
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 33 (C. 4)

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 21 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2015

Made - - - - 19th January 2015

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 150(3) and (4)(a), (b)(i) and (c) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012(1):

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Order amended (18.3.2015) by [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/634\)](#), **art. 8(1)(3)**

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 21 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2015.

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- II** Art. 1 in force at made date

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the Act” means the Welfare Reform Act 2012;

“the 1998 Act” means the Social Security Act 1998(2);

“the amending provisions” means the provisions referred to in article 4(1)(a) to (c) of the No. 9 Order (day appointed for the abolition of income-related employment and support allowance and income-based jobseeker’s allowance)(3);

“claimant”—

(1) [2012 c.5.](#)

(2) [1998 c.14.](#)

(3) Article 4 was substituted by [S.I. 2014/1452 \(C. 56\)](#) and amended by [S.I. 2014/1923 \(C.88\)](#). Paragraphs (8) and (9) of article 4 were inserted by [S.I. 2015/32 \(C. 3\)](#)

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- (a) in relation to an employment and support allowance, has the same meaning as in Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007(4), save as mentioned in article 5(1A) of the No. 9 Order as applied by article 4(7) of this Order(5);
- (b) in relation to a jobseeker’s allowance, has the same meaning as in the Jobseekers Act 1995(6) (as it applies apart from the amendments made by Part 1 of Schedule 14 to the Act that remove references to an income-based jobseeker’s allowance), save as mentioned in article 5(1A) of the No. 9 Order as applied by article 4(7) of this Order;
- (c) in relation to universal credit, has the same meaning as in Part 1 of the Act(7);

“the Claims and Payments Regulations 2013” means the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker’s Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) Regulations 2013(8);

“employment and support allowance” means an employment and support allowance under Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007;

“First-tier Tribunal” has the same meaning as in the 1998 Act;

“jobseeker’s allowance” means a jobseeker’s allowance under the Jobseekers Act 1995;

“joint claimants”, in relation to universal credit, has the same meaning as in Part 1 of the Act(9);

“the No. 9 Order” means the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 9 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions and Commencement No. 8 and Savings and Transitional Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2013(10);

“the No. 28 relevant district” means the postcode part-district SM5 2;

“single claimant”, in relation to universal credit, has the same meaning as in Part 1 of the Act(11);

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“Upper Tribunal” has the same meaning as in the 1998 Act.

(2) For the purposes of this Order, the Claims and Payments Regulations 2013 apply for the purpose of deciding—

- (a) whether a claim for universal credit is made; and
- (b) the date on which such a claim is made.

F1 Words in art. 2(1) omitted (10.6.2015) by virtue of [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/634\)](#), [art. 9\(1\)\(2\)](#)

Commencement Information

I2 Art. 2 in force at made date

Day appointed for the coming into force of the universal credit provisions

3.—(1) The day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act listed in Schedule 2 to the No. 9 Order, in so far as they are not already in force, in relation to the case of

(4) 2007 c.5.

(5) Article 5(1A) was inserted by [S.I. 2014/3067 \(C.129\)](#).

(6) 1995 c.18.

(7) See section 40.

(8) [S.I. 2013/380](#).

(9) See section 40.

(10) [S.I. 2013/983 \(C.41\)](#).

(11) See section 40.

a claim referred to in paragraph (2), and any award that is made in respect of the claim, is the day appointed in accordance with paragraph (3).

(2) The claims referred to are—

(a) a claim for universal credit that is made on or after 28th January 2015 in respect of a period that begins on or after 28th January 2015 where, on the date on which the claim is made, the claimant resides in the No. 28 relevant district ^{F2}...;

(b) a claim for universal credit that is made on or after 28th January 2015 in respect of a period that begins on or after 28th January 2015 where—

(i) in the case of a single claimant, the claimant gives incorrect information regarding the claimant residing in the No. 28 relevant district ^{F3}... and the claimant does not reside in that district ^{F3}... on the date on which the claim is made;

(ii) in the case of joint claimants, either or both of the joint claimants gives or give incorrect information regarding his or her (or their) residing in that district ^{F4}... and one or both of them does not or do not reside in that district ^{F4}... on the date on which the claim is made,

and after a decision is made that the single claimant is, or the joint claimants are, entitled to universal credit and one or more payments have been made in respect of the single claimant or the joint claimants, the Secretary of State discovers that incorrect information has been given regarding such residence ^{F5}....

