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**2017 No. 182**

**The Welfare Reform (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017**

**The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Order 2014**

**3.**—(1) Article 1(2) (citation, commencement, interpretation and application) of the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Order 2014(1) is amended as follows.

(2) Before the definition of “parent” insert—

““assessment period” means the assessment period for the purposes of universal credit as specified in regulation 21 of the Universal Credit Regulations 2013(2);

“couple” has the meaning given in section 39 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012(3);

“earned income” means the person’s earned income within the meaning of Chapter 2 of Part 6 of the Universal Credit Regulations 2013;

“single person” has the meaning given in section 1(2)(a) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012.”.

(3) For sub-paragraph (i), substitute—

“universal credit payable under Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012, where the parent is in receipt of universal credit, either—

- (i) as a single person, where the single person has earned income not exceeding £610, or
- (ii) as a member of a couple, where the couple have a combined earned income not exceeding £610,

in the assessment period immediately preceding the application for early learning and childcare being made.”.

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(1) [S.S.I. 2014/196](#). Article 1 was amended by the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order [2015/268](#).  
(2) [S.I. 2013/376](#). Regulation 21 of [S.I. 2013/376](#) was relevantly amended by [S.I. 2014/2887](#) and [S.I. 2015/1362](#).  
(3) [2012 c.5](#).