

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision in relation to the meaning of fuel poverty in the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019 (“the Act”). Under section 3(10)(f) of the Act the “minimum income standard” applied to all households in Scotland is determined by the Centre for Research in Social Policy at Loughborough University. Under section 3(6)(b) of the Act, households in remote rural areas, remote small towns and island areas have an additional amount applied when determining whether or not a household is in fuel poverty.

Regulation 2 defines remote rural areas, remote small town and island areas for the purposes of the additional amount and regulation 3 specifies that the Centre for Research in Social Policy at Loughborough University will determine the additional amount.