council tax benefit payable pursuant to regulation 61;]

“family” has the meaning assigned to it by section 137(1) of the Act;

“the Fund” means moneys made available from time to time by the Secretary of State for the benefit of persons eligible for payment in accordance with the provisions of a scheme established by him on 24th April 1992 or, in Scotland, on 10th April 1992;

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“a guaranteed income payment” means a payment made under article 14(1)(b) or article 21(1)(a) of the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) Order 2005 <sup>M13</sup>;

“housing benefit” means housing benefit under Part 7 of the Act;

“the Housing Benefit Regulations” means the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 <sup>M14</sup>;

“Immigration and Asylum Act” means the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 <sup>M15</sup>;

“an income-based jobseeker's allowance” and “a joint-claim jobseeker's allowance” have the same meaning as they have in the Jobseekers Act by virtue of section 1(4) of that Act;

[<sup>F19</sup>“income-related employment and support allowance” means an income-related allowance under Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act;]

“Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 <sup>M16</sup>;

[<sup>F20</sup>“independent hospital”—

- (a) in England, means a hospital as defined by section 275 of the National Health Service Act 2006 that is not a health service hospital as defined by that section;
- (b) in Wales, has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000; and]
- (c) [<sup>F21</sup>in Scotland, means an independent health care service as defined in section 10F(1)(a) and (b) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978;]

[<sup>F22</sup>“the Independent Living Fund (2006)” means the Trust of that name established by a deed dated 10th April 2006 and made between the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions of the

one part and Margaret Rosemary Cooper, Michael Beresford Boyall and Marie Theresa Martin of the other part;]

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“invalid carriage or other vehicle” means a vehicle propelled by a petrol engine or by electric power supplied for use on the road and to be controlled by the occupant;

“Jobseekers Act” means the Jobseekers Act 1995 <sup>M17</sup>;

“Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 <sup>M18</sup>;

[<sup>F28</sup>“limited capability for work” has the meaning given in section 1(4) of the Welfare Reform Act;

“limited capability for work-related activity” has the meaning given in section 2(5) of the Welfare Reform Act;]

“the London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund” means the company limited by guarantee (number 5505072), and registered charity of that name established on 11th July 2005 for the purpose of (amongst other things) relieving sickness, disability or financial need of victims (including families or dependants of victims) of the terrorist attacks carried out in London on 7th July 2005;

“lone parent” means a person who has no partner and who is responsible for and a member of the same household as a child or young person;

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[<sup>F30</sup>“MFET Limited” means the company limited by guarantee (number 7121661) of that name, established for the purpose in particular of making payments in accordance with arrangements made with the Secretary of State to persons who have acquired HIV as a result of treatment by the NHS with blood or blood products ;]

“the Macfarlane (Special Payments) Trust” means the trust of that name, established on 29th January 1990 partly out of funds provided by the Secretary of State, for the benefit of certain persons suffering from haemophilia;

“the Macfarlane (Special Payments) (No. 2) Trust” means the trust of that name, established on 3rd May 1991 partly out of funds provided by the Secretary of State, for the benefit of certain persons suffering from haemophilia and other beneficiaries;

“the Macfarlane Trust” means the charitable trust, established partly out of funds provided by the Secretary of State to the Haemophilia Society, for the relief of poverty or distress among those suffering from haemophilia;

[<sup>F31</sup>“main phase employment and support allowance” means an employment and support allowance where the calculation of the amount payable in respect of the claimant includes a component under section 2(1)(b) or 4(2)(b) of the Welfare Reform Act [<sup>F32</sup>except in Part 1 of Schedule 1];]

[<sup>F33</sup>“the Mandatory Work Activity Scheme” means a scheme within section 17A (schemes for assisting persons to obtain employment: “work for your benefit” schemes etc.) of the Jobseekers Act 1995 known by that name and provided pursuant to arrangements made by the Secretary of State that is designed to provide work or work-related activity for up to 30

hours per week over a period of four consecutive weeks with a view to assisting claimants to improve their prospects of obtaining employment;]

“maternity leave” means a period during which a woman is absent from work because she is pregnant or has given birth to a child, and at the end of which she has a right to return to work either under the terms of her contract of employment or under Part 8 of the Employment Rights Act 1996 <sup>M19</sup>;

“member of a couple” means a member of a married or unmarried couple;

“mobility supplement” means a supplement to which paragraph 9 of Schedule 4 refers;

[<sup>F34</sup>“mover” means a claimant who changes the dwelling in which the claimant is resident and in respect of which the claimant liable to pay council tax from a dwelling in the area of the appropriate authority to a dwelling in the area of the second authority;]

“net earnings” means such earnings as are calculated in accordance with regulation 26;

“net profit” means such profit as is calculated in accordance with regulation 28;

“the New Deal options” means the employment programmes specified in regulation 75(1)(a)(ii) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations and the training scheme specified in regulation 75(1)(b)(ii) of those Regulations;

[<sup>F35</sup>“new dwelling” means, for the purposes of the definition of “second authority” and regulations 60C, 61C, 96 and 97, the dwelling to which a claimant has moved, or is about to move, in which the claimant is or will be resident;]

“non-dependant” has the meaning prescribed in regulation 3;

“non-dependant deduction” means a deduction that is to be made under regulation 58;

“occupational pension” means any pension or other periodical payment under an occupational pension scheme but does not include any discretionary payment out of a fund established for relieving hardship in particular cases;

“ordinary clothing or footwear” means clothing or footwear for normal daily use, but does not include school uniforms, or clothing or footwear used solely for sporting activities;