(3) The day appointed in relation to the case of a claim referred to in paragraph (2), and any award that is made in respect of the claim, is the first day of the period in respect of which the claim is made.

(4) Article 3(6) of the No. 9 Order applies for the purposes of paragraph (3) as it applies for the purposes of article 3(4)(a) of the No. 9 Order.

(5) Article 3A of the No. 9 Order **(12)** applies in connection with a claim for universal credit where a single claimant, or, as the case may be, either or both of joint claimants, gives or give incorrect information regarding his or her (or their) residing in the No. 28 relevant district ^{F6}..., as it applies in connection with the giving of incorrect information regarding a claimant residing in one of the relevant districts (as defined in the No. 9 Order) ^{F6}....

F2 Words in art. 3(2)(a) omitted (10.6.2015) by virtue of [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/634\)](#), [art. 9\(1\)\(3\)\(a\)](#)

F3 Words in art. 3(2)(b)(i) omitted (10.6.2015) by virtue of [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/634\)](#), [art. 9\(1\)\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)

F4 Words in art. 3(2)(b)(ii) omitted (10.6.2015) by virtue of [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/634\)](#), [art. 9\(1\)\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)

F5 Words in art. 3(2)(b) omitted (10.6.2015) by virtue of [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/634\)](#), [art. 9\(1\)\(3\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)

F6 Words in art. 3(5) omitted (10.6.2015) by virtue of [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/634\)](#), [art. 9\(1\)\(3\)\(c\)](#)

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I3 Art. 3 in force at made date

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Day appointed for the abolition of income-related employment and support allowance and income-based jobseeker's allowance

4.—(1) The day appointed for the coming into force of the amending provisions, in relation to the case of a claim referred to in paragraph (2), and any award that is made in respect of the claim, is the day appointed in accordance with paragraph (3).

(2) The claims referred to are—

- (a) a claim for universal credit that is made on or after 28th January 2015 in respect of a period that begins on or after 28th January 2015 where, on the date on which the claim is made, the claimant resides in the No. 28 relevant district ^{F7}...;
- (b) a claim for universal credit that is made on or after 28th January 2015 in respect of a period that begins on or after 28th January 2015 where—
 - (i) in the case of a single claimant, the claimant gives incorrect information regarding the claimant residing in the No. 28 relevant district ^{F8}... and the claimant does not reside in that district ^{F8}... on the date on which the claim is made;
 - (ii) in the case of joint claimants, either or both of the joint claimants gives or give incorrect information regarding his or her (or their) residing in that district ^{F9}... and one or both of them does not or do not reside in that district ^{F9}... on the date on which the claim is made,

and after a decision is made that the single claimant is, or the joint claimants are, entitled to universal credit and one or more payments have been made in respect of the single claimant or the joint claimants, the Secretary of State discovers that incorrect information has been given regarding such residence ^{F10}...;

- (c) a claim for an employment and support allowance or a jobseeker's allowance that is made or treated as made on or after 28th January 2015 where, on the date on which the claim is made or treated as made, the claimant resides in the No. 28 relevant district ^{F11}...;
- (d) a claim for an employment and support allowance or a jobseeker's allowance other than one referred to in sub-paragraph (c) that is made or treated as made during the relevant period by a single claimant of universal credit or by either of two joint claimants of universal credit who has or have made a claim for universal credit within sub-paragraph (a) or (b).

(3) The day appointed in relation to the case of a claim referred to in paragraph (2), and any award that is made in respect of the claim, is the first day of the period in respect of which the claim is made.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(d), “relevant period” means, in relation to a claim for universal credit within paragraph (2)(a) or (b), any UC claim period, and any period subsequent to any UC claim period in respect of which the claimant is entitled to an award of universal credit in respect of the claim.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (4), a “UC claim period” is a period when—

- (a) a claim for universal credit within sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2), or within sub-paragraph (b)(i) or (ii) of that paragraph, has been made but a decision has not yet been made on the claim; or
- (b) a decision has been made that the claimant is not entitled to universal credit and—
 - (i) the Secretary of State is considering whether to revise that decision under section 9 of the 1998 Act, whether on an application made for that purpose, or on the Secretary of State's own initiative; or

(ii) the claimant has appealed against that decision to the First-tier Tribunal and that appeal or any subsequent appeal to the Upper Tribunal or to a court has not been finally determined.

