



Social Security Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 30

An Act to amend the law relating to social security and the Pensions Appeal Tribunals Act 1943. [23rd May 1980]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Words of enactment omitted under [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), s. 3](#)

Commencement Information

I1 Act partly in force at Royal Assent see [s. 21\(5\)](#)

Amendments of certain enactments relating to social security

1 F1

Textual Amendments

F1 [S. 1](#) repealed by [Social Security Act 1986 \(c. 50\), Sch. 11](#)

2 F2

Textual Amendments

F2 [Ss. 2, 3\(1\)–\(3\)\(11\), 4\(3\)\(5\)\(6\), 5\(1\), 6\(2\)\(4\), 9\(1\)\(2\)\(5\)\(7\), 10\(1\)–\(5\), 11, 13\(1\)–\(3\)\(5\)\(6\), 14, 17, 18, 19\(3\), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14](#) repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

3 **Amendments of Social Security Pensions Act 1975.**

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- F⁴(4)
- F⁵(5)
- F⁶(6)
- F⁴(7)
- F⁴(8)
- F⁴(9)
- F⁴(10)
- F³(11)
- F⁴(12)

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 2, 3(1)–(3)(11), 4(3)(5)(6), 5(1), 6(2)(4), 9(1)(2)(5)(7), 10(1)–(5), 11, 13(1)–(3)(5)(6), 14, 17, 18, 19(3), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14 repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

F4 S. 3(4)(7)–(10)(12) repealed (7.2.1994) by 1993 c. 48, s. 188, **Sch. 5 Pt.I**; S.I. 1994/86, **art. 2**

F5 S. 3(5) repealed by [Health and Social Security Act 1984 \(c. 48\)](#), s. 24, **Sch. 8**, Pt. II

F6 S. 3(6) repealed by [Social Security Act 1985 \(c. 53\)](#), **Sch. 6**

4 Miscellaneous amendments.

(1) In the definitions of “public service pensions scheme” in section 51(3) of the Social Security Act 1973 and section 66(1) of the Pensions Act (which provide among other things that the definition includes any scheme prescribed by such regulations as are there mentioned) after the word “includes” there shall be inserted the words “any occupational pensions scheme established, with the concurrence of the Minister for the Civil Service, by or with the approval of another Minister of the Crown and”.

(2) Subsection (3) of section 97 of the ^{M1}Social Security Act 1973 (which provides for orders made by the Secretary of State under that Act to be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament) shall have effect in relation to orders under section 65 of that Act (under which a public service pension scheme may be modified or wound up by an order made by an authority designated by the Minister for the Civil Service) as if the reference in that subsection to the Secretary of State were a reference to an appropriate authority within the meaning of the said section 65.

- (3) F7
- (4) F8
- (5) F7

Textual Amendments

F7 Ss. 2, 3(1)–(3)(11), 4(3)(5)(6), 5(1), 6(2)(4), 9(1)(2)(5)(7), 10(1)–(5), 11, 13(1)–(3)(5)(6), 14, 17, 18, 19(3), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14 repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

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F8 S. 4(4) repealed by [Social Security Act 1986 \(c. 50\)](#), [Sch. 11](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 The text of ss.3(4)(8)(9)(12), 4(1), 6(1)(3), 9(6), 16(3)–(6), 21(4), Sch. 2 para. 32, Sch. 2 Pt. II, Schs. 4, 5 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

M1 [1973 c. 38](#)

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- (1) **F9**
 - (2) **F10**

Textual Amendments

- F9** [Ss. 2, 3\(1\)–\(3\)\(11\), 4\(3\)\(5\)\(6\), 5\(1\), 6\(2\)\(4\), 9\(1\)\(2\)\(5\)\(7\), 10\(1\)–\(5\), 11, 13\(1\)–\(3\)\(5\)\(6\), 14, 17, 18, 19\(3\), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14](#) repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)
- F10** [S. 5\(2\)–\(4\)](#) repealed by [Social Security Act 1986 \(c. 50\)](#), [s. 38\(1\)\(2\)\(b\)](#), [Sch. 11](#)

Amendments of enactments relating to supplementary benefit and family income supplement

6 Amendments of Supplementary Benefits Act 1976.

- (1) The ^{M2}Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 shall have effect with the amendments specified in Part I of Schedule 2 to this Act, and except where the context otherwise requires references in that Part to sections and Schedules are to sections of and Schedules to that Act.
- (2) **F11**
- (3) In accordance with subsection (1) of this section but subject to section 14 of this Act, Parts I to III of the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976, except sections 31, 32, 35 and 36 (which relate to reciprocity and to transitional, consequential and supplemental matters), and Schedules 1 and 5 to that Act are to have effect, after the coming into force of subsection (1) of this section and Part I of Schedule 2 to this Act, as set out in Part II of that Schedule (which reproduces those provisions as amended by Part I of the said Schedule 2 and with consequential adjustments in headings and sidenotes).
- (4) **F11**

Textual Amendments

- F11** [Ss. 2, 3\(1\)–\(3\)\(11\), 4\(3\)\(5\)\(6\), 5\(1\), 6\(2\)\(4\), 9\(1\)\(2\)\(5\)\(7\), 10\(1\)–\(5\), 11, 13\(1\)–\(3\)\(5\)\(6\), 14, 17, 18, 19\(3\), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14](#) repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** The text of ss.3(4)(8)(9)(12), 4(1), 6(1)(3), 9(6), 16(3)–(6), 21(4), Sch. 2 para. 32, Sch. 2 Pt. II, Schs. 4, 5 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

- M2** 1976 c. 71.

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Textual Amendments

- F12** S. 7 repealed by [Social Security Act 1986 \(c. 50\)](#), [Sch. 11](#)

8 Provisions supplementary to ss. 6 and 7.

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make such provision as he considers appropriate for dealing with transitional matters connected with or arising out of the coming into force of any provision of section 6^{F13} of this Act or Schedule 2 or 5 to this Act including in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the preceding provisions of this subsection,—
- (a) provision for modifying any enactment passed before this Act;
 - (b) provision for treating anything done under an enactment which is altered or replaced by a provision of the sections or Schedules aforesaid as done under the enactment as so altered or replaced; and
 - (c) provision for the payment of supplementary benefit, of an amount specified in or determined in pursuance of the regulations, to a person who, apart from the provision, would by virtue of this Act cease to be entitled to supplementary benefit or become entitled to supplementary benefit of an amount smaller than that to which he would have been entitled apart from this Act;
- and regulations made by virtue of this subsection may be made so as to have effect from a date before that on which they are made but not before the date of the passing of this Act.
- (2) An order under section 21(5) of this Act which brings into force a provision of this Act which is mentioned in the preceding subsection—
- (a) may contain such transitional provisions, including savings, as the Secretary of State considers appropriate in connection with or arising out of the coming into force of that provision; and
 - (b) may, without prejudice to the generality of the preceding paragraph, provide that the provision shall come into force in relation to such cases only as are specified in the order and accordingly that in relation to other cases the law shall remain unaffected by that provision;
- and the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument vary or revoke any provision which by virtue of this subsection is included in another order.
- (3) Nothing in either of the preceding subsections shall be construed as derogating from the other of them.

