STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1649

The Universal Credit (Work Allowance) Amendment Regulations 2015

Changes to work allowances

2.—(1) Regulation 22 (deduction of income and work allowance) of the Universal Credit Regulations 2013(1) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1)(b) substitute—

- "(b) the following amount of the claimant's earned income (or, in the case of joint claimants, their combined earned income) in respect of the assessment period—
 - (i) in a case where no work allowance is specified in the table below (that is where a single claimant does not have, or neither of joint claimants has, responsibility for a child or qualifying young person or limited capability for work), 65% of that earned income; or
 - (ii) in any other case, 65% of the amount by which that earned income exceeds the work allowance specified in the table.".
- (3) For paragraph (3) substitute—

"(3) In the case of an award where the claimant is a member of a couple, but makes a claim as a single person, the amount to be deducted from the maximum amount in accordance with section 8(3) of the Act is the same as the amount that would be deducted in accordance with paragraph (1) if the couple were joint claimants."

(4) For the table substitute—

Higher	work allowance	
Single	claimant—	
	responsible for one or more children or qualifying young persons and/or has limited capability for work	£397
Joint c	laimants	
	responsible for one or more children or qualifying young persons and/or where one or both have limited capability for work	£397
Lower	work allowance	
Single	claimant—	
	responsible for one or more children or qualifying young persons and/or has limited capability for work	£192
Joint c	laimants—	1

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and/or where one or both have limited capability for work	