(6) [F12Paragraphs (6), (7), (9) and (10)] of article 4 of the No. 9 Order(13) apply in relation to a claim for universal credit referred to in paragraph (2) (and any award that is made in respect of the claim) as they apply in relation to a claim for universal credit referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of article 4(2) of the No. 9 Order (and any award that is made in respect of the claim).

(7) Paragraphs (1A) and (1B) of article 5 of the No. 9 Order(14) apply for the purposes of paragraph (2)(c) as they apply for the purposes of article 4(2)(a) of the No. 9 Order (but as if the references in paragraph (1A) to Schedule 5 to the No. 9 Order were omitted).

(8) Paragraphs (5) to (7) of article 5 of the No. 9 Order(15) apply for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) of paragraph (2) as they apply for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (a) and (g) of article 4(2) of the No. 9 Order.

(9) Article 5(8) of the No. 9 Order applies for the purposes of paragraph (3) as it applies for the purposes of article 4(3)(a) of the No. 9 Order.

F7 Words in art. 4(2)(a) omitted (10.6.2015) by virtue of [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/634\)](#), **art. 9(1)(4)(a)**

F8 Words in art. 4(2)(b)(i) omitted (10.6.2015) by virtue of [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/634\)](#), **art. 9(1)(4)(b)(i)**

F9 Words in art. 4(2)(b)(ii) omitted (10.6.2015) by virtue of [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/634\)](#), **art. 9(1)(4)(b)(ii)**

F10 Words in art. 4(2)(b) omitted (10.6.2015) by virtue of [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/634\)](#), **art. 9(1)(4)(b)(iii)**

F11 Words in art. 4(2)(c) omitted (10.6.2015) by virtue of [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/634\)](#), **art. 9(1)(4)(a)**

F12 Words in art. 4(6) substituted (11.2.2015) by [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 22 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/101\)](#), **art. 7(2)(b)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 [Art. 4](#) modified (22.7.2020) by [The Universal Credit \(Managed Migration Pilot and Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1152\)](#), regs. 1(3), **5(1)** (with reg. 5(2))

Commencement Information

I4 [Art. 4](#) in force at made date

Application of the No. 9 Order

5. Articles 9 to 22 of the No. 9 Order(16) apply in connection with the coming into force of the amending provisions in relation to the case of a claim referred to in article 4(2), and any award made in respect of the claim, as they apply in connection with the coming into force of the amending

(13) Paragraphs (8) and (9) of article 4 were inserted by [S.I. 2015/32 \(C. 3\)](#).

(14) Article 5 was substituted by [S.I. 2014/1452 \(C. 56\)](#) and amended by [S.I. 2014/1923 \(C. 88\)](#); paragraphs (1) to (1B) of article 5 were inserted by [S.I. 2014/3067 \(C.129\)](#).

(15) Paragraphs (5) to (7) of article 5 were substituted by [S.I. 2015/32 \(C. 3\)](#).

(16) Articles 10 to 13 of, and Schedule 4 to, the No. 9 Order (Schedule 4 takes effect under article 9) were amended by [S.I. 2013/1511 \(C.60\)](#); article 11 of the No. 9 Order was amended by [S.I. 2013/2657 \(C.107\)](#); articles 9, 11, 13, 15, 18 and 22 of the No. 9 Order were amended by [S.I. 2014/1452 \(C.56\)](#); articles 10, 11, 12 and 13 were amended by [S.I. 2014/3067 \(C.129\)](#).

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provisions in relation to the case of a claim referred to in sub-paragraph (a), (b) or (g) of article 4(2) of the No. 9 Order and any award made in respect of the claim.

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I5 Art. 5 in force at made date

Transitional provision: claims for housing benefit, income support or a tax credit

6.—(1) Except as provided by paragraphs [F13(2) to (5) and (11)], a person may not make a claim for housing benefit, income support or a tax credit (in the latter case, whether or not as part of a Tax Credits Act couple) on any date where, if that person made a claim for universal credit on that date (in the capacity, whether as a single person or as part of a couple, in which he or she is permitted to claim universal credit under the Universal Credit Regulations 2013(17)), the provisions of the Act listed in Schedule 2 to the No. 9 Order would come into force under article 3(1) and (2)(a) of this Order in relation to that claim for universal credit.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a claim for housing benefit in respect of specified accommodation [F14or temporary accommodation].

