
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No.

**The Benefit Cap (Annual Limit)
(Amendment) Regulations 2023**

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Benefit Cap (Annual Limit) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 1st April 2023.

(3) The amendments made by regulations 2 and 3 apply in relation to an award of universal credit whenever made but only in relation to each assessment period⁽¹⁾ in respect of that award which begins on or after 10th April 2023.

(4) The amendments made by regulations 2 and 4 apply only on and after 3rd April 2023 in relation to housing benefit in respect of rent payable at intervals of a week or any multiple of a week.

(5) In this regulation “housing benefit” means housing benefit under section 130 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992⁽²⁾.

(6) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and Scotland.

⁽¹⁾ Assessment period has the same meaning as in section 7(2) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012.

⁽²⁾ [1992 c. 4](#), to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.