“partner” means—

- (a) where a claimant is a member of a couple, the other member of that couple; or
- (b) where a claimant is polygamously married to two or more members of his household, any such member to whom he is married;

[<sup>F36</sup>“paternity leave” means a period of absence from work on ordinary paternity leave by virtue of section 80A or 80B of the Employment Rights Act 1996 or on additional paternity leave by virtue of section 80AA or 80BB of that Act;]

“payment” includes part of a payment;

“pension fund holder” means with respect to a personal pension scheme or [<sup>F37</sup>an occupational pension scheme], the trustees, managers or scheme administrators, as the case may be, of the scheme <sup>F38</sup> ... concerned;

“person affected” shall be construed in accordance with regulation 3 of the Decisions and Appeals Regulations;

“person on income support” means a person in receipt of income support;

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[<sup>F40</sup>“personal pension scheme” means—

- (a) a personal pension scheme as defined by section 1 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993;

- (b) an annuity contract or trust scheme approved under section 620 or 621 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 or a substituted contract within the meaning of section 622(3) of that Act which is treated as having become a registered pension scheme by virtue of paragraph 1(1)(f) of Schedule 36 to the Finance Act 2004;
- (c) a personal pension scheme approved under Chapter 4 of Part 14 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 which is treated as having become a registered pension scheme by virtue of paragraph 1(1)(g) of Schedule 36 to the Finance Act 2004;]

“policy of life insurance” means any instrument by which the payment of money is assured on death (except death by accident only) or the happening of any contingency dependent on human life, or any instrument evidencing a contract which is subject to payment of premiums for a term dependent on human life;

“polygamous marriage” means a marriage to which section 133(1) of the Act refers;

[<sup>F15</sup>“public authority” includes any person certain of whose functions are functions of a public nature;]

“qualifying age for state pension credit” means (in accordance with section 1(2)(b) and (6) of the State Pension Credit Act)—

- (a) in the case of a woman, pensionable age; or
- (b) in the case of a man, the age which is pensionable age in the case of a woman born on the same day as the man;

[<sup>F41</sup>“qualifying contributory benefit” means—

- (a) severe disablement allowance;
- (b) incapacity benefit;
- (c) [<sup>F42</sup>contributory employment and support allowance;]

“qualifying income-related benefit” means—

- (a) income support;
- (b) income-based jobseeker’s allowance;]
- (c) [<sup>F43</sup>income-related employment and support allowance;]

“qualifying person” means a person in respect of whom payment has been made from the Fund, the Eileen Trust [<sup>F44</sup>, MFET Limited], the Skipton Fund [<sup>F45</sup>, the Caxton Foundation] or the London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund;

“relative” means a close relative, grandparent, grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece;

“relevant authority” means an authority administering council tax benefit;

“remunerative work” has the meaning prescribed in regulation 6;

“rent” means “eligible rent” to which regulation 12 of the Housing Benefit Regulations refers less any deductions in respect of non-dependants which fall to be made under regulation 74 (non-dependant deductions) of those Regulations;

“resident” has the meaning it has in Part 1 or 2 of the 1992 Act;

<sup>F46</sup> ...

“second adult” has the meaning given to it in Schedule 2;

[<sup>F47</sup>“second authority” means the authority to which a mover is liable to make payments for the new dwelling;]

“self-employed earner” is to be construed in accordance with section 2(1)(b) of the Act;

“self-employment route” means assistance in pursuing self-employed earner's employment whilst participating in—

- (a) an employment zone programme; <sup>F48</sup> ...
- (b) a programme provided or other arrangements made pursuant to section 2 of the 1973 Act (functions of the Secretary of State) or section 2 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990 <sup>M20</sup> (functions in relation to training for employment, etc.) [<sup>F49</sup>; or
- (c) a scheme prescribed in regulation 3 of the Jobseeker's Allowance (Schemes for Assisting Persons to Obtain Employment) Regulations 2013<sup>F50</sup> ...]

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[<sup>F15</sup>“service user group” means a group of individuals that is consulted by or on behalf of—

- (a) a Health Board, Special Health Board or the Agency in consequence of a function under section 2B of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978,
- (b) a landlord authority in consequence of a function under section 105 of the Housing Act 1985,
- (c) a public authority in consequence of a function under section 49A of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995,
- (d) a best value authority in consequence of a function under section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999,
- (e) a local authority landlord or registered social landlord in consequence of a function under section 53 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001,
- (f) a relevant English body or a relevant Welsh body in consequence of a function under section 242 of the National Health Service Act 2006,
- (g) a Local Health Board in consequence of a function under section 183 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006,
- (h) the Commission or the Office of the Health Professions Adjudicator in consequence of a function under sections 4, 5, or 108 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008,
- (i) the regulator or a [<sup>F51</sup>registered provider][<sup>F51</sup>private registered provider of social housing] in consequence of a function under sections 98, 193 or 196 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008, or
- (j) a public or local authority in Great Britain in consequence of a function conferred under any other enactment,

for the purposes of monitoring and advising on a policy of that body or authority which affects or may affect persons in the group, or of monitoring or advising on services provided by that body or authority which are used (or may potentially be used) by those persons;]

“single claimant” means a claimant who neither has a partner nor is a lone parent;

“the Skipton Fund” means the ex-gratia payment scheme administered by the Skipton Fund Limited, incorporated on 25th March 2004, for the benefit of certain persons suffering from hepatitis C and other persons eligible for payment in accordance with the scheme's provisions;

[<sup>F30</sup>“special account” means an account as defined for the purposes of Chapter 4A of Part 8 of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations or Chapter 5 of Part 10 of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations;]

“sports award” means an award made by one of the Sports Councils named in section 23(2) of the National Lottery etc Act 1993 <sup>M21</sup> out of sums allocated to it for distribution under that section;

<sup>F52</sup> ...



