

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide for three enhanced heating regimes under the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019.

Regulation 3 provides that the enhanced heating regime 1 applies higher temperatures for 16 hours every day of the week in a home where a household member or members suffers from a long-term physical or mental illness or condition lasting at least 12 months, is in receipt of benefits for a care need or disability benefit or is 75 years old and where the home is occupied frequently by any member of the household during the morning or afternoon or both on weekdays when it is cold.

Regulation 4 provides that the enhanced heating regime 2 applies higher temperatures for 9 hours on weekdays and 16 hours at weekends where a member or members of the household suffers from a long-term physical or mental illness or condition lasting for at least 12 months, is in receipt of benefits for a care need or disability benefit or is 75 years old and where the home is not occupied frequently by any member of the household during the morning or afternoon or both on weekdays when it is cold.

Regulation 5 provides that the enhanced heating regime 3 applies standard heating temperatures for 16 hours every day of the week in a home where there is a child aged 5 years old or under and where the home is occupied frequently by any member of the household during the morning or afternoon or both on weekdays when it is cold. It also provides the enhanced heating regime 3 does not apply where the enhanced heating regime 1 does.