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- (4) The power to make regulations conferred by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument and a statutory instrument made by virtue of this subsection shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

F13 Words repealed by [Social Security Act 1986 \(c. 50\)](#), **Sch. 11**

Advisory Committees

9 The Social Security Advisory Committee.

- (1) **F14**
- (3) **F15**
- (5) **F14**
- (6) In Part II of Schedule 1 to the ^{M3}House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 and Part II of Schedule 1 to the ^{M4}Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (which list the bodies of which all the members are disqualified under those Acts) there shall be inserted at the appropriate place in alphabetical order the words "The Social Security Advisory Committee".
- (7) **F14**

Textual Amendments

F14 [Ss. 2, 3\(1\)–\(3\)\(11\), 4\(3\)\(5\)\(6\), 5\(1\), 6\(2\)\(4\), 9\(1\)\(2\)\(5\)\(7\), 10\(1\)–\(5\), 11, 13\(1\)–\(3\)\(5\)\(6\), 14, 17, 18, 19\(3\), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14](#) repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

F15 [S. 9\(3\)\(4\), 10\(9\)](#) repealed by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1992 \(c. 9\)](#), **Sch. 1** and by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#), both on consolidation

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 The text of [ss.3\(4\)\(8\)\(9\)\(12\), 4\(1\), 6\(1\)\(3\), 9\(6\), 16\(3\)–\(6\), 21\(4\), Sch. 2 para. 32, Sch. 2 Pt. II, Schs. 4, 5](#) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

M3 [1975 c. 24](#)

M4 [1975 c. 25](#)

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- (1) **F16**
- (6) **F17**
- (7) **F18**
- (8) **F19**

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(9) F20

Textual Amendments

F16 Ss. 2, 3(1)–(3)(11), 4(3)(5)(6), 5(1), 6(2)(4), 9(1)(2)(5)(7), 10(1)–(5), 11, 13(1)–(3)(5)(6), 14, 17, 18, 19(3), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14 repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

F17 S. 10(6) repealed by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1992 \(c. 9\)](#), **Sch. 1** (consolidation)

F18 S. 10(7) repealed by S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18), **Sch. 10**

F19 S. 10(8) repealed by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1992 \(c. 9\)](#), **Sch. 1** (consolidation)

F20 S. 9(3)(4), 10(9) repealed by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1992 \(c. 9\)](#), **Sch. 1** and by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#), both on consolidation

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Textual Amendments

F21 Ss. 2, 3(1)–(3)(11), 4(3)(5)(6), 5(1), 6(2)(4), 9(1)(2)(5)(7), 10(1)–(5), 11, 13(1)–(3)(5)(6), 14, 17, 18, 19(3), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14 repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

Commissioners

12 Change of title of National Insurance Commissioners.

National Insurance Commissioners shall, instead of being so called, be called Social Security Commissioners; and accordingly—

- (a) any enactment or instrument passed or made before the coming into force of this section shall have effect, so far as may be necessary in consequence of the change of title made by this section, as if for any reference to a Chief or other National Insurance Commissioner there were substituted respectively a reference to a Chief or other Social Security Commissioner; and
- (b) documents and forms printed or duplicated for use in connection with functions of National Insurance Commissioners may be used notwithstanding that they contain references to such Commissioners and those references shall be construed as references to Social Security Commissioners.

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Textual Amendments

- F22** Ss. 2, 3(1)–(3)(11), 4(3)(5)(6), 5(1), 6(2)(4), 9(1)(2)(5)(7), 10(1)–(5), 11, 13(1)–(3)(5)(6), 14, 17, 18, 19(3), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14 repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)
- F23** S. 13(4) repealed by [Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 \(c. 41\)](#), **Sch. 20**
- F24** S. 13(7) repealed by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1992 \(c. 9\)](#), **Sch. 1** (consolidation)

14 F25

Textual Amendments

- F25** Ss. 2, 3(1)–(3)(11), 4(3)(5)(6), 5(1), 6(2)(4), 9(1)(2)(5)(7), 10(1)–(5), 11, 13(1)–(3)(5)(6), 14, 17, 18, 19(3), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14 repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

15 F26

Textual Amendments

- F26** S. 15 repealed by [Social Security Act 1986 \(c. 50\)](#), **Sch. 11**

Miscellaneous

16 Amendments of Pensions Appeal Tribunals Act 1943.

- (1) Her Majesty may by Order in Council provide for an appeal under any provision of the ^{M5}Pensions Appeal Tribunals Act 1943 (hereafter in this section referred to as “the Act”) in respect of a claim for benefit under any instrument mentioned in the Act to be brought or continued by another person after the death of the claimant; and—
- (a) such an Order may make such modifications of the Act as Her Majesty considers appropriate for the purposes of this subsection; but
 - (b) nothing in this subsection shall be construed as prejudicing the generality of the power to make rules which is conferred by paragraph 5 of the Schedule to the Act.
- (2) An Order in Council under this section—
- (a) may contain such incidental and supplemental provisions as Her Majesty considers appropriate; and
 - (b) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (3) In section 5(1) of the Act (which enables a Pensions Appeal Tribunal to uphold an interim assessment by the Minister of a degree of disablement or to assess the disablement at such degree lower than that specified by the Minister as they think

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proper) for the words from “assess” to “proper” there shall be substituted the words “alter the assessment in one or both of the following ways, namely—

- (a) by increasing or reducing the degree of disablement it specifies; and
- (b) by reducing the period for which the assessment is to be in force.”.

(4) In section 6 of the Act (which relates to the jurisdiction and procedure of a Tribunal) after subsection (2A) there shall be inserted the following subsection—

“(2B) Rules made under the Schedule to this Act may provide that where an appeal under this Act is struck out in pursuance of such rules no further appeal under this Act shall be brought in respect of the matters to which the struck-out appeal related except with leave given in pursuance of such rules.”

(5) Section 8(3)(a) of the Act (which is spent) shall be omitted.