“State Pension Credit Act” means the State Pension Credit Act 2002 <sup>M22</sup>;

“student” has the meaning prescribed in regulation 43;

“subsistence allowance” means an allowance which an employment zone contractor has agreed to pay to a person who is participating in an employment zone programme;

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“the Tax Credits Act” means the Tax Credits Act 2002 <sup>M23</sup>;

“training allowance” means an allowance (whether by way of periodical grants or otherwise) payable—

- (a) out of public funds by a Government department or by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, [<sup>F53</sup>Skills Development Scotland,] Scottish Enterprise or Highlands and Islands Enterprise, [<sup>F54</sup>[<sup>F55</sup>the Young People’s Learning Agency for England,]<sup>F56</sup>...] or the [<sup>F57</sup>Welsh Ministers];
- (b) to a person for his maintenance or in respect of a member of his family; and
- (c) for the period, or part of the period, during which he is following a course of training or instruction provided by, or in pursuance of arrangements made with, that department or approved by that department in relation to him or so provided or approved by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, [<sup>F53</sup>Skills Development Scotland,] Scottish Enterprise or Highlands and Islands Enterprise or the [<sup>F57</sup>Welsh Ministers],

but it does not include an allowance paid by any Government department to or in respect of a person by reason of the fact that he is following a course of full-time education, other than under arrangements made under section 2 of the 1973 Act <sup>M24</sup> or is training as a teacher;

“the Trusts” means the Macfarlane Trust, the Macfarlane (Special Payments) Trust and the Macfarlane (Special Payments) (No. 2) Trust;

“voluntary organisation” means a body, other than a public or local authority, the activities of which are carried on otherwise than for profit;

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[<sup>F59</sup>“war disablement pension” means any retired pay or pension or allowance payable in respect of disablement under an instrument specified in section 639(2) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003;]

[<sup>F59</sup>“war pension” means a war disablement pension, a war widow’s pension or a war widower’s pension;]

[<sup>F59</sup>“war widow’s pension” means any pension or allowance payable to a woman as a widow under an instrument specified in section 639(2) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 in respect of the death or disablement of any person;]

[<sup>F59</sup>“war widower’s pension” means any pension or allowance payable to a man as a widower or to a surviving civil partner under an instrument specified in section 639(2) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 in respect of the death or disablement of any person;]

“water charges” means—

- (a) as respects England and Wales, any water and sewerage charges under Chapter 1 of Part 5 of the Water Industry Act 1991 <sup>M25</sup>,
  - (b) as respects Scotland, any water and sewerage charges established by Scottish Water under a charges scheme made under section 29A of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 <sup>M26</sup>,
- in so far as such charges are in respect of the dwelling which a person occupies as his home;

[<sup>F60</sup>“Welfare Reform Act” means the Welfare Reform Act 2007;]

“working tax credit” means a working tax credit under section 10 of the Tax Credits Act;

“Working Tax Credit Regulations” means the Working Tax Credit (Entitlement and Maximum Rate) Regulations 2002 <sup>M27</sup>; and

“young person” has the meaning prescribed in regulation 9(1).

(2) In these Regulations, references to a claimant occupying a dwelling or premises as his home shall be construed in accordance with regulation 7 of the Housing Benefit Regulations.

(3) In these Regulations, where an amount is to be rounded to the nearest penny, a fraction of a penny shall be disregarded if it is less than half a penny and shall otherwise be treated as a whole penny.

(4) For the purpose of these Regulations, a person is on an income-based jobseeker's allowance on any day in respect of which an income-based jobseeker's allowance is payable to him and on any day—

- (a) in respect of which he satisfies the conditions for entitlement to an income-based jobseeker's allowance but where the allowance is not paid in accordance with [<sup>F61</sup>regulation 27A of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations or] section 19 or 20A [<sup>F62</sup>or regulations made under section 17A] of the Jobseekers Act (circumstances in which a jobseeker's allowance is not payable); or
- (b) which is a waiting day for the purposes of paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to that Act and which falls immediately before a day in respect of which an income-based jobseeker's allowance is payable to him or would be payable to him but for [<sup>F63</sup>regulation 27A of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations or] section 19 or 20A [<sup>F64</sup>or regulations made under section 17A] of that Act;
- (c) in respect of which he is a member of a joint-claim couple for the purposes of the Jobseekers Act and no joint-claim jobseeker's allowance is payable in respect of that couple as a consequence of either member of that couple being subject to sanctions for the purposes of section 20A of that Act;
- (d) in respect of which an income-based jobseeker's allowance or a joint-claim jobseeker's allowance would be payable but for a restriction imposed pursuant to <sup>F65</sup>... section [<sup>F66</sup>6B.] 7, 8 or 9 of the Social Security Fraud Act 2001 <sup>M28</sup> (loss of benefit provisions).

[<sup>F67</sup>(4A) For the purposes of these Regulations, a person is on an income-related employment and support allowance on any day in respect of which an income-related employment and support allowance is payable to him and on any day—

- (a) in respect of which he satisfies the conditions for entitlement to an income-related employment and support allowance but where the allowance is not paid in accordance with section 18 of the Welfare Reform Act (disqualification); or
- (b) which is a waiting day for the purposes of paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to that Act and which falls immediately before a day in respect of which an income-related employment and support allowance is payable to him or would be payable to him but for section 18 of that Act.]

