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**2012 No. 2280**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Social Fund Cold Weather Payments  
(General) Amendment Regulations 2012**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>5th September 2012</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>11th September 2012</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st November 2012</i>

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 138(2) and (4) and 175(1) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(1).

The Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(2).

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Amendment Regulations 2012.

(2) They come into force on 1st November 2012.

(3) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Regulations 1988(3).

**Amendment of the principal Regulations**

2.—(1) For Schedule 1(4) to the principal Regulations (identification of stations and postcode districts), substitute the Schedule set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(2) For Schedule 2(5) to the principal Regulations (specified alternative stations), substitute the Schedule set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

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(1) 1992 c.4; section 138(4) defines “prescribed”. Amendments not material to these Regulations have been made to section 175(1) and (4).  
(2) See section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c.5).  
(3) S.I. 1988/1724.  
(4) Schedule 1 was last substituted by S.I. 2011/2423.  
(5) Schedule 2 was last substituted by S.I. 2011/2423.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

5th September 2012

*Steve Webb*  
Minister of State  
Department for Work and Pensions

## SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(1)

The following Schedule is substituted for Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations—

## “SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(1)(a) and (2)

## IDENTIFICATION OF STATIONS AND POSTCODE DISTRICTS

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>
<i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Postcode districts</i>
<b>1.</b> Aberporth	SA35-48, SA64-65.
<b>2.</b> Aboyne	AB30-34, AB38, AB51-55, DD8-9.
<b>3.</b> Albemarle	DH1-7, DH9, DL4-5, DL14-17, NE1-13, NE15-18, NE20-21, NE23, NE25-46, SR1-7, TS21, TS28-29.
<b>4.</b> Andrewsfield	CB1-5, CB10-11, CB21-25, CM1-9, CM11-24, CM77, CO9, RM4, SG8-11.
<b>5.</b> Auchincruive	DG9, KA1-26, KA28-30, PA20.
<b>6.</b> Aultbea	IV21-22, IV26.
<b>7.</b> Aviemore	AB37, IV13, PH19-26.
<b>8.</b> Bainbridge	BD23-24, DL8, DL11-13.
<b>9.</b> Bedford	MK1-19, MK40-46, NN1-16, NN29, PE19, SG 5-7, SG15-19.
<b>10.</b> Bingley	BB4, BB8-12, BB18, BD1-22, BL0, BL7-8, HD3, HD7-9, HX1-7, LS21, LS29, OL1-5, OL11-16, S36.
<b>11.</b> Bishopston	G1-5, G11-15, G20-23, G31-34, G40-46, G51-53, G60-62, G64, G66, G69, G71-78, G81-84, ML1-5, PA1-19, PA21-27, PA32.
<b>12.</b> Boscombe Down	BA12, RG28, SO20-23, SP1-5, SP7, SP9-11.
<b>13.</b> Boulmer	NE22, NE24, NE61-70.
<b>14.</b> Braemar	AB35-36, PH10-11, PH18.
<b>15.</b> Brize Norton	OX1-6, OX8, OX10-14, OX18, OX20, OX25-29, OX33, OX44, SN7.
<b>16.</b> Capel Curig	LL24-25, LL41.
<b>17.</b> Cardinham (Bodmin)	PL13-18, PL22-35, TR9.
<b>18.</b> Carlisle	CA1-8, DG12, DG16.
<b>19.</b> Cassley	IV27-28, KW11, KW13.
<b>20.</b> Charlwood	BN5-6, BN44, GU5-6, ME6, ME14-20, RH1-20, TN1-20, TN22, TN27.
<b>21.</b> Charterhall	NE71, TD 1-6, TD8, TD10-15.