(6) For paragraph (b) of paragraph 5(4) of the Schedule to the Act (which requires rules to provide for payments by the Tribunal of certain expenses of an appellant) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(b) sums, in respect of expenses, allowances and fees connected with appeals to the Tribunal, to such persons and in such circumstances as are specified in the rules and of such amounts as are determined by the Lord Chancellor with the consent of the Minister for the Civil Service; and”and accordingly in section 14 of the Act (under which the Act has effect, in its application to Northern Ireland, with the substitution of a reference to the Lord Chief Justice for Northern Ireland for any reference to the Lord Chancellor except in paragraph 7A of the Schedule to the Act) for the words “paragraph 7A” there shall be substituted the words “paragraph 5(4)(b)”.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C5 The text of ss.3(4)(8)(9)(12), 4(1), 6(1)(3), 9(6), 16(3)–(6), 21(4), Sch. 2 para. 32, Sch. 2 Pt. II, Schs. 4, 5 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

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M5 1943 c. 39.

17, 18. **F27**

Textual Amendments

F27 Ss. 2, 3(1)–(3)(11), 4(3)(5)(6), 5(1), 6(2)(4), 9(1)(2)(5)(7), 10(1)–(5), 11, 13(1)–(3)(5)(6), 14, 17, 18, 19(3), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14 repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Act 1992 (c. 6)

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General

19 Expenses.

- (1) Any expenses under this Act of a Minister of the Crown shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament.
- (2) Any increase attributable to this Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money provided by Parliament or into the Consolidated Fund shall be paid out of such money or, as the case may be, into that Fund.
- (3) ^{F28}

Textual Amendments

F28 Ss. 2, 3(1)–(3)(11), 4(3)(5)(6), 5(1), 6(2)(4), 9(1)(2)(5)(7), 10(1)–(5), 11, 13(1)–(3)(5)(6), 14, 17, 18, 19(3), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14 repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

20 Consequential and minor amendments of enactments.

- (1) The enactments specified in Schedule 4 to this Act shall have effect with the amendments specified in that Schedule.
- (2) An order under section 21(5) of this Act which brings into force a provision of the said Schedule 4 may contain such transitional provisions, including savings, as the Secretary of State considers appropriate in connection with or arising out of the coming into force of that provision; and the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument vary or revoke any provision which by virtue of this subsection is included in another order.
- (3) ^{F29}

Textual Amendments

F29 S. 20(3) repealed by [Social Security Act 1986 \(c. 50\)](#), [Sch. 11](#)

21 Supplemental.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Social Security Act 1980 and this Act and the Social Security Acts 1975 to 1979 may be cited together as the Social Security Acts 1975 to 1980.
- (2) In this Act “the principal Act” means the ^{M6}Social Security Act 1975 and “the Pensions Act” means the ^{M7}Social Security Pensions Act 1975.
- (3) [^{F30}Section 175(3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992](which among other things make provision about the extent of powers to make regulations and orders) shall apply to powers to make regulations and orders conferred by sections 8 and 20(2) of this Act and by subsection (5) of this section as extended by the said sections 8 and 20(2) as they apply to powers to make regulations and orders conferred by that Act but as if for references to that Act there were substituted references to the said sections 8 and 20(2) and the said subsection (5) as so extended.

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- (4) The enactments and instruments mentioned in the first and second columns of Schedule 5 to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.
- (5) The following provisions of this Act, namely, section 6 (except subsection (4)) and sections 7 to 10, 14 and 15, Part I and paragraphs 10 and 14 of Schedule 1, Schedules 2 to 4 and Part II of Schedule 5, shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may appoint by order made by statutory instrument, and different days may be appointed in pursuance of this subsection for different provisions of this Act; and accordingly the other provisions of this Act come into force on the passing of this Act.
- (6) The following provisions only of this Act shall extend to Northern Ireland, namely—
sections 9 to 16, except sections 11, 13(6) and 15;
section 20(1) and (2) and Schedule 4 so far as they relate to the ^{M8}Polish Resettlement Act 1947 and the ^{M9}Maintenance Orders Act 1950;
this section;
Schedule 3; and
Schedule 5 so far as it relates to the ^{M10}Pensions Appeal Tribunals Act 1943, the Polish Resettlement Act 1947, the Merchant Shipping Act 1970, section 142(5) of the principal Act, the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975, the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975, section 36(2) of the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 and Part III of Schedule 2 to the Administration of Justice Act 1977.

Textual Amendments

F30 Words substituted by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\), Sch. 2, para. 59](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** The text of ss.3(4)(8)(9)(12), 4(1), 6(1)(3), 9(6), 16(3)–(6), 21(4), Sch. 2 para. 32, Sch. 2 Pt. II, Schs. 4, 5 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.
- C7** Power exercised by [S.I. 1980/729](#), 1981/1438, 1983/1002, 1984/1492

Marginal Citations

- M6** 1975 c. 14.
M7 1975 c. 60.
M8 1947 c. 19.
M9 1950 c. 37.
M10 1943 c. 39.

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SCHEDULES

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Textual Amendments

F31 Ss. 2, 3(1)–(3)(11), 4(3)(5)(6), 5(1), 6(2)(4), 9(1)(2)(5)(7), 10(1)–(5), 11, 13(1)–(3)(5)(6), 14, 17, 18, 19(3), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14 repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

SCHEDULE 2

Sections 6, 8 and 21.

AMENDMENTS OF ^{M11}SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS ACT 1976

Marginal Citations

M11 1976 c. 71

PART I

THE AMENDMENTS

^{F32}1–20

Textual Amendments

F32 Sch. 2 Pt. I, paras. 1–20, 22–30 repealed by [Social Security Act 1986 \(c. 50\)](#), **Sch. 11**

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Textual Amendments

F33 Ss. 2, 3(1)–(3)(11), 4(3)(5)(6), 5(1), 6(2)(4), 9(1)(2)(5)(7), 10(1)–(5), 11, 13(1)–(3)(5)(6), 14, 17, 18, 19(3), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14 repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

F34 Sch. 2 Pt. I, paras. 1–20, 22–30 repealed by Social Security Act 1986 (c. 50), Sch. 11

- 31 In Schedule 5—
- (a) for the word “Commission” wherever it occurs except in paragraphs 1, 2(1) and 3, there shall be substituted the words “Secretary of State”;
 - ^{F35}(b)
 - (d) in paragraph 2(1) for the words from “Commission to” onwards there shall be substituted the words “Secretary of State to provide and maintain places, to be known as resettlement units, at which persons without a settled way of life are afforded temporary board and lodging with a view to influencing them to lead a more settled life.”;
 - (e) in paragraph 2(2) for the words “reception centres” there shall be substituted the words “resettlement units”;
 - (f) in paragraph 2(4) for the word “them” there shall be substituted the word “him”;
 - (g) paragraph 3 shall be omitted;
 - ^{F35}(h)