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a claim for housing benefit F15 ... where—

[F16(a) in the case of a claim for housing benefit, the claim is made by a member of a State Pension Credit Act couple who has reached the qualifying age for state pension credit, where the other member has not reached that age, and entitlement begins, or in the case of claims made in advance of entitlement is to begin—

(i) before 15th May 2019; or

(ii) on or after 15th May 2019 where one of the savings in the sub-paragraphs of article 4(1) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions and Commencement No. 21 and 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019 applies to that person and the saving has not ceased to have effect under article 4(2) of that Order, and

entitlement to housing benefit is to be construed in accordance with article 2 of that Order;]

F17(b)

(4) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a claim for a tax credit where a person or persons makes or make a claim for child tax credit or working tax credit and on the date on which he or she (or they) makes or make the claim he or she (or they) [F18has or have an award of working tax credit or child tax credit respectively].

(5) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a claim for a tax credit where a person [F19has or had, or persons have or had, an award of] child tax credit or working tax credit in respect of a tax year and that person or those persons makes or make (or is or are treated as making) a claim for that tax credit for the next tax year.

[F20(6) In paragraph (4), the reference to a person having an award of a tax credit includes where the person is “treated as being entitled to a tax credit” in the circumstances referred to in regulation 11(1) and (2)(a) to (ca) of the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2014 but as if, in regulation 11(1), for “For the purposes of regulations 7(7) and 8(4)” there were substituted “ For the purposes of article 6(4) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 21 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2015 ”.]

(7) Subject to paragraph (8), for the purposes of this article—

(17) S.I. 2013/376.

- (a) a claim for housing benefit, income support or a tax credit is made by a person on the date on which he or she takes any action which results in a decision on a claim being required under the relevant Regulations; and
- (b) it is irrelevant that the effect of any provision of the relevant Regulations is that, for the purpose of those Regulations, the claim is made or treated as made on a date that is earlier than the date on which that action is taken.
- (8) Where under the provisions referred to in paragraph (9), a claim for housing benefit or income support is treated as made at a date that is earlier than the date on which the action referred to in paragraph (7)(a) is taken, the claim is treated as made on that earlier date.
- (9) The provisions referred to are—
- (a) in the case of a claim for housing benefit, regulation 83(4E), (4F), (5)(d) or (8) of the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 (“the 2006 Regulations”)(**18**) or, as the case may be, regulation 64(5F), (5G), (6)(d) or (9) of the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006 (“the 2006 (SPC) Regulations”)(**19**); or
- (b) in the case of a claim for income support, [^{F21}regulation 6(1A)(b) or 6A] of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987(**20**).
- (10) For the purposes of this article—
- (a) “couple” (apart from in the expressions “State Pension Credit Act couple” and “Tax Credit Act couple”), has the meaning given in section 39 of the Act;
- (b) “housing benefit” means housing benefit under section 130 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(**21**);
- (c) “income support” means income support under section 124 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;
- (d) “qualifying age for state pension credit” means the qualifying age referred to in section 1(6) of the State Pension Credit Act 2002(**22**);
- (e) the “relevant Regulations” means—
- (i) in the case of a claim for housing benefit, the 2006 Regulations or, as the case may be, the 2006 (SPC) Regulations;
- (ii) in the case of a claim for income support, the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987;
- (iii) in the case of a claim for a tax credit, the Tax Credits (Claims and Notifications) Regulations 2002(**23**);
- (f) “specified accommodation” means accommodation to which one or more of sub-paragraphs (2) to (5) of paragraph 3A of Schedule 1 to the Universal Credit Regulations 2013(**24**) applies;

(18) S.I. 2006/213. In regulation 83, paragraph (4E) was inserted by S.I. 2006/2967 and amended by S.I. 2008/2299, paragraph (4F) was inserted by S.I. 2008/2299, paragraph (5) was amended by S.I. 2007/2911, 2008/1082, 2299 and 2013/2070; paragraph (8) was substituted by S.I. 2008/2987.

(19) S.I. 2006/214. In regulation 64, paragraph (5F) was inserted by S.I. 2006/2967 and amended by S.I. 2008/2299, paragraph (5G) was inserted by S.I. 2008/2299, paragraph (6) was amended by S.I. 2007/2911 and 2008/2299; paragraph (9) was substituted by S.I. 2008/2987.

(20) S.I. 1987/1968. Regulation 6(1A) was inserted by S.I. 1997/793.

(21) 1992 c.4.

(22) 2002 c.16.

(23) S.I. 2002/2014.

(24) Paragraph 3A was inserted by S.I. 2014/771.