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<i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Postcode districts</i>
<b>22.</b> Chivenor	EX23, EX31-34, EX39.
<b>23.</b> Coleshill	B1-21, B23-38, B40, B42-50, B60-80, B90-98, CV1-12, CV21-23, CV31-35, CV37, CV47, DY1-14, LE10, WS1-15, WV1-16.
<b>24.</b> Crosby	CH41-49, CH60-66, FY1-8, L1-40, PR1-5, PR8-9, PR25-26.
<b>25.</b> Culdrose	TR1-8, TR10-20, TR26-27.
<b>26.</b> Dunkeswell Aerodrome	DT6-8, EX1-5, EX8-15, EX24, TA21.
<b>27.</b> Dunstaffnage	PA30-31, PA34-35, PA37-38, PA62-65, PA67-75, PA80.
<b>28.</b> Dyce	AB10-16, AB21-25, AB39, AB41-43.
<b>29.</b> Edinburgh Gogarbank	EH1-42, EH47-49, EH51-55, FK1-7, FK9-10, KY3, KY11-13.
<b>30.</b> Eskdalemuir	DG3-4, DG10-11, DG13-14, ML12, TD7, TD9.
<b>31.</b> Filton	BS1-11, BS13-16, BS20-24, BS29-32, BS34-37, BS39-41, BS48-49, GL11-13, NP16, NP26.
<b>32.</b> Fylingdales	YO13, YO18, YO21-22, YO62.
<b>33.</b> Gravesend	BR5-8, CM0, DA1-18, ME1-5, ME7-8, RM1-3, RM5-20, SS0-17.
<b>34.</b> Hawarden Airport	CH1-8, LL11-14, SY14.
<b>35.</b> Heathrow	BR1-4, CR0, CR2-9, E1-18, E1W, EC1-4, EN1-5, EN7-11, HA0-9, IG1-11, KT1-24, N1-22, NW1-11, SE1-28, SL0, SL3, SM1-7, SW1-20, TW1-20, UB1-10, W1-14, WC1-2, WD1-2.
<b>36.</b> Hereford-Credenhill	GL1-6, GL10, GL14-20, GL50-53, HR1-9, NP7-8, NP15, NP25, SY8, WR1-11, WR13-15.
<b>37.</b> Herstmonceux, West End	BN7-8, BN20-24, BN26-27, TN21, TN31-40.
<b>38.</b> High Wycombe	HP5-23, HP27, OX9, OX39, OX49, RG9, SL7-9.
<b>39.</b> Hurn (Bournemouth Airport)	BH1-25, BH31, DT1-2, DT11, SP6.
<b>40.</b> Isle of Portland	DT3-5.
<b>41.</b> Keele	CW1-3, CW5, ST1-8, ST11-12, ST14-21.
<b>42.</b> Kinloss	AB44-45, AB56, IV1-3, IV5, IV7-12, IV15-20, IV30-32, IV36.
<b>43.</b> Kirkwall	KW15-17.
<b>44.</b> Lake Vyrnwy	LL20-21, LL23, SY10, SY15-17, SY19, SY21-22.
<b>45.</b> Leconfield	DN14, HU1-20, YO11-12, YO14-17, YO25.