Textual Amendments

F35 Sch. 2 para. 31(b)(c)(h) repealed by Social Security Act 1990 (c. 27), Sch. 7

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C8 The text of Sch. 2 para. 31 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and, except as specified, does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

- 32 (1) In Schedule 6 paragraphs 6 and 7 (which relate to transitional cases involving a pension under the Old Age Pensions Act 1936 or an assistance grant under the National Assistance Act 1948 or an appeal to a tribunal constituted under Schedule 3 to the Supplementary Benefit Act 1966) shall cease to have effect, but any supplementary benefit payable to a woman instead of to another person by virtue of sub-paragraph (4) of the said paragraph 6 shall continue to be so payable subject to any regulations relating to that sub-paragraph which are made in pursuance of section 8(1) of this Act.
- (2) In paragraph 8 of Schedule 6 (which among things provides for certain proceedings for the recovery of sums which could previously have been taken by the National Assistance Board to be taken by the Supplementary Benefits Commission in some cases and the Secretary of State in others) for paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the words “by the Secretary of State”, and sub-paragraph (3) shall be omitted.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C9 The text of ss.3(4)(8)(9)(12), 4(1), 6(1)(3), 9(6), 16(3)–(6), 21(4), Sch. 2 para. 32, Sch. 2 Pt. II, Schs. 4, 5 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

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PART II

PROVISIONS OF THE ACT AS AMENDED

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C10** The text of ss.3(4)(8)(9)(12), 4(1), 6(1)(3), 9(6), 16(3)–(6), 21(4), Sch. 2 para. 32, Sch. 2 Pt. II, Schs. 4, 5 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

“PART I

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT

Right and amount of supplementary benefit

Right to supplementary benefit.

- 1 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, every person in Great Britain of or over the age of 16 whose resources are insufficient to meet his requirements shall be entitled to benefit as follows—
- (a) a supplementary pension if he is one of a married or unmarried couple of whom one is or both are over the age of 65 or if he is not one of such a couple and has attained pensionable age; and
 - (b) a supplementary allowance in any other case; and to such benefit by way of a single payment to meet an exceptional need as may be determined under section 3 of this Act.
- paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have effect until the prescribed date as if the words from “is one” to “couple and” were omitted.
- (1A) Regulations may provide for a person’s entitlement under subsection (1) above to continue during prescribed periods of the person’s temporary absence from Great Britain.
- (2) Where, under the provisions of this Act, the requirements and resources of a person fall to be aggregated with, and treated as, those of another person, that other person only shall be entitled to supplementary benefit.
- (3) The requirements of any person to be taken into account for the purposes of this Act do not include any medical, surgical, optical, aural or dental requirements; and regulations may provide that the requirements which by virtue of this subsection are not included in a person’s requirements include or exclude prescribed requirements.

Determination of right to and amount of supplementary benefit.

- 2 (1) Subject to sections 15 and 15A of this Act (appeals), the question whether any person is entitled to supplementary benefit and the amount of any such benefit and any other question relating to supplementary benefit which arises under this Act shall be determined by a benefit officer except so far as this Act or regulations provide otherwise; and regulations may provide for different aspects of the same question to be dealt with by different benefit officers.

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- (1A) Regulations may provide for prescribed questions to be determined otherwise than by benefit officers and, without prejudice to the generality of the preceding provisions of this subsection,—
- (a) for prescribed questions to be referred to bodies or persons exercising functions under the Social Security Act 1975 and for the application of provisions of that Act, with or without modifications, to the questions and to decisions given in consequence of references in pursuance of the regulations;
 - (b) for such decisions, and any other prescribed decisions given in pursuance of that Act, to be effective or conclusive for prescribed purposes of this Act; and
 - (c) for dealing, by postponement or otherwise, with cases in which questions are referred by virtue of paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- (2) Entitlement to, and the amount of, any supplementary benefit shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this Part of this Act and Schedule 1 to this Act.

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Supplementary benefit to meet exceptional need.

- 3 (1) There shall be payable in prescribed cases, to a person who is entitled or would if he satisfied prescribed conditions be entitled to a supplementary pension or allowance, supplementary benefit by way of a single payment of a prescribed amount to meet an exceptional need.
- (2) In determining whether supplementary benefit shall be paid under this section, and the amount of any such benefit, regard shall be had, so far as regulations so provide, to any resources which would otherwise fall to be disregarded under regulations made in pursuance of paragraph 1(2)(b) of Schedule 1 to this Act.

Provision for cases of urgent need.

- 4 (1) In urgent cases supplementary benefit shall be payable in accordance with this Act as modified by virtue of this section; and regulations may—
- (a) prescribe the cases which are urgent cases for the purposes of this section;
 - (b) provide that in relation to such cases any of the provisions of sections 3, 5 to 8 and 10 of this Act and Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect with prescribed modifications.
- (2) Any sums paid to a person by virtue of the preceding subsection, except a sum as to which it has been determined in accordance with regulations that it is not to be recovered in pursuance of this subsection, shall be recoverable from him by the Secretary of State by making deductions from prescribed benefits or in any other manner.

Power to require registration for employment.

- 5 Except in prescribed cases the right of any person to a supplementary allowance shall be subject to the condition that he is registered for employment in such manner as may be prescribed and is available for employment; and regulations may make provision as to—
- (a) what is and is not to be treated as employment for the purposes of this section; and

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- (b) the circumstances in which a person is or is not to be treated for those purposes as available for employment.

Exclusion from supplementary benefit of certain employed persons and pupils.

- 6 (1) A person who is engaged in remunerative full-time work shall not be entitled to supplementary benefit; and regulations may make provision as to the circumstances in which a person is or is not to be treated for the purposes of this subsection as so engaged.
- (2) A person who has not attained the age of 19 and is receiving relevant education shall not be entitled to supplementary benefit except in prescribed circumstances.
- (3) Regulations may make provision as to the circumstances in which a person is or is not to be treated for the purposes of the preceding subsection as receiving relevant education; and in this section “relevant education” means full-time education by attendance at an establishment recognised by the Secretary of State as being, or as comparable to, a college or school.

Persons affected by trade disputes.