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- (g) “state pension credit” means state pension credit under the State Pension Credit Act 2002(25);
- (h) “State Pension Credit Act couple” means a couple as defined in section 17 of the State Pension Credit Act 2002(26);
- (i) “tax credit” (including “child tax credit” and “working tax credit”) and “tax year” have the same meanings as in the Tax Credits Act 2002(27);
- (j) “Tax Credits Act couple” means a couple as defined in section 3(5A) of the Tax Credits Act 2002(28)^[F22];
- (k) “temporary accommodation” means accommodation which falls within Case 1 or Case 2 under paragraph 3B of Schedule 1 to the Universal Credit Regulations]

^[F23](11) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a claim for housing benefit, income support or a tax credit where, by virtue of a determination made under regulation 4 ^[F24], or by virtue of regulation ^[F25]4A ^[F26] ...,] of the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2014, ^[F27]or by virtue of article 4(11) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 32 and Savings and Transitional Provisions) Order 2019] the person in question would be prevented from making a claim for universal credit as referred to in that paragraph.]

- F13** Words in art. 6(1) substituted (18.3.2015) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/634), **art. 9(5)(a)**
- F14** Words in art. 6(2) inserted (11.4.2018) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 9, 21 and 23 (Amendment), Commencement No. 11, 13, 17, 19, 22, 23 and 24 (Modification), Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/138), art. 6(1)(2)(a)
- F15** Words in art. 6(3) omitted (1.2.2019) by virtue of The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 32 and Savings and Transitional Provisions) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/167), art. 5(1)(3)(a)
- F16** Art. 6(3)(a) substituted (15.1.2019) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions and Commencement No. 21 and 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/37), art. 5(1)(2) (with arts. 6, 7)
- F17** Art. 6(3)(b) omitted (1.2.2019) by virtue of The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 32 and Savings and Transitional Provisions) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/167), art. 5(1)(3)(a)
- F18** Words in art. 6(4) substituted (1.2.2019) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 32 and Savings and Transitional Provisions) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/167), art. 5(1)(3)(b)
- F19** Words in art. 6(5) substituted (1.2.2019) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 32 and Savings and Transitional Provisions) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/167), art. 5(1)(3)(c)
- F20** Art. 6(6) substituted (1.2.2019) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 32 and Savings and Transitional Provisions) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/167), art. 5(1)(3)(d)
- F21** Words in art. 6(9)(b) substituted (18.3.2015) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/634), **art. 9(5)(b)**
- F22** Art. 6(10)(k) inserted (11.4.2018) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 9, 21 and 23 (Amendment), Commencement No. 11, 13, 17, 19, 22, 23 and 24 (Modification), Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/138), art. 6(1)(2)(b)
- F23** Art. 6(11) inserted (18.3.2015) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/634), **art. 9(5)(c)**
- F24** Words in art. 6(11) inserted (6.4.2017) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 9 and 21 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/483), art. 3(1)(2)

(25) 2002 c.16.

(26) The definition of “couple” in section 17 was substituted by S.I. 2014/560.

(27) 2002 c.21. See sections 1(1) and (2), 48(1) and 67.

(28) 2002 c. 21. Subsection (5A) was inserted by section 254(1) of, and paragraph 144(1) and (3) of Schedule 24 to, the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33).

- F25** Words in art. 6(11) inserted (16.1.2019) by The Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) (SDP Gateway) Amendment Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/10), regs. 1, **3(2)**
- F26** Words in art. 6(11) omitted (1.2.2019) by virtue of The Universal Credit (Restriction on Amounts for Children and Qualifying Young Persons) (Transitional Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/27), regs. 1(2), **4(2)**
- F27** Words in art. 6(11) inserted (1.2.2019) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 32 and Savings and Transitional Provisions) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/167), art. 5(1)**(3)(e)**

Commencement Information

- I6** Art. 6 in force at made date

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

Freud
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Work and Pensions

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force provisions of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c.5) (“the Act”) that relate to universal credit (“UC”) and the abolition of income-related employment and support allowance and income-based jobseeker’s allowance, in relation to the cases set out in articles 3 and 4.

Article 3 brings into force provisions relating to UC in Part 1 of the Act (“the UC provisions”), as set out in Schedule 2 to the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 9 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions and Commencement No. 8 and Savings and Transitional Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/983 (C. 41) (“the No. 9 Order”), in relation to a number of different cases as set out below.

