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The Social Security (Overpayments and Recovery) Regulations 2013

PART 4

Calculation of recoverable amount of an overpayment

Sums to be deducted: change of dwelling

9.—(1) This regulation applies where an overpayment of housing costs has occurred in the following circumstances—

- (a) the claimant has moved from the dwelling previously occupied as their home ("dwelling A") to another dwelling which they occupy as their home ("dwelling B");
- (b) they have been awarded housing costs in respect of dwelling A to which they are not entitled because they are no longer occupying or treated as occupying dwelling A as their home; and
- (c) housing costs are payable to the same person in respect of the claimant's occupation of dwelling B as it was paid to in respect of dwelling A.

(2) In calculating the recoverable amount of the overpayment, the Secretary of State may, at his or her discretion, deduct an amount equal to the claimant's entitlement to housing costs for the assessment period in respect of dwelling B for the number of assessment periods equal to the number of assessment periods during which the claimant was overpaid housing costs in respect of dwelling A.

(3) Where a sum has been deducted under paragraph (2), an equivalent sum is to be treated as having been paid in respect of the claimant's entitlement to housing costs in respect of dwelling B for the number of assessment periods equal to the number of assessment periods during which the claimant was overpaid housing costs in respect of dwelling A.