- 8 (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, where a person—
- (a) is, by reason of a stoppage of work which is due to a trade dispute at his place of employment, without employment for any period during the stoppage; and
- (b) has not during that stoppage become bona fide employed elsewhere in the occupation which he usually follows, or become regularly engaged in some other occupation,
- his requirements for that period shall be disregarded for the purposes of supplementary benefit except so far as those requirements include requirements of another person which are to be treated as his by virtue of any other provision of this Act and are not to be disregarded by virtue of this subsection as it applies to the other person.
- (2) Subsection (1) above does not apply in the case of a person who proves that he is not participating in or directly interested in the trade dispute which caused the stoppage of work.

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Recovery of supplementary benefit paid after return to full-time employment following trade dispute.

- 9 (1) Where a person—
- (a) has, by reason of a stoppage of work which was due to a trade dispute at his place of employment, been without employment for any period during the stoppage; and
- (b) is a person whose requirements for that period (except so far as those requirements included the requirements of any other person) fall to be disregarded for the purposes of supplementary benefit by virtue of section 9 of this Act (persons affected by trade disputes); and
- (c) becomes engaged in remunerative full-time work again in consequence of the ending of the stoppage;

section 6(1) of this Act shall not apply in his case until the expiration of the period of fifteen days from the beginning of the engagement mentioned in paragraph (c) above; but subsection (2) below shall have effect in such a case.

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- (2) Any sum paid to a person on an award of supplementary benefit made to him during the period of fifteen days specified in subsection (1) above by virtue of that subsection shall be recoverable from him or another person in accordance with regulations.
- (3) Regulations made by virtue of section 6(1) of this Act providing for a person not to be treated as engaged in remunerative full-time work shall not apply to a person to whom subsection (1) applies as regards the engagement mentioned in paragraph (c) of that subsection.

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Modification of the right to supplementary allowance in certain cases.

10 (1) Where—

- (a) a person is registered for employment in pursuance of section 5 of this Act and is not receiving unemployment benefit under the Social Security Act 1975; and
- (b) it appears to a benefit officer that the person refuses or neglects to maintain himself or any other person whom for the purposes of this Act he is liable to maintain,

the officer may give him in the prescribed manner a direction in writing requiring him to attend a course of instruction or training which is approved or provided by the Secretary of State and is specified in the direction.

- (2) A person to whom such a direction is given may, in accordance with rules made by the Secretary of State, appeal against the direction to the Appeal Tribunal; and on an appeal in pursuance of this subsection the tribunal shall either confirm or cancel the direction.
- (3) A direction under subsection (1) of this section shall not come into force—
- (a) until the expiration of the period within which, without any extension of time, an appeal against it may be brought in pursuance of the preceding subsection; and
- (b) if during that period such an appeal is brought, until the appeal is withdrawn or the direction is confirmed by the tribunal.
- (4) A person in respect of whom a direction under subsection (1) of this section is in force shall not be entitled to a supplementary allowance while he fails to comply with the direction.
- (5) Regulations may make provision with respect to the consequences of the cancellation of a direction which has come into force.

Supplementary benefit in kind.

11 (1) Regulations may make provision—

- (a) for the requirements of any person to be met in prescribed circumstances by the provision of goods or services instead of by making the whole or part of any payment to which he would otherwise be entitled under this Act;
- (b) for any provision of this Act or regulations under it to be disregarded in connection with the provision of goods or services by virtue of the preceding paragraph;
- (c) as to the manner of providing goods or services to be provided by virtue of that paragraph.

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- (2) In relation to any goods or services provided in pursuance of this section, references in this Act to the amount of supplementary benefit shall be taken to refer to the value of the goods or services.

Supplementary Provisions Prevention of duplication of payments.

- 12 (1) Where a prescribed payment which apart from this subsection falls to be made from public funds in the United Kingdom or under the law of any other member State is not made on or before the date which is the prescribed date in relation to the payment, then—

- (a) in the case of a payment from such public funds, the authority responsible for making it may abate it by the relevant amount; and
- (b) in the case of any other payment, the Secretary of State shall be entitled to receive the relevant amount out of the payment;

and in this subsection “the relevant amount”, in relation to a payment, means the amount which a benefit officer determines has been paid by way of supplementary benefit and would not have been paid if the payment had been made on the date aforesaid.

- (1A) Where—

- (a) a payment by way of prescribed income is made after the date which is the prescribed date in relation to the payment; and
- (b) a benefit officer determines that an amount which has been paid by way of supplementary benefit would not have been paid if the said payment had been made on the date aforesaid,

the Secretary of State shall be entitled to recover that amount from the person to whom it was paid.

- (2) Where for any period—

- (a) a person (in this subsection referred to as A) is entitled to any prescribed benefit in respect of another person (in this subsection referred to as B); and
- (b) B’s requirements have been taken into account in determining the amount of any supplementary benefit payable for that period to B or some other person (other than A); and
- (c) the amount of the supplementary benefit so payable has been determined on the basis that A has not made payments for the maintenance of B at a rate equal to or exceeding the amount of the prescribed benefit;

the amount of the prescribed benefit may, at the discretion of the authority administering it, be abated by the amount by which the amounts paid under this Act exceed what a benefit officer determines they would have been had A, at the time the amount of the supplementary benefit was determined, been making payments for the maintenance of B at a rate equal to the amount of the prescribed benefit.

- (3) Where, in determining the amount of any supplementary benefit, the requirements of any person have been taken into account for the whole or part of a period in respect of which there might be afforded or granted to him—

- (a) a rate rebate under a scheme under section 11 or 12 of the ^{M12}Local Government Act 1974 or, in Scotland, the standard scheme prescribed under section 112 of the ^{M13}Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (including that scheme as varied under section 114 of that Act); or

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- (b) a rebate or allowance under Part II of the ^{M14}Housing Finance Act 1972 or, in Scotland, Part II of the ^{M15}Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972; and before the whole or part of the rebate or allowance has been afforded or granted, the authority administering the rebate or allowance, as the case may be, are notified by a benefit officer of the amount by which the amounts paid under this Act exceed what the officer has determined they would have been had the rebate or allowance been afforded or granted before the amount of the supplementary benefit was determined, the amount of the rebate or allowance to be afforded or granted shall be reduced by the amount so notified.
- (4) Where a benefit officer makes—
- (a) a determination in pursuance of the preceding provisions of this section in respect of an amount of supplementary benefit; or
 - (b) a determination altering on review or refusing to review a determination in respect of such an amount which has been made for the purposes of this section by a benefit officer or on appeal,
- the relevant person may appeal to the Appeal Tribunal against the determination; and subsection (3) of section 15 of this Act shall apply to an appeal under this subsection as it applies to an appeal under that section.
- (5) In the preceding subsection “the relevant person” means the person who is entitled, apart from subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this section, to the prescribed payment or the prescribed benefit or the rebate or allowance in question or, as the case may be, to whom the amount mentioned in subsection (1A) of this section was paid.