(5) For the purposes of these Regulations, two persons shall be taken to be estranged only if their estrangement constitutes a breakdown of the relationship between them.

(6) In these Regulations, references to any person in receipt of state pension credit includes a person who would be in receipt of state pension credit but for regulation 13 of the State Pension Credit Regulations 2002 <sup>M29</sup> (small amounts of state pension credit).

- F1** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (20.12.2006) by Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Electronic Communications) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2968), art. 1**reg. 4(2)(a)**
- F2** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(2)(a)**
- F3** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (6.4.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/583), regs. 1(2), **8(2)(a)**
- F4** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(2)(b)**
- F5** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (28.10.2011) by The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential Modifications of Enactments) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2581), art. 1(2)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 53(a)(i)**
- F6** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (31.10.2011) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/2425), regs. 1(2), **21(2)(a)**
- F7** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (17.11.2008) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.6) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2767), regs. 1(2), **8(2)(a)**
- F8** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (5.1.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 7) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/3157), regs. 1(1), **7(2)(a)**
- F9** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(2)(c)**
- F10** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (1.10.2010) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Transitional Provisions, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit) (Existing Awards) (No. 2) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1907), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 70(2)(a)** (with reg. 3)
- F11** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (20.12.2006) by Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Electronic Communications) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2968), art. 1**reg. 4(2)(b)**
- F12** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (20.5.2011) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Employment, Skills and Enterprise Scheme) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/917), regs. 1, **11(1)(a), (2)**
- F13** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(2)(d)**
- F14** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (1.10.2010) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Transitional Provisions, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit) (Existing Awards) (No. 2) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1907), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 70(2)(b)** (with reg. 3)
- F15** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (2.11.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/2655), regs. 1(3)(c), **8(2)**
- F16** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (6.10.2008) by The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Extended Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/959), regs. 1(1), **9(2)(a)**
- F17** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (6.10.2008) by The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Extended Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/959), regs. 1(1), **9(2)(b)**
- F18** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (1.10.2008) by virtue of The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2299), regs. 1, **4(2)**
- F19** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(2)(e)**
- F20** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (1.10.2010) by The Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Miscellaneous Consequential Amendments) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1881), arts. 1(1), **22**
- F21** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (28.10.2011) by The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential Modifications of Enactments) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2581), art. 1(2)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 53(a)(ii)**
- F22** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (1.10.2007) by Independent Living Fund (2006) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/2538), arts. 1, **10(2)(a)**
- F23** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (17.11.2008) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.6) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2767), regs. 1(2), **8(2)(b)**
- F24** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (17.11.2008) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.6) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2767), regs. 1(2), **8(2)(c)**

- F25** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (17.11.2008) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.6) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2767), regs. 1(2), **8(2)(d)**
- F26** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (17.11.2008) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.6) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2767), regs. 1(2), **8(2)(e)**
- F27** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (14.4.2008) by virtue of Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/698), regs. 1(1), **7(2)**
- F28** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted by SI 2008/1082 reg. 43(2) (as amended) (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2428), regs. 1(2), **36(a)**
- F29** Words in reg. 2(1) revoked (1.10.2007) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 5) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/2618), reg. 1(1), **Sch.**
- F30** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (1.4.2010 for specified purposes, 5.4.2010 in so far as not already in force) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/641), regs. 1(3)(c), **10(2)**
- F31** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted by SI 2008/1082 reg. 43(2) (as substituted) (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2428), regs. 1(2), **36(b)**
- F32** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (1.4.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/583), regs. 1(3), **8(2)(b)**
- F33** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (25.4.2011) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Mandatory Work Activity Scheme) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/688), regs. 1, **11(1)(a), (2)**
- F34** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (6.10.2008) by The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Extended Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/959), regs. 1(1), **9(2)(c)**
- F35** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (6.10.2008) by The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Extended Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/959), regs. 1(1), **9(2)(d)**
- F36** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (1.4.2012) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/757), regs. 1(4), **9(2)**
- F37** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (16.7.2007) by Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.3) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1749), regs. 1, **6(2)(a)(i)**
- F38** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (16.7.2007) by virtue of Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.3) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1749), regs. 1, **6(2)(a)(ii)**
- F39** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (19.5.2008) by virtue of Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.2) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1042), regs. 1(2), **5(2)**
- F40** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (16.7.2007) by Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.3) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1749), regs. 1, **6(2)(b)**
- F41** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (6.10.2008) by The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Extended Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/959), regs. 1(1), **9(2)(e)**
- F42** Words in reg. 2(1)(c) added (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(2)(g)**
- F43** Words in reg. 2(1)(c) added (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(2)(h)**
- F44** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (1.4.2010 for specified purposes, 5.4.2010 in so far as not already in force) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/641), regs. 1(3)(c), **10(3)(a)**
- F45** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (31.10.2011) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/2425), regs. 1(2), **21(2)(b)**
- F46** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (16.7.2007) by virtue of Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.3) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1749), regs. 1, **6(2)(c)**
- F47** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (6.10.2008) by The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Extended Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/959), regs. 1(1), **9(2)(f)**
- F48** Word in reg. 2(1)(a) omitted (20.5.2011) by virtue of The Jobseekers Allowance (Employment, Skills and Enterprise Scheme) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/917), regs. 1, **11(1)(a), (3)(a)**