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<b>46.</b> Leek	DE4, DE45, S32-33, SK17, SK22-23, ST9-10, ST13, SK13.
<b>47.</b> Lerwick	ZE1-3.
<b>48.</b> Leuchars	DD1-7, DD10-11, KY1-2, KY4-10, KY15-16, PH12, PH14.
<b>49.</b> Linton on Ouse	DL1-3, DL6-7, DL9-10, HG1-5, LS1-20, LS22-28, TS9, TS15-16, YO1, YO7-8, YO10, YO19, YO23-24, YO26, YO30-32, YO41-43, YO51, YO60-61.
<b>50.</b> Liscombe	EX16, EX35-36, TA22, TA24.
<b>51.</b> Little Rissington	CV36, GL54-56, OX7, OX15-17, WR12.
<b>52.</b> Loch Glascarnoch	IV4, IV6, IV14, IV23-24, IV63.
<b>53.</b> Loftus	SR8, TS1-8, TS10-14, TS17-20, TS22-27.
<b>54.</b> Lusa	IV40-49, IV51-56, PH36, PH38-41.
<b>55.</b> Lyneham	BA1-3, BA11, BA13-15, GL7-9, RG17, SN1-6, SN8-16, SN25-26.
<b>56.</b> Machrihanish	KA27, PA28-29, PA41-49, PA60.
<b>57.</b> Manston	CT1-21, ME9-13, TN23-26, TN28-30.
<b>58.</b> Marham	CB6-7, IP24-28, PE12-14, PE30-38.
<b>59.</b> Mona	LL33-34, LL42-49, LL51-78.
<b>60.</b> North Wyke	EX6-7, EX17-22, EX37-38, PL19-21, TQ1-6, TQ9-14.
<b>61.</b> Norwich Airport	NR1-35.
<b>62.</b> Nottingham Watnall	CV13, DE1-3, DE5-7, DE11-15, DE21-24, DE55-56, DE65, DE72-75, LE1-9, LE11-14, LE16-19, LE65, LE67, NG1-22, NG25, NG31-34.
<b>63.</b> Pembrey Sands	SA1-8, SA14-18, SA31-34, SA61-63, SA66-73.
<b>64.</b> Plymouth	PL1-12, TQ7-8.
<b>65.</b> Redesdale	CA9, DH8, NE19, NE47-49.
<b>66.</b> Rhyl	LL15-19, LL22, LL26-32.
<b>67.</b> Rothamsted	AL1-10, EN6, HP1-4, LU1-7, SG1-4, SG12-14, WD3-7, WD17-19, WD23-25.
<b>68.</b> St. Athan	CF3, CF5, CF10-11, CF14-15, CF23-24, CF31-36, CF61-64, CF71-72, NP10, NP18-20, SA10-13.
<b>69.</b> St. Bees Head	CA13-15, CA18-28.

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<b>70.</b> Salsburgh	EH43-46, G65, G67-68, ML6-11.
<b>71.</b> Scilly, St. Mary's	TR21-25.
<b>72.</b> Sennybridge	LD1-8, SA19-20, SY7, SY9, SY18.
<b>73.</b> Shap	CA10-12, CA16-17, LA8-10, LA21-23.
<b>74.</b> Shawbury	SY1-6, SY11-13, TF1-13.
<b>75.</b> Sheffield	DN1-8, DN11-12, HD1-2, HD4-6, S1-14, S17-18, S20-21, S25-26, S35, S40-45, S60-66, S70-75, S80-81, WF1-17.
<b>76.</b> South Farnborough	GU1-4, GU7-35, GU46-47, GU51-52, RG1-2, RG4-8, RG10, RG12, RG14, RG18-27, RG29-31, RG40-42, RG45, SL1-2, SL4-6, SO24.
<b>77.</b> Stonyhurst	BB1-3, BB5-7, LA2, LA6-7, PR6.
<b>78.</b> Stornoway Airport	HS1-9.
<b>79.</b> Strathallan	FK8, FK11-19, G63, KY14, PH1-7, PH13.
<b>80.</b> Thorney Island	BN1-3, BN9-18, BN25, BN41-43, BN45, PO1-22, PO30-41, SO14-19, SO30-32, SO40-43, SO45, SO50-53.
<b>81.</b> Threave	DG1-2, DG5-8.
<b>82.</b> Tiree	PA61, PA66, PA76-78, PH42-44.
<b>83.</b> Trawsgoed	LL35-40, SY20, SY23-25.
<b>84.</b> Tredegar	CF37-48, CF81-83, NP4, NP11-13, NP22-24, NP44, SA9.
<b>85.</b> Tulloch Bridge	FK20-21, PA33, PA36, PA40, PH8-9, PH15-17, PH30-35, PH37, PH49-50.
<b>86.</b> Waddington	DN9-10, DN13, DN15-22, DN31-41, LN1-13, NG23-24, PE10-11, PE20-25.
<b>87.</b> Walney Island	LA1, LA3-5, LA11-20.
<b>88.</b> Wattisham	CB8-9, CO1-8, CO10-16, IP1-23, IP29-33.
<b>89.</b> Wick Airport	IV25, KW1-3, KW5-10, KW12, KW14.
<b>90.</b> Wittering	LE15, NN17-18, PE1-9, PE15-17, PE26-29.
<b>91.</b> Yeovilton	BA4-10, BA16, BA20-22, BS25-28, DT9-10, SP8, TA1-20, TA23."

## SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2(2)

The following Schedule is substituted for Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations—

## “SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2(1A)(a) and (1B)(a)

## SPECIFIED ALTERNATIVE STATIONS

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Specified Alternative Station</i>
Aberporth	Pembrey Sands
Boulmer	Albemarle
Braemar	Aboyne
Capel Curig	Lake Vyrnwy
Cardinham (Bodmin)	North Wyke
Carlisle	Keswick
Charlwood	Kenley Airfield
Coleshill	Pershore College
Crosby	Rhyl
Culdrose	Scilly St Marys
Dunstaffnage	Lusa
Edinburgh Gogarbank	Strathallan
Eskdalemuir	Redesdale
Filton	St Athan
Gravesend	Kenley Airfield
Heathrow	Gravesend
Hereford-Credenhill	Pershore College
High Wycombe	Rothamsted
Hurn (Bournemouth Airport)	Swanage
Keele	Shawbury
Kinloss	Lossiemouth
Leconfield	Linton on Ouse
Linton on Ouse	Church Fenton
Liscombe	North Wyke
Mona	Rhyl
North Wyke	Okehampton
Rhyl	Crosby
Rostherne	Keele
St Athan	Mumbles
St Bees Head	Threave
Sennybridge	Tredeggar

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<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Specified Alternative Station</i>
Shap	Keswick
Sheffield	Nottingham - Watnall
Thorney Island	Solent
Threave	Dundrennan
Tiree	Lusa
Trawsgoed	Aberporth
Tulloch Bridge	Aviemore.”

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Regulations 1988 ([SI 1988/1724](#)) (“the 1988 Regulations”).

Schedule 1 to the 1988 Regulations designates the relevant primary weather station for specified postcodes. A designated weather station records or forecasts periods of cold weather which are then used to determine eligibility for cold weather payments for claimants living in postcodes assigned to that weather station. Schedule 2 to those Regulations specifies alternative stations used to provide this information where the primary station is unable to do so. Where there is no specified alternative station for the relevant primary station, the nearest primary station able to provide this information is used.

Regulation 2(1) substitutes the Schedule set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations for the existing Schedule 1 to the 1988 Regulations. The new Schedule largely re-enacts the list contained in the former Schedule 1, but Woodford weather station is no longer designated as a primary weather station. One weather station (Rostherne) has been added to the list of primary weather stations. The new Schedule 1 also transfers postcodes between weather stations and assigns postcodes to the new stations.

Regulation 2(2) substitutes the Schedule set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations for the existing Schedule 2 to the 1988 Regulations. The new Schedule adds to column (1) one Meteorological Office Station for which an alternative station is added to column (2) and removes two Meteorological Office Stations from column (1) and two Meteorological Office Stations from column (2).

The Postcode Atlas of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the postcode maps may be obtained from Harper Collins, United Kingdom, 2012, ISBN 0007443072. A person may establish the current postcode for his or her address by contacting the Royal Mail Postcode Enquiries Office (telephone 0906 302 1222 – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – or 08457 111 222) or through the Royal Mail website at [www.royalmail.com](http://www.royalmail.com).

A full impact assessment has not been published for this instrument as it has no impact on the private sector or civil society organisations.



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