Payment of supplementary benefits.

- 13 Any sums payable under this Act by way of supplementary benefit shall be paid by the Secretary of State out of moneys provided by Parliament.

Administration of supplementary benefits.

- 14 (1) Regulations may make provision for carrying into effect this Part of this Act and Schedule 1 to this Act; and nothing in any other provision of this Act shall be construed as prejudicing the generality of this subsection.
- (2) Regulations may make provision—
- (a) for requiring claims for supplementary benefit to be made in such manner and within such time as may be specified in the regulations;
 - (b) for enabling a person to be appointed to exercise, on behalf of a claimant who may be or become unable to act in relation to his claim, any power in relation to it which the claimant is entitled to exercise;
 - (c) for prescribing the evidence which is to be provided in support of claims for supplementary benefit;
 - (d) for requiring or enabling a benefit officer, in such circumstances as may be specified in the regulations, to review any determination with respect to supplementary benefit, whether the determination is made by a benefit officer or by the Appeal Tribunal or by a Commissioner or Tribunal of Commissioners by virtue of rules under section 15A of this Act;
 - (e) for extinguishing the right to payment of any sum by way of supplementary benefit if payment is not obtained within the prescribed period of not less than

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- twelve months from the date on which the right is to be treated under regulations as having arisen;
- (ee) for suspending the payment of supplementary benefit pending the determination of questions;
 - (f) as to the day on which entitlement to a supplementary pension or allowance is to begin or end or the amount of supplementary pension or allowance is to change;
 - (g) as to the time and manner of paying supplementary benefit and the information and evidence to be furnished in connection with payments of it;
 - (h) for withholding payments of a supplementary pension or allowance in prescribed circumstances and for subsequently making withheld payments in prescribed circumstances;
 - (i) as to the circumstances and manner in which payments of supplementary benefit may be made to another person on behalf of the beneficiary for any purpose (which may be to discharge, in whole or in part, an obligation of the beneficiary or any other person);
 - (j) for the payment or distribution of supplementary benefit to or among persons claiming to be entitled to it on the death of any person and for dispensing with strict proof of their title;
 - (k) for the payment of travelling expenses in connection with claims for supplementary benefit.

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Appeals

- 15 (1) A person claiming, or in receipt of, supplementary benefit may appeal to the Appeal Tribunal against any determination of a benefit officer (including a determination to refuse to review a determination) with respect to the claim or benefit, except that no appeal shall lie by virtue of this subsection in a case falling within section 10(2), 12(4) or 20(3) of this Act;

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- (3) On an appeal under this section the Appeal Tribunal may—

(a) confirm the determination appealed against; or

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(c) substitute for any determination appealed against any determination which a benefit officer could have made.

- (4) Subject to section 15A of this Act, any determination of an Appeal Tribunal shall be final; but nothing in this section shall make any finding of fact or other determination embodied in or necessary to a decision, or on which it is based, conclusive for the purpose of any further decision.

Appeals from Appeal Tribunal.

- 15A(1) The Secretary of State may by rules make provision for any party to proceedings before an Appeal Tribunal (whether under this or any other Act) to appeal to a Commissioner against a decision of the tribunal.

- (2) Rules under this section may, in particular, make provision—

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- (a) as to cases and circumstances in which, and the conditions subject to which, appeals may be made, including provision either generally or in relation to specified classes of case for appeals—
 - (i) to be confined to points of law;
 - (ii) to be made only with leave;
 - (b) as to the manner in which, and the time within which, appeals are to be brought and (where appropriate) applications are to be made for leave to appeal;
 - (c) as to the procedure to be followed on appeals;
 - (d) as to the payment by the Secretary of State to persons attending proceedings before a Commissioner of travelling and other allowances (including compensation for loss of remunerative time).
- (3) The power to make provision as to procedure under subsection (2)(c) above includes power to make provision as to the representation of one person in any proceedings by another person.
- (4) Rules under this section may provide for a Commissioner hearing an appeal—
- (a) to give any decision which might have been given by the tribunal;
 - (b) to refer the case to another tribunal, with directions;
 - (c) to dispose of the appeal in such other manner as may be specified;
- and in any case where directions are given to a tribunal in accordance with rules under this section the tribunal shall proceed accordingly.
- (5) In this section “Commissioner” has the same meaning as in the ^{M16}Social Security Act 1975.

Supplementary benefits to be inalienable.

- 16 (1) Every assignment of, or charge on, any supplementary benefit, and every agreement to assign or charge any such benefit, shall be void; and on the bankruptcy... of a person entitled to any supplementary benefit, no rights in respect of the benefit shall pass to any trustee or other person acting on behalf of his creditors.
- (2) In the application of the preceding subsection to Scotland—
- (a) the reference to assignment of supplementary benefit shall be read as a reference to its assignation, “assign” being construed accordingly; and
 - (b) the reference to the bankruptcy of a person entitled to supplementary benefit shall be read as a reference to the sequestration of his estate or the appointment on his estate of a judicial factor under section 14 of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1913 or section 15 of the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1958.

PART II

LIABILITY TO MAINTAIN, RECOVERY OF EXPENDITURE AND OFFENCES

Liability to maintain

Liability to maintain.

- 17 (1) For the purposes of this Act—

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- (a) a man shall be liable to maintain his wife and his children; and
 - (b) a woman shall be liable to maintain her husband and her children; and
 - (c) a person shall be liable to maintain another person throughout any period in respect of which the first-mentioned person has, on or after the date of the passing of the Social Security Act 1980 and either alone or jointly with a further person, given an undertaking in writing in pursuance of immigration rules within the meaning of the Immigration Act 1971 to be responsible for the maintenance and accommodation of the other person.
- (2) In subsection (1) above—
- (a) the reference to a man's children includes a reference to children of whom he has been adjudged to be the putative father or, in Scotland, to children his paternity of whom has been admitted or otherwise established; and
 - (b) the reference to a woman's children includes a reference to her illegitimate children.
- (3) A document bearing a certificate which—
- (a) is signed by a person authorised in that behalf by the Secretary of State; and
 - (b) states that the document apart from the certificate is, or is a copy of, such an undertaking as is mentioned in subsection (1)(c) of this section,
- shall be conclusive evidence for the purposes of this Act of the undertaking in question; and a certificate purporting to be signed as aforesaid shall be deemed to be so signed until the contrary is proved.

Recovery of expenditure

Recovery of expenditure on supplementary benefits from persons liable for maintenance.