- F49** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (12.2.2013) by The Jobseeker's Allowance (Schemes for Assisting Persons to Obtain Employment) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/276), regs. 1, **8(1)**, (2)
- F50** Words in regulation 1(3) inserted (12.02.2013) of Jobseekers (Back to Work Schemes) Act 2013, (S.I. 2013 c. 17), reg. 1(14)
- F51** Words in reg. 2(1)(i) substituted (1.4.2010) by The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/671), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 62** (with Sch. 2); S.I. 2010/862, art. 2
- F52** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (6.4.2009) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/583), regs. 1(2), **8(2)(c)**
- F53** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (6.4.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/583), regs. 1(2), **8(3)(a)**
- F54** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (1.9.2010) by The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) (England) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1941), **art. 16(2)**reg. 1
- F55** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (1.5.2012) by virtue of The Young Peoples Learning Agency Abolition (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) (England) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/956), arts. 1, **13(2)**
- F56** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of The Deregulation Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/971), art. 1(2)(a), **Sch. 3 para. 10(2)**
- F57** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (5.1.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 7) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/3157), regs. 1(1), **7(2)(b)**
- F58** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (3.7.2007) by virtue of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (War Pension Disregards) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1619), **reg. 5(a)**
- F59** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (5.1.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 7) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/3157), regs. 1(1), **7(2)(c)**
- F60** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(2)(i)**
- F61** Words in reg. 2(4)(a) inserted (6.4.2010) by The Jobseeker's Allowance (Sanctions for Failure to Attend) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/509), regs. 1(2), **4(1)(c)**, (2)
- F62** Words in reg. 2(4)(a) inserted (25.4.2011) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Mandatory Work Activity Scheme) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/688), regs. 1, **17(1)(a)**, (2)
- F63** Words in reg. 2(4)(b) inserted (6.4.2010) by The Jobseeker's Allowance (Sanctions for Failure to Attend) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/509), regs. 1(2), **4(1)(c)**, (2)
- F64** Words in reg. 2(4)(b) inserted (25.4.2011) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Mandatory Work Activity Scheme) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/688), regs. 1, **17(1)(a)**, (2)
- F65** Words in reg. 2(4)(d) omitted (2.4.2010) by virtue of The Welfare Reform Act 2009 (Section 26) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/424), regs. 1(4), **10**
- F66** Word in reg. 2(4)(d) inserted (1.4.2010) by The Social Security (Loss of Benefit) Amendment Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1160), regs. 1, **6(2)**
- F67** Reg. 2(4A) inserted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(3)**

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- C1** Reg. 2(1) modified (22.11.2010) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Work for Your Benefit Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1222), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C2** Reg. 2(4)(a) modified (22.11.2010) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Work for Your Benefit Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1222), regs. 1(2), **19**
- C3** Reg. 2(4)(b) modified (22.11.2010) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Work for Your Benefit Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1222), regs. 1(2), **19**

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- M1** 1992 c. 5.

- M2** 1973 c. 50; amended by the [Employment Act 1988 \(c. 19\)](#), the [Employment Act 1989 \(c. 38\)](#) and the [Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993 \(c. 19\)](#).
- M3** 1996 c. 18; sections 75A and 75B were inserted by section 3 of the [Employment Act 2002 \(c. 22\)](#).
- M4** See in particular paragraph 7(2)(b) of Schedule 8.
- M5** S.I. 1983/686; the relevant amending Instruments are S.I. 1983/1164, 1984/1675.
- M6** 1995 c. 18; the Jobseekers Act is amended by the [Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 \(c. 30\)](#) section 59 and Schedule 7.
- M7** 2000 c. 14.
- M8** 2001 asp 8.
- M9** S.I. 1995/755 (N.1. 2).
- M10** S.I. 2006/217.
- M11** S.I. 2001/1002.
- M12** 1999 c. 30.
- M13** S.I. 2005/439.
- M14** S.I. 2006/213.
- M15** 1999 c. 33.
- M16** S.I. 1987/1967.
- M17** 1995 c. 18.
- M18** S.I. 1996/207.
- M19** 1996 c. 18.
- M20** 1990 c. 35.
- M21** 1993 c. 39.
- M22** 2002 c. 16.
- M23** 2002 c. 21.
- M24** 1973 c. 50; section 2 was amended by section 25(1) of the [Employment Act 1988 \(c. 19\)](#), by Part I of Schedule 7 to the [Employment Act 1989 \(c. 38\)](#) and by section 47(1) of the [Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993\(c. 19\)](#).
- M25** 1991 c. 56.
- M26** 2002 Asp. 3.
- M27** S.I. 2002/2005.
- M28** 2001 c. 11.
- M29** S.I. 2002/1792.

### Definition of non-dependant

3.—(1) In these Regulations, “non-dependant” means any person, except someone to whom paragraph (2) applies, who normally resides with a claimant or with whom a claimant normally resides.

(2) This paragraph applies to—

- (a) any member of the claimant's family;
- (b) if the claimant is polygamously married, any partner of his and any child or young person who is a member of his household and for whom he or one of his partners is responsible;
- (c) a child or young person who is living with the claimant but who is not a member of his household by virtue of regulation 11 (membership of the same household);
- (d) subject to paragraph (3), any person who, with the claimant, is jointly and severally liable to pay council tax in respect of a dwelling for any day under sections 6, 7 or 75 of the 1992 Act (persons liable to pay council tax);
- (e) subject to paragraph (3), any person who is liable to make payments on a commercial basis to the claimant or the claimant's partner in respect of the occupation of the dwelling;

- (f) a person who lives with the claimant in order to care for him or a partner of his and who is engaged by a charitable or voluntary organisation which makes a charge to the claimant or his partner for the services provided by that person.
- (3) Excepting persons to whom paragraph (2)(a) to (c) and (f) refer, a person to whom any of the following sub-paragraphs applies shall be a non-dependant—
  - (a) a person who resides with the person to whom he is liable to make payments in respect of the dwelling and either—
    - (i) that person is a close relative of his or his partner; or
    - (ii) the tenancy or other agreement between them is other than on a commercial basis;
  - (b) a person whose liability to make payments in respect of the dwelling appears to the relevant authority to have been created to take advantage of the council tax benefit scheme except someone who was, for any period within the eight weeks prior to the creation of the agreement giving rise to the liability to make such payments, otherwise liable to make payments of rent in respect of the same dwelling;
  - (c) a person who becomes jointly and severally liable with the claimant for council tax in respect of a dwelling and who was, at any time during the period of eight weeks prior to his becoming so liable, a non-dependant of one or more of the other residents in that dwelling who are so liable for the tax, unless the relevant authority is satisfied that the change giving rise to the new liability was not made to take advantage of the council tax benefit scheme.

