



# Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017

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### *Targets relating to child poverty*

#### **1 2030 targets**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must ensure that the 2030 targets are met in the financial year beginning with 1 April 2030.
- (2) The 2030 targets are that, of children living in households in Scotland—
  - (a) less than 10% fall within section 3 (relative poverty),
  - (b) less than 5% fall within section 4 (absolute poverty),
  - (c) less than 5% fall within section 5 (combined low income and material deprivation),
  - (d) less than 5% fall within section 6 (persistent poverty).

#### **2 Interim targets**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must ensure that the interim targets are met in the financial year beginning with 1 April 2023.
- (2) The interim targets are that, of children living in households in Scotland—
  - (a) less than 18% fall within section 3 (relative poverty),
  - (b) less than 14% fall within section 4 (absolute poverty),
  - (c) less than 8% fall within section 5 (combined low income and material deprivation),
  - (d) less than 8% fall within section 6 (persistent poverty).

#### **3 Relative poverty**

A child falls within this section in a financial year if the child lives in a household whose equivalised net income for the year is less than 60% of median equivalised net household income for the year.

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#### **4 Absolute poverty**

- (1) A child falls within this section in a financial year if the child lives in a household whose equivalised net income for the year is less than 60% of the amount of median equivalised net household income for the financial year beginning with 1 April 2010, adjusted to take account of changes in the value of money since that financial year.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations substitute a different date for the date mentioned for the time being in subsection (1).
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) are subject to the affirmative procedure.

#### **5 Combined low income and material deprivation**

A child falls within this section in a financial year if the child—

- (a) lives in a household whose equivalised net income for the year is less than 70% of median equivalised net household income for the year, and
- (b) experiences material deprivation in the year.

#### **6 Persistent poverty**

- (1) A child falls within this section in a financial year if the child has lived—
  - (a) in each of the survey years, in a household in Scotland, and
  - (b) in at least 3 of the survey years, in a household whose equivalised net income for the survey year was less than 60% of median equivalised net household income for the survey year.
- (2) The survey years are—
  - (a) the calendar year that ends during the financial year, and
  - (b) the 3 previous calendar years.

#### **7 Calculation of net household income**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, the deductions to be made in calculating net household income include housing costs.
- (2) In this Act—
  - “equivalised”, in relation to household income, means adjusted to take account of variations in household size and composition,
  - “median equivalised net household income” means the median equivalised net household income for the United Kingdom.

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