- 18 (1) Where supplementary benefit is paid or claimed to meet requirements which are, or include, those of a person whom another person is, for the purposes of this Act, liable to maintain (in this section referred to respectively as "the dependant" and "the liable person") the Secretary of State may make a complaint against the liable person to a magistrates' court for an order under this section.
- (2) Except in a case falling within section 17(1)(c) of this Act, no complaint under subsection (1) above shall be made where the dependant is an illegitimate child and the liable person is his father.
- (3) On the hearing of a complaint under subsection (1) above the court shall have regard to all the circumstances and, in particular, to the resources of the liable person, and may order him to pay such sum, weekly or otherwise, as it may consider appropriate, except that in a case falling within section 17(1)(c) of this Act that sum shall not include any amount which is not attributable to supplementary benefit (whether paid before or after the making of the order).
- (4) In determining whether to order any payments to be made in respect of supplementary benefit for any period before the complaint was made, or the amount of any such payments, the court shall disregard any amount by which the liable person's resources exceed the resources which were his during that period.
- (5) Any payments ordered to be made under this section shall be made—

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- (a) to the Secretary of State in so far as they are attributable to any supplementary benefit (whether paid before or after the making of the order);
- (b) to the person claiming supplementary benefit or (if different) the dependant; or
- (c) to such other person as appears to the court expedient in the interests of the dependant.

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- (7) An order under this section shall be enforceable as an affiliation order.
- (8) In the application of this section to Scotland, subsections (2) and (7) shall be omitted, and for the references to a complaint and to a magistrates' court there shall be substituted respectively references to an application and to the sheriff.

Affiliation orders.

- 19 (1) The provisions of this section apply in any case in which supplementary benefit is paid to meet requirements which include those of an illegitimate child.
- (2) If no affiliation order is in force the Secretary of State may, within three years from the time when any payment by way of supplementary benefit was made, make application to a justice of the peace acting for the petty sessions area in which the mother of the child resides for a summons to be served under section 1 of the ^{M17}Affiliation Proceedings Act 1957.
- (3) In any proceedings on an application under subsection (2) above the court shall hear such evidence as the Secretary of State may produce, and shall in all other respects, subject to the provisions of subsection (4) below, proceed as on an application made by the mother under section 1 of the said Act of 1957.
- (4) An affiliation order—
 - (a) made on an application made by the Secretary of State under subsection (2) above; or
 - (b) made on an application made by the Secretary of State on proceedings brought by the mother of the child under section 1 of the said Act of 1957,
may be made so as to provide that the payments, or a part of the payments, to be made under the order shall, instead of being made to the mother or a person having custody of the child, be made to the Secretary of State or to such other person as the court may direct.
- (5) Any affiliation order, whether made before or after the commencement of this Act, may, on the application of the Secretary of State, be varied so as to provide for the making of payments, or part thereof, as mentioned in subsection (4) above; and an application by the Secretary of State under this subsection may be made—
 - (a) notwithstanding that the mother has died and no person has been appointed to have the custody of the child; and
 - (b) where the child is not in the care of the mother and she is not contributing to his maintenance, without making her a party to the proceedings.
- (6) Any affiliation order which provides for the making of payments, or part thereof, as mentioned in subsection (4) above may, on the application of the mother of the child, be varied so as to provide that the payments shall be made to the mother or a person having custody of the child.

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- (8) In the application of this section to Scotland, the following provisions shall have effect in substitution for subsections (2) to (6) above—
- (a) the Secretary of State shall have the like right as the mother to raise an action of affiliation and aliment concluding for payment of aliment for the child;
 - (b) where any action of affiliation and aliment in respect of the child, whether at the instance of the Secretary of State under the foregoing paragraph or at the instance of the mother, the sheriff grants or has granted decree against any person for payment of aliment for the child, the sheriff may at the time of granting the decree or at any subsequent time on the application of the Secretary of State, order that the sums due under the decree or any part thereof shall, instead of being paid to the mother of the child, be paid to the Secretary of State or to such other person as the sheriff may direct;
 - (c) if such an order is made in favour of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State, or, if it is made in favour of another person, that person, shall have the like right to enforce the decree (so far as relating to the said sums) by diligence, including the right to take proceedings under the ^{M18}Civil Imprisonment (Scotland) Act 1882, as if the decree were a decree in favour of the Secretary of State or other person.

Recovery in cases of misrepresentation or non-disclosure.

- 20 (1) If, whether fraudulently or otherwise, any person misrepresents, or fails to disclose, any material fact, and in consequence of the misrepresentation or failure—
- (a) the Secretary of State incurs any expenditure under this Act; or
 - (b) any sum recoverable under this Act by or on behalf of the Secretary of State is not recovered,
- the Secretary of State shall be entitled to recover the amount thereof from that person.
- (2) If, whether in connection with any legal proceedings or otherwise, any question arises whether any amount paid by way of supplementary benefit is recoverable by the Secretary of State under this section, or as to the amount so recoverable, the question shall be determined by a benefit officer.
- (3) A person from whom, in pursuance of a determination of a benefit officer under the preceding subsection, an amount is recoverable under this section may appeal to the Appeal Tribunal against the determination; and subsection (3) of section 15 of this Act shall apply to an appeal under this subsection as it applies to an appeal under that section.
- (4) Where any amount paid by way of supplementary benefit is recoverable under this section, it may, without prejudice to any other method of recovery, be recovered by deduction from prescribed benefits.
- (5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall apply to any question as to whether any amount or what amount is recoverable by the Secretary of State under section 45 of the ^{M19}National Assistance Act 1948 or section 26 of the ^{M20}Supplementary Benefit Act 1966 (which contain provisions corresponding to subsection (1) of this section) and subsection (4) of this section shall apply to an amount recoverable by the Secretary of State under either of those sections—
- (a) as if for any reference in those subsections to this section there were substituted references to the said section 45 or 26, as the case may be; and

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- (b) as respects a question relating to recovery under the said section 45 and an amount recoverable under that section, as if the words “paid by way of supplementary benefit” in subsections (2) and (4) of this section were omitted.

Offences

False statements.

- 21 If any person, for the purpose of obtaining supplementary benefit or any other payment under this Act for himself or another person or for any other purpose connected with this Act—
- (a) makes any statement or representation which he knows to be false; or
 - (b) produces or furnishes, or causes to be produced or furnished, any document or information which he knows to be false in a material particular,
- he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £400 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both.

Impersonation of officers.

- 22 If any person, with intent to deceive, falsely represents himself to be a person authorised by the Secretary of State for Social Services to act in any capacity (whether under this Act or otherwise) he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £400.