**Disapplication of section 1(1A) of the Administration Act**

<sup>F68</sup>4. Section 1(1A) of the Administration Act (requirement to state a national insurance number) shall not apply—

- (a) in the case of a child or young person in respect of whom council tax benefit is claimed;
- (b) to a person who—
  - (i) is a person in respect of whom a claim for council tax benefit is made;
  - (ii) is subject to immigration control within the meaning of section 115(9)(a) of the Immigration and Asylum Act;
  - (iii) is a person from abroad for the purposes of these Regulations as defined in regulation 7(2); and
  - (iv) has not previously been allocated a national insurance number.]

**F68** Reg. 4 substituted (6.4.2009) by [The Social Security \(National Insurance Number Information: Exemption\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/471\)](#), regs. 1, 11

**Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit**

5.—(1) These Regulations apply to a person who—

- (a) has not attained the qualifying age for state pension credit; or
- (b) has attained the qualifying age for state pension credit if he, or if he has a partner, his partner, is a person on income support<sup>F69</sup>, on an income-based jobseeker's allowance or on an income-related employment and support allowance].

<sup>F70</sup>(2) .....

(3) Except as provided in <sup>F71</sup>paragraph (1)(b)], these Regulations shall not apply in relation to any person if he, or if he has a partner, his partner, has attained the qualifying age for state pension credit.

- F69** Words in reg. 5(1)(b) substituted (27.10.2008) by [The Employment and Support Allowance \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1082\)](#), regs. 1, **44**
- F70** Reg. 5(2) omitted (6.10.2008) by virtue of [The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit \(Extended Payments\) Amendment Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/959\)](#), regs. 1(1), **9(3)(a)**
- F71** Words in reg. 5(3) substituted (6.10.2008) by [The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit \(Extended Payments\) Amendment Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/959\)](#), regs. 1(1), **9(3)(b)**

### Remunerative work

6.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, a person shall be treated for the purposes of these Regulations as engaged in remunerative work if he is engaged, or, where his hours of work fluctuate, he is engaged on average, for not less than 16 hours a week, in work for which payment is made or which is done in expectation of payment.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), in determining the number of hours for which a person is engaged in work where his hours of work fluctuate, regard shall be had to the average of hours worked over—

- (a) if there is a recognisable cycle of work, the period of one complete cycle (including, where the cycle involves periods in which the person does no work, those periods but disregarding any other absences);
- (b) in any other case, the period of 5 weeks immediately prior to the date of claim, or such other length of time as may, in the particular case, enable the person's weekly average hours of work to be determined more accurately.

(3) Where, for the purposes of paragraph (2)(a), a person's recognisable cycle of work at a school, other educational establishment or other place of employment is one year and includes periods of school holidays or similar vacations during which he does not work, those periods and any other periods not forming part of such holidays or vacations during which he is not required to work shall be disregarded in establishing the average hours for which he is engaged in work.

(4) Where no recognisable cycle has been established in respect of a person's work, regard shall be had to the number of hours or, where those hours will fluctuate, the average of the hours, which he is expected to work in a week.

(5) A person shall be treated as engaged in remunerative work during any period for which he is absent from work referred to in paragraph (1) if the absence is either without good cause or by reason of a recognised, customary or other holiday.

(6) A person on income support<sup>F72</sup>, an income-based jobseeker's allowance or an income-related employment and support allowance] for more than 3 days in any benefit week shall be treated as not being in remunerative work in that week.

(7) A person shall not be treated as engaged in remunerative work on any day on which the person is on maternity leave, paternity leave or adoption leave, or is absent from work because he is ill.

(8) A person shall not be treated as engaged in remunerative work on any day on which he is engaged in an activity in respect of which—

- (a) a sports award has been made, or is to be made, to him; and
- (b) no other payment is made or is expected to be made to him.

- F72** Words in reg. 6(6) substituted (27.10.2008) by [The Employment and Support Allowance \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1082\)](#), regs. 1, **45**



## Persons from abroad

7.—(1) A person from abroad is a person of a prescribed class for the purposes of section 131(3) (b) of the Act but this paragraph shall not have effect in respect of a person to whom and for a period to which regulation 7A and Schedule A1 <sup>M30</sup> apply.

<sup>F73</sup>(2) In paragraph (1), “person from abroad” means, subject to the following provisions of this regulation, a person who is not habitually resident in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland.

(3) No person shall be treated as habitually resident in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland unless he has a right to reside in (as the case may be) the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland other than a right to reside which falls within paragraph (4).