Under article 3(1) and (2)(a), the UC provisions come into force in relation to a claim for UC, and any award that is made in respect of the claim, where the claim is made on or after 28th January 2015 with respect to a period that begins on or after 28th January 2015 and, on the date on which the claim is made, the claimant resides in the “No. 28 relevant district” and complies with the “specified condition” (see article 2(1) for definitions of these terms).

Under article 3(1) and (2)(b), the UC provisions come into force in relation to a claim for UC, and any award that is made in respect of the claim, where the claimant claims UC on or after 28th January 2015 in respect of a period that begins on or after 28th January 2015 and provides incorrect information regarding the claimant residing in the No. 28 relevant district or meeting the specified condition, but this is only discovered once payments of UC have been made.

Under article 3(3), the day appointed for the coming into force of the UC provisions in the above cases is the first day of the period in respect of which the claim is made.

Paragraphs (4) and (5) of article 3 apply the provisions of article 3(6) (period for which a claim for universal credit is made) and article 3A (incorrect information regarding entitlement to claim universal credit) of the No. 9 Order respectively to the cases in article 3(2) of this Order.

Article 4 brings into force provisions of the Act relating to the abolition of income-related employment and support allowance and income-based jobseeker’s allowance (“the amending provisions”), in relation to a number of different cases as referred to below.

Under article 4(1) and (2)(a), the amending provisions come into force in relation to a claim for UC, and any award that is made in respect of the claim, where the claim is made on or after 28th January 2015 with respect to a period that begins on or after 28th January 2015 and, on the date on which the claim is made, the claimant resides in the No. 28 relevant district and meets the specified condition.

Under article 4(1) and (2)(b), the amending provisions come into force in relation to a claim for UC, and any award that is made in respect of the claim, where a claimant claims UC on or after 28th January 2015 in respect of a period that begins on or after 28th January 2015 and provides incorrect information regarding the claimant residing in the No. 28 relevant district or meeting the specified condition, but this is only discovered once payments of UC have been made.

Under article 4(1) and (2)(c), the amending provisions come into force in relation to a claim for an employment and support allowance (“ESA”) or a jobseeker’s allowance (“JSA”), and any award that is made in respect of the claim, where the claim is made on or after 28th January 2015 and, on the date on which the claim is made, the claimant resides in the No. 28 relevant district and meets the specified condition.

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Under article 4(1) and (2)(d), the amending provisions come into force in relation to the case of a claim for ESA or JSA where the claim is not a claim for ESA or JSA as referred to in article 4(2) (c) and where the claim is made during the “relevant period” (mainly the period when a claim for UC is being considered or an award of UC is extant).

Under article 4(3), the day appointed for the coming into force of the amending provisions in the above cases is the first day of the period in respect of which the claim is made.

Paragraphs (6) to (9) of article 4 apply the provisions of article 4(6) to (9) (matters included in the reference to the case of a claim for universal credit) and article 5(1A), (1B) (claim for ESA or JSA by a member of a couple) and (5) to (8) (when a claim for ESA or JSA is made for the purposes of the No. 9 Order and the period for which a claim for ESA, JSA or UC is made) of the No. 9 Order to the cases in article 4(2).

Article 5 provides that articles 9 to 22 of the No. 9 Order apply in connection with the coming into force of the amending provisions in relation to the case of a claim referred to in article 4(2), and any award made in respect of the claim, as they apply in connection with the coming into force of the amending provisions in relation to the case of a claim referred to in article 4(2)(a), (b) or (g) of the No. 9 Order, and any award made in respect of the claim.

Article 6 contains transitional provisions that provide that, save in specified cases, a person may not make a claim for housing support, income support or a tax credit on any date where, if that person made a claim for universal credit on that date, the UC provisions would come into force in relation to the claim by virtue of article 3(1) and (2)(a) of this Order.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

The following provisions of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c.5) were brought into force by a Statutory Instrument which was made before this Order was made.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of commencement</i>	<i>S.I. Number</i>
Section 1 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/0983
Section 1 (partially)	1st July 2013	2013/1511
Section 1 (partially)	29th July 2013	2013/1511
Section 1 (partially)	28th October 2013	2013/2657
Section 1 (partially)	25th November 2013	2013/2846
Section 1 (partially)	24th February 2014	2014/209
Section 1 (partially)	7th April 2014	2014/209
Section 1 (partially)	23rd June 2014	2014/1583
Section 1 (partially)	30th June 2014	2014/1583
Section 1 (partially)	30th June 2014	2014/1661
Section 1 (partially)	7th July 2014	2014/1583
Section 1 (partially)	14th July 2014	2014/1583
Section 1 (partially)	21st July 2014	2014/1583
Section 1 (partially)	28th July 2014	2014/1583
Section 1 (partially)	28th July 2014	2014/1923

