
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Universal Credit Regulations 2013

PART 8

CLAIMANT RESPONSIBILITIES

CHAPTER 1

WORK-RELATED REQUIREMENTS

Introductory

Introduction

84. This Chapter contains provisions about the work-related requirements under sections 15 to 25 of the Act, including the persons to whom they are to be applied, the limitations on those requirements and other related matters.

Meaning of terms relating to carers

85. In this Chapter—

“relevant carer” means—

- (a) a parent of a child who is not the responsible carer, but has caring responsibilities for the child; or
- (b) a person who has caring responsibilities for a person who has a physical or mental impairment; and

“responsible foster parent” in relation to a child means a person who is the only foster parent in relation to that child or, in the case of a couple both members of which are foster parents in relation to that child, the member who is nominated by them in accordance with regulation 86.

Nomination of responsible carer and responsible foster parent

86.—(1) This regulation makes provision for the nomination of the responsible carer or the responsible foster parent in relation to a child.

(2) Only one of joint claimants may be nominated as a responsible carer or a responsible foster parent.

(3) The nomination applies to all the children, where there is more than one, for whom either of the joint claimants is responsible.

(4) Joint claimants may change which member is nominated—

- (a) once in a 12 month period, starting from the date of the previous nomination; or
- (b) on any occasion where the Secretary of State considers that there has been a change of circumstances which is relevant to the nomination.

References to paid work

87. References in this Chapter to obtaining paid work include obtaining more paid work or ^[F1]better-paid work].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [reg. 87](#) substituted (6.11.2017) by [The Social Security \(Qualifying Young Persons Participating in Relevant Training Schemes\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/987\)](#), regs. 1, **4(3)** (with [reg. 6](#))

Expected hours

88.—(1) The “expected number of hours per week” in relation to a claimant for the purposes of determining their individual threshold in regulation 90 or for the purposes of regulation 95 or 97 is 35 unless some lesser number of hours applies under paragraph (2).

(2) The lesser number of hours is—

(a) where—

- (i) the claimant is a relevant carer, a responsible carer ^[F2](subject to the following subparagraphs)] or a responsible foster parent, and
- (ii) the Secretary of State is satisfied that the claimant has reasonable prospects of obtaining paid work,

the number of hours that the Secretary of State considers is compatible with those caring responsibilities;

^[F3](aa) where the claimant is a responsible carer of a child who has not yet reached compulsory school age, the number of hours that the Secretary of State considers is compatible with those caring responsibilities;]

(b) where the claimant is a responsible carer for a child ^[F4]who has reached compulsory school age but who is] under the age of 13, the number of hours that the Secretary of State considers is compatible with the child's normal school hours (including the normal time it takes the child to travel to and from school); or

(c) where the claimant has a physical or mental impairment, the number of hours that the Secretary of State considers is reasonable in light of the impairment.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in [reg. 88\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) inserted (3.4.2017) by [The Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional and Savings Provisions\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/204\)](#), regs. 1, **6(a)**
- F3** [Reg. 88\(2\)\(aa\)](#) inserted (3.4.2017) by [The Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional and Savings Provisions\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/204\)](#), regs. 1, **6(b)**
- F4** Words in [reg. 88\(2\)\(b\)](#) inserted (3.4.2017) by [The Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional and Savings Provisions\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/204\)](#), regs. 1, **6(c)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Universal Credit Regulations 2013,
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