(4) A right to reside falls within this paragraph if it is one which exists by virtue of, or in accordance with, one or more of the following—

- (a) regulation 13 of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006;
- (b) regulation 14 of those Regulations, but only in a case where the right exists under that regulation because the person is—
  - (i) a jobseeker for the purpose of the definition of “qualified person” in regulation 6(1) of those Regulations, or
  - (ii) a family member (within the meaning of regulation 7 of those Regulations) of such a jobseeker;

<sup>F74</sup>(bb) regulation 15A(1) of those Regulations, but only in a case where the right exists under that regulation because the claimant satisfies the criteria in regulation 15A(4A) of those Regulations;]

- (c) Article 6 of Council Directive No. 2004/38/ EC; <sup>F75</sup>...
- (d) [<sup>F76</sup>Article 45 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union] (in a case where the person is seeking work in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland)]<sup>F77</sup>; or
- (e) Article 20 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (in a case where the right to reside arises because a British citizen would otherwise be deprived of the genuine enjoyment of the substance of their rights as a European Union citizen).]

(4A) A person is not a person from abroad if he is—

- (a) a worker for the purposes of Council Directive No. 2004/38/ EC ;
- (b) a self-employed person for the purposes of that Directive;
- (c) a person who retains a status referred to in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) pursuant to Article 7(3) of that Directive;
- (d) a person who is a family member of a person referred to in sub-paragraph (a), (b) or (c) within the meaning of Article 2 of that Directive;
- (e) a person who has a right to reside permanently in the United Kingdom by virtue of Article 17 of that Directive;
- (f) <sup>F78</sup>a person who is treated as a worker for the purpose of the definition of “qualified person” in regulation 6(1) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006 pursuant to—;

<sup>F79</sup>(i) .....

- (ii) regulation 6 of the Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006 (right of residence of a Bulgarian or Romanian who is an “accession State national subject to worker authorisation”);]
- (g) a refugee;
- (h) [<sup>F80</sup>a person who has exceptional leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom granted outside the rules made under section 3(2) of the Immigration Act 1971;]
- [<sup>F80</sup>(hh) a person who has humanitarian protection granted under those rules;]
- (i) a person who is not a person subject to immigration control within the meaning of section 115(9) of the Immigration and Asylum Act and who is in the United Kingdom as a result of his deportation, expulsion or other removal by compulsion of law from another country to the United Kingdom;
- (j) a person in Great Britain who left the territory of Montserrat after 1st November 1995 because of the effect on that territory of a volcanic eruption,<sup>F81</sup> ...
- [<sup>F82</sup>(jj) a person who—
- (i) arrived in Great Britain on or after 28th February 2009 but before 18th March 2011;
- (ii) immediately before arriving there had been resident in Zimbabwe; and
- (iii) before leaving Zimbabwe, had accepted an offer, made by Her Majesty’s Government, to assist that person to move to and settle in the United Kingdom; or]
- (k) in receipt of income support<sup>F83</sup>, an income-based jobseeker’s allowance or on an income-related employment and support allowance].]
- (5) Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule to, and regulation 2 as it applies to that paragraph of, the Social Security (Immigration and Asylum) Consequential Amendments Regulations 2000<sup>M31</sup> shall not apply to a person who has been temporarily without funds for any period, or the aggregate of any periods, exceeding 42 days during any one period of limited leave (including any such period as extended).
- (6) In this regulation—
- <sup>F84</sup> ...
- “refugee” in this regulation, regulation 7A (entitlement of a refugee to council tax benefit) and Schedule A1<sup>M32</sup> (treatment of claims for council tax benefit by refugees), means a person recorded by the Secretary of State as a refugee within the definition in Article 1 of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees<sup>M33</sup>.

- F73** Reg. 7(2)-(4A) substituted for (30.4.2006) by Social Security (Persons from Abroad) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/1026), regs. 1, **2(2)(a)** (with reg. 11(2))
- F74** Reg. 7(4)(bb) inserted (8.11.2012) by The Social Security (Habitual Residence) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2587), regs. 1, **7(2)**
- F75** Word in reg. 7(4)(c) omitted (8.11.2012) by virtue of The Social Security (Habitual Residence) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2587), regs. 1, **7(3)**
- F76** Words in reg. 7(4)(d) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Treaty of Lisbon (Changes in Terminology or Numbering) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/1809), art. 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 2** (with art. 2(2))
- F77** Reg. 7(4)(e) and word added (8.11.2012) by The Social Security (Habitual Residence) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2587), regs. 1, **7(4)**
- F78** Reg. 7(4A)(f) substituted (1.1.2007) by Social Security (Bulgaria and Romania) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/3341), regs. 1, **7(2)**
- F79** Reg. 7(4A)(f)(i) omitted (31.10.2011) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/2425), regs. 1(2), **21(3)**

- F80** Reg. 7(4A)(h)(hh) substituted for reg. 7(4A)(h) (9.10.2006) by [Social Security \(Persons from Abroad\) Amendment \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2528\)](#), regs. 1, **7(2)**
- F81** Word in reg. 7(4A)(j) omitted (temp. until 31/1/2007) (25.7.2006) by virtue of [Social Security \(Lebanon\) Amendment Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1981\)](#), regs. 1(1), **7(2)**
- F82** Reg. 7(4A)(jj) inserted (18.3.2009) by [The Social Security \(Habitual Residence\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/362\)](#), regs. 1(2), **7(3)**
- F83** Words in reg. 7(4A)(k) substituted (27.10.2008) by [The Employment and Support Allowance \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1082\)](#), regs. 1, **46**
- F84** Words in reg. 7(6) omitted (30.4.2006) by virtue of [Social Security \(Persons from Abroad\) Amendment Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1026\)](#), regs. 1, **2(2)(b)** (with reg. 11(2))

#### Marginal Citations

- M30** See the [Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/217\)](#), **regulation 7** and Schedule 4, paragraph 3 for regulation 7A and Schedule A1 (claims by refugees).
- M31** [S.I. 2000/636](#).
- M32** See the [Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/217\)](#), **regulation 7** and Schedule 4, paragraph 3, for regulation 7A and Schedule A1 (claims by refugees).
- M33** [Cmd. 9171](#).