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<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of commencement</i>	<i>S.I. Number</i>
Section 1 (partially)	15th September 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	22nd September 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	29th September 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	6th October 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	13th October 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	20th October 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	27th October 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	3rd November 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	10th November 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	17th November 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	24th November 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	24th November 2014	2014/3067
Section 1 (partially)	26th November 2014	2014/3094
Section 1 (partially)	1st December 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	8th December 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	15th December 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	26th January 2015	2015/32
Section 1 (partially)	2nd March 2015	2015/32
Section 1 (partially)	6th April 2015	2015/32
Section 2(1) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 2(2)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 3 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 4(1) and (4) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 4(2), (3) and (5) to (7)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 5 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 5 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 6(1)(a) and (3) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 6 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 7(1) and (4) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 7(2) and (3)	25th February 2013	2013/358`
Section 8 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 8(3) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 9(1) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Sections 9(2) and (3), 10(2) to (5) and 11(3) to (5)	25th February 2013	2013/358

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of commencement</i>	<i>S.I. Number</i>
Section 10(1) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 11(1) and (2) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 12(1) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 12(1) and (2) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 12(3) and (4)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 13 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 14 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 14(5) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 15(1) and (4) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Sections 15(2) and (3) and 17(3)(f)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 16 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 17(1), (2), (3)(a) to (e), (4) and (5) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 17(4) and (5) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 18 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 18(3) and (5) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 19(1), (2)(a) to (c), (5) and (6) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 19(2)(d), (3) and (4)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 20(1) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 20 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 21 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 22 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 22(2) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 23 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Sections 24(1), (5) and (6) and 25	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 24(2), (3) and (4) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 26(1) to (5) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 26(2)(a) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Sections 26(6) to (8), 27(4), (5) and (9) and 28	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 27(1) to (3) and (6) to (8) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 29	29th April 2013	2013/0983
Sections 30 and 31 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 31 (partially)	1st April 2013	2013/358

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<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of commencement</i>	<i>S.I. Number</i>
Section 31 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/358
Section 31 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/0983
Section 32	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 33(1)(a) and (b), (2) and (3) (partially)	16th June 2014	2014/1452
Section 33(1)(a) and (b), (2) and (3) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 33(1)(e)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Sections 33(3) (partially)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Section 35 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 35 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/0983
Section 36 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Sections 37(3) to (7) and 39(3)(a)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 37 (for all remaining purposes)	29th April 2013	2013/0983
Section 38	29th April 2013	2013/0983
Section 39 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 39 (for all remaining purposes)	29th April 2013	2013/0983
Sections 40, 42 and 43	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 44(1) (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1) (a) and (b)
Section 44(2) (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1) (a) and (b)
Section 44(5)	10th June 2012	2012/1246
Section 45	8th October 2012	2012/2530
Section 46(1) and (3) (partially)	10th June 2012	2012/1246
Section 46(1) (partially)	22nd October 2012	2012/2530
Section 46(2)	10th June 2012	2012/1246
Section 46(3) (for all remaining purposes)	22nd October 2012	2012/2530
Section 46(4)	22nd October 2012	2012/2530
Section 47	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 48 (partially)	22nd October 2012	2012/2530
Section 49(1) and (3) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 49(1), (2) and (3) to (5) (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1) (a) and (b)
Section 49(6)	25th February 2013	2013/358

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of commencement</i>	<i>S.I. Number</i>
Section 51 (partially)	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 51 (for all remaining purposes)	1st May 2012	2012/863
Sections 52 and 53	1st May 2012	2012/863
Section 54(1) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 54(1) and (2) (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)
Section 54(6)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 55	3rd December 2012	2012/2530
Section 56	26th November 2012	2012/2530
Section 57(1) and (2) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 57(1), (2), (4), (5) and (9) (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)
Section 57(6)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 58(1) and (2)	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 64 (partially)	30th October 2012	2012/2530
Section 64 (for all remaining purposes)	5th December 2012	2012/2530
Section 65	5th December 2012	2012/2530
Section 66 (partially)	30th October 2012	2012/2530
Section 66 (partially)	31st October 2013	2013/2534
Sections 67 and 68	5th December 2012	2012/2530
Section 69 (partially)	27th November 2012	2012/2946
Section 69 (for all remaining purposes)	1st January 2013	2012/2946
Section 70(1) and (3) to (10)	1st April 2013	2012/3090
Section 70(2)	1st August 2013	2012/3090
Section 73	1st April 2013	2012/3090
Section 77(3) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 77(1) to (3) (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 77(1) to (3) (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 78(1), (2), (5) and (6) (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 78(1), (2), (5) and (6) (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 78(3) and (4)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 79(1), (2), (5) and (6) (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358

