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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 640**

**The Social Security (Income and Capital Disregards) (Amendment) Regulations 2023**

**Amendment of the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987**

2.—(1) The Income Support (General) Regulations 1987<sup>(1)</sup> are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—

(a) for the definition of “Grenfell Tower payment” substitute—

““Grenfell Tower payment” means a payment made for the purpose of providing compensation or support in respect of the fire on 14th June 2017 at Grenfell Tower;”;

(b) after the definition of “Health Service (Wales) Act” insert—

““the Horizon system” means any version of the computer system used by the Post Office known as Horizon, Horizon Legacy, Horizon Online or HNG-X;”;

(c) after the definition of “polygamous marriage” insert—

““the Post Office” means Post Office Limited (registered number 02154540);”;

““Post Office compensation payment” means a payment made by the Post Office or the Secretary of State for the purpose of providing compensation or support which is—

(a) in connection with the failings of the Horizon system; or

(b) otherwise payable following the judgment in *Bates and Others v Post Office Ltd* ((No. 3) “Common Issues”)<sup>(2)</sup>;”;

(d) after the definition of “universal credit” insert—

““vaccine damage payment” means a payment made under the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979<sup>(3)</sup>;”;

(e) in the definition of “qualifying person”, for “or a Windrush payment” substitute “, a Windrush payment, a Post Office compensation payment or a vaccine damage payment”.

(3) In regulation 42(4ZB) (notional income), after sub-paragraph (c) insert—

“(d) a Post Office compensation payment.”.

(4) In regulation 48(10) (income treated as capital)—

(a) at the end of sub-paragraph (ad) omit “or”;

(b) after sub-paragraph (ad) insert—

“(ae) which is a Post Office compensation payment;”.

(5) In regulation 51(3B) (notional capital), after sub-paragraph (c) insert—

“(d) a Post Office compensation payment;

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(1) [S.I. 1987/1967](#). Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 2020/618](#) and [2021/1405](#).

(2) [2019] EWHC 606 (QB).

(3) [1979 c. 17](#).

(e) a vaccine damage payment.”.

(6) In Schedule 3 (housing costs), in paragraph 18(8)(b) (non-dependant deductions), for “or Windrush payment” insert “, Windrush payment or Post Office compensation payment”.

(7) In Schedule 9 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings), in paragraph 39—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1A), after paragraph (c) insert—

“(d) a Post Office compensation payment.”;

(b) in each of sub-paragraphs (2) to (6), for “or a Windrush payment” substitute “, a Windrush payment, a Post Office compensation payment or a vaccine damage payment”.

(8) In Schedule 10 (capital to be disregarded), in paragraph 22—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1A), after “Windrush payment” insert “, Post Office compensation payment or vaccine damage payment”;

(b) in each of sub-paragraphs (2) to (6), for “or a Windrush payment” substitute “, a Windrush payment, a Post Office compensation payment or a vaccine damage payment”.