#### Prescribed persons for the purposes of section 131(3)(b) of the Act

**8.—(1)** Subject to paragraph (2), a person who is throughout any day referred to in section 131(3)(a) of the Act absent from the dwelling referred to in that section, shall be a prescribed person for the purposes of section 131(3)(b) of the Act in relation to that day.

(2) A person shall not, in relation to any day which falls within a period of temporary absence from that dwelling, be a prescribed person under paragraph (1).

(3) In paragraph (2), a “period of temporary absence” means—

- (a) a period of absence not exceeding 13 weeks, beginning with the first whole day on which a person resides in residential accommodation where and for so long as—

- (i) the person resides in that accommodation;
- (ii) the part of the dwelling in which he usually resided is not let or sub-let; and
- (iii) that period of absence does not form part of a longer period of absence from the dwelling of more than 52 weeks,

where he has entered the accommodation for the purpose of ascertaining whether it suits his needs and with the intention of returning to the dwelling if it proves not to suit his needs;

- (b) a period of absence not exceeding 13 weeks, beginning with the first whole day of absence from the dwelling, where and for so long as—

- (i) the person intends to return to the dwelling;
- (ii) the part of the dwelling in which he usually resided is not let or sub-let; and
- (iii) that period is unlikely to exceed 13 weeks; and

- (c) a period of absence not exceeding 52 weeks, beginning with the first whole day of that absence, where and for so long as—

- (i) the person intends to return to the dwelling;
- (ii) the part of the dwelling in which he usually resided is not let or sub-let;
- (iii) the person is a person to whom paragraph (4) applies; and

- (iv) the period of absence is unlikely to exceed 52 weeks or, in exceptional circumstances, is unlikely substantially to exceed that period.
- (4) This paragraph applies to a person who is—
- (a) detained in custody on remand pending trial or required, as a condition of bail, to reside—
    - (i) in a dwelling, other than the dwelling referred to in paragraph (1), or
    - (ii) in premises approved under [F<sup>85</sup>section 13 of the Offender Management Act 2007]<sup>M34</sup>,
 or, detained in custody pending sentence upon conviction;
  - (b) resident in a hospital or similar institution as a patient;
  - (c) undergoing, or his partner or his dependent child is undergoing, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, medical treatment, or medically approved convalescence, in accommodation other than residential accommodation;
  - (d) following, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, a training course;
  - (e) undertaking medically approved care of a person residing in the United Kingdom or elsewhere;
  - (f) undertaking the care of a child whose parent or guardian is temporarily absent from the dwelling normally occupied by that parent or guardian for the purpose of receiving medically approved care or medical treatment;
  - (g) a person who is, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, receiving medically approved care provided in accommodation other than residential accommodation;
  - (h) a student;
  - (i) a person who is receiving care provided in residential accommodation other than a person to whom paragraph (3)(a) applies; or
  - (j) a person who has left the dwelling he resides in through fear of violence, in that dwelling, or by a person who was formerly a member of the family of the person first mentioned.
- (5) This paragraph applies to a person who is—
- (a) detained in custody pending sentence upon conviction or under a sentence imposed by a court (other than a person who is detained in hospital under the provisions of the Mental Health Act 1983<sup>M35</sup>, or, in Scotland, under the provisions of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003<sup>M36</sup> or the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995<sup>M37</sup>); and
  - (b) on temporary release from detention in accordance with Rules made under the provisions of the Prison Act 1952<sup>M38</sup> or the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989<sup>M39</sup>.
- (6) Where paragraph (5) applies to a person, then, for any day when he is on temporary release—
- (a) if such temporary release was immediately preceded by a period of temporary absence under paragraph (3)(b) or (c), he shall be treated, for the purposes of paragraph (1), as if he continues to be absent from the dwelling, despite any return to the dwelling;
  - (b) for the purposes of paragraph (4)(a), he shall be treated as if he remains in detention;
  - (c) if he does not fall within sub-paragraph (a), he shall be a prescribed person for the purposes of section 131(3)(b) of the Act.
- (7) In this regulation—
- “medically approved” means certified by a medical practitioner;
- “patient” means a person who is undergoing medical or other treatment as an in-patient in any hospital or similar institution;

“residential accommodation” means accommodation which is provided—

- (a) in a care home;
- (b) in an independent hospital;
- (c) in an Abbeyfield Home; or
- (d) in an establishment managed or provided by a body incorporated by Royal Charter or constituted by Act of Parliament other than a local social services authority;

“training course” means a course of training or instruction provided wholly or partly by or on behalf of or in pursuance of arrangements made with, or approved by or on behalf of, [<sup>F86</sup>Skills Development Scotland,] Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, a government department or the Secretary of State.

**F85** Words in reg. 8(4)(a)(ii) substituted (17.11.2008) by [The Social Security \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No.6\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2767\)](#), regs. 1(2), **8(3)**

**F86** Words in reg. 8(7) inserted (6.4.2009) by [The Social Security \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/583\)](#), regs. 1(2), **8(3)(b)**

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**Marginal Citations**

**M34** 2000 c. 43.

**M35** 1983 c. 72.

**M36** 2003 asp 13.

**M37** 1995 c. 46.

**M38** 1952 c. 52.

**M39** 1989 c. 45.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Council Tax Benefit Regulations 2006, PART 1.