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Section 79(1), (2), (5) and (6) (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 79(3), (4) and (7)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Sections 80 and 81	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 82 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 82 (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 83(3) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 83(1) to (3) and 84 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 83(1) to (3) and 84 (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Sections 85 and 86	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 87 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 87 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 87 (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Sections 88 and 89 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Sections 88 and 89 (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 91 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 91 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 91 (partially)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Sections 92, 93 and 94	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 95 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 95 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 95 (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 96 (partially)	27th November 2012	2012/2946
Section 96 (for all remaining purposes)	15th April 2013	2012/2946
Section 97(1) to (4)	27th November 2012	2012/2946
Section 97(5) and (6)	15th April 2013	2012/2946
Sections 98 and 99	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 100	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 101(1) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 101(2)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Section 102(1) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 102(2) to (5)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 102(6) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358

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Section 102(6) (partially)	29 th April 2013	2013/0983
Section 104	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 105(1) (partially)	1st July 2012	2012/1246
Section 105(1) (partially)	1st October 2012	2012/1246
Section 105(1) (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/358
Section 105(3), (5) and (6)	29th April 2013	2013/358
Section 105(4)	1st October 2012	2012/1246
Section 105(7) (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/358
Section 106	1st July 2012	2012/1246
Section 110 (partially)	17th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 110	1st October 2013	2013/1250
Sections 113 to 115	8th May 2012	2012/863
Section 116(1) (partially)	10th May 2012	2012/1246
Section 116(1) (for all remaining purposes)	1st October 2012	2012/1246
Section 116(2)	10th May 2012	2012/1246
Section 117(1) (partially)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Section 117(1) (for all remaining purposes)	6th April 2013	2013/358
Section 117(2)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Section 117(3)	6th April 2013	2013/358
Section 118(1), (2), (5) and (8)(b) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 118(1), (2), (5) and (8)(b) (for all remaining purposes)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Sections 118(3), (4), (6), (7) and (8)(a) and (c) and 119	1st April 2013	2013/358
Section 120 (partially)	1st February 2013	2013/178
Section 120 (for all remaining purposes)	6th April 2013	2013/178
Sections 122, 123 and 125(29)	6th June 2012	2012/1246
Sections 128 and 129	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 130 (partially)	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 130 (for all remaining purposes)	8th May 2012	2012/863

(29) [S.I. 2012/1246](#) was amended by [S.I. 2012/1440](#) and [2530](#).

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Section 131 (partially)	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 131 (for all remaining purposes)	8th May 2012	2012/863
Section 132(8)	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 132 (for all remaining purposes)	8th May 2012	2012/863
Section 133(1) to (4)	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 133(6)	2nd July 2012	2012/1651
Sections 136, 140 and 141	25th November 2013	2013/2947
Section 137	30th June 2014	2014/1635
Sections 143, 144 and 146	8th May 2012	2012/863
Schedule 1 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 2 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 2 (partially)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Schedule 2 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/358
Schedule 2 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/0983
Schedule 3 (partially)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Schedule 3 (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)
Schedule 5 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 5 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/0983
Schedule 6 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 7 (partially)	22nd October 2012	2012/2530
Schedule 8 (partially)	1st April 2013	2012/3090
Schedule 8 (for all remaining purposes)	1st August 2013	2012/3090
Schedule 9 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 9 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Schedule 9 (partially)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Schedule 10	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 11 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 11 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/0983
Part 1 of Schedule 14 (partially)	As Schedule 3	As Schedule 3
Part 3 of Schedule 14 (partially)	22nd October 2012	2012/2530
Parts 4 and 5 of Schedule 14 (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)
Part 8 of Schedule 14 (partially)	1st April 2013	2012/3090

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Part 8 of Schedule 14 (partially)	1st August 2013	2012/3090
Part 11 of Schedule 14 (partially)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Part 11 of Schedule 14 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/358
Part 14 of Schedule 14	8th May 2012	2012/863

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