
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No. 640

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

Amendment of the State Pension Credit Regulations 2002

- 4.—(1) The State Pension Credit Regulations 2002(1) are amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 1(2) (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) at the appropriate places 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;”;
- ““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”)(2);”;
- ““vaccine damage payment” means a payment made under the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979;”;
- (c) 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 Schedule 2 (housing costs), in paragraph 14(8) (persons residing with the claimant), after sub-paragraph (bc) insert—
- “(bd) any Post Office compensation payment;”.
- (4) In Schedule 5 (income from capital), in paragraph 15 (capital disregarded for purpose of calculating income)—
- (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”.

(1) S.I. 2002/1792. Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2020/618 and 2021/1405.

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