Illegal possession of documents.

- 23 (1) If any person—
- (a) as a pledge or a security for a debt; or
 - (b) with a view to obtaining payment from the person entitled to it of a debt due either to himself or to any other person;
- receives, detains or has in his possession any document issued by or on behalf of the Secretary of State for Social Services in connection with any benefit, pension or allowance (whether payable under this Act or otherwise) he shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) If any person has such a document in his possession without lawful authority or excuse (the proof whereof shall lie on him) he shall be guilty of an offence.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding £400 or to both.

Failure to notify.

- 24 (1) If any person fails to comply with a provision of regulations under section 9(2) of this Act requiring him to give notice of any matter to the Secretary of State, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100.

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Failure to maintain.

- 25 (1) If any person persistently refuses or neglects to maintain himself or any person whom for the purposes of this Act he is liable to maintain and in consequence of his refusal or neglect supplementary benefit is awarded to meet requirements which are, or include, his or those of such a person he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding £400 or to both.
- (2) For the purposes of this section a person shall not be taken to refuse or neglect to maintain himself or any other person by reason only of anything done or omitted in furtherance of a trade dispute.

Legal proceedings

Legal proceedings.

- 26 (1) Any person authorised by the Secretary of State in that behalf may conduct any proceedings under this Act before a magistrates' court although not a barrister or solicitor.
- (2) Without prejudice to any other method of recovery, any sum due under this Act to the Secretary of State, other than a sum due under an order enforceable as an affiliation order, shall be recoverable summarily as a civil debt.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything in any Act—
- (a) proceedings under this Act for the recovery of a sum recoverable summarily as a civil debt may be begun at any time within three years after the sum became due;
 - (b) proceedings for an offence under this Act may be begun at any time within the period of three months from the date on which evidence, sufficient in the opinion of the Secretary of State to justify a prosecution for the offence, comes to his knowledge, or within the period of twelve months from the commission of the offence, whichever period last expires.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3) above, a certificate purporting to be signed by, or on behalf of, the Secretary of State as to the date on which such evidence as is mentioned in paragraph (b) of that subsection came to his knowledge shall be conclusive evidence of that date.
- (5) In any proceedings for an offence under this Act the wife or husband of the accused shall be competent to give evidence, whether for or against the accused, but shall not be compellable either to give evidence or, in giving evidence, to disclose any communication made to her or him by the accused during the marriage.
- (6) In the application of this section to Scotland, the following provisions shall effect in substitution for subsections (1) to (4) above—
- (a) proceedings for an offence under this Act may, notwithstanding anything in section 331 of the ^{M21}Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975, be commenced at any time within the period of three months from the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the appropriate authority to justify proceedings comes to his knowledge, or within the period of twelve months from the commission of the offence, whichever period last expires;
 - (b) for the purposes of this subsection—

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- (i) “the appropriate authority” means the Secretary of State or, in the case of proceedings which are not preceded by a report of the facts made by the Secretary of State to the Lord Advocate, means the Lord Advocate;
- (ii) a certificate of the appropriate authority as to the date on which such evidence as is mentioned above comes to his knowledge shall be conclusive evidence; and
- (iii) subsection (3) of section 331 of the said Act of 1975 (date of commencement of proceedings) shall have effect as it has effect for the purposes of that section.

PART III

ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL

Administration

Duties of Secretary of State.

- 27 (1) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to make arrangements with a view to ensuring that benefit officers and other officers of his concerned with the administration of this Act exercise their functions in such manner as shall best promote the welfare of persons affected by the exercise of those functions.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to appoint persons to perform the functions conferred by virtue of this Act on benefit officers.

The Appeal Tribunal.

- 28 The Appeal Tribunal for the purposes of this Act shall be such of the tribunals constituted in accordance with Schedule 4 to this Act as, under that Schedule, has jurisdiction in the case in question.

Re-establishment courses and resettlement units.

- 30 (1) The provisions of Schedule 5 to this Act shall have effect with respect to re-establishment courses and resettlement units.
- (2) If the Secretary of State so directs, payment at such rates as he may determine shall be made by persons for whom temporary board and lodging are provided in connection with courses provided or units maintained under that Schedule.

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Modification of Act for special cases.

- 32A Regulations may provide for any provision of this Act except this section to have effect with prescribed modifications—
- (a) in cases involving a marriage celebrated under a law which permits polygamy or a marriage during the subsistence of which a party to it is at any time married to more than one person;

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- (b) in cases where the Secretary of State considers that without the modifications the provision in question would give rise to an anomaly or an injustice or would produce impractical consequences.

Rules and regulations.

33 (1) Powers conferred by this Act to make rules or regulations are exercisable by statutory instrument.

(1A) Rules under this Act may make different provision for different classes of case and otherwise for different circumstances.

(2) Subsections (2) and (3) of section 166 of the ^{M22}Social Security Act 1975 (which among other things make provision about the extent of powers to make regulations) shall apply to powers to make regulations conferred by this Act as they apply to powers to make regulations conferred by that Act but as if for references to that Act there were substituted references to this Act.

(3) Regulations of the following kinds, namely—

- (a) regulations of which the effect is to increase an amount which is specified in regulations made in pursuance of section 3 of this Act or which, by virtue of regulations made in pursuance of paragraph (b) of section 4(1) of this Act, is specified in a provision mentioned in that paragraph;
- (b) regulations made in pursuance of section 32A(b) of this Act except regulations made for the purpose only of consolidating regulations which they revoke;
- (c) regulations made in pursuance of paragraph 1 or 2 of Schedule 1 to this Act except regulations made for the purpose only of consolidating regulations which they revoke,

shall not be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House and, in the case of regulations falling within paragraph (a) or (c) of this subsection, shall not be made without the consent of the Treasury.

(4) A statutory instrument containing regulations of which a draft is not required by the preceding subsection to be approved as there mentioned or containing rules made under this Act shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

(5) Without prejudice to the generality of any power conferred by this Act to make regulations, regulations may provide for a person to exercise a discretion in dealing with any matter.

Interpretation.

34 (1) In this Act—

“the Appeal Tribunal” means the tribunal which has jurisdiction in accordance with section 28 of this Act;

“benefit officer” means a person appointed in pursuance of section 27(2) of this Act;

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“child” means a person under the age of 16;

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“enactment” includes an enactment of the Parliament of Northern Ireland and a provision of a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly;

“married couple” means a man and a woman who are married to each other and are members of the same household;

“modifications” includes additions, omissions and amendments, and related expressions shall be construed accordingly;

“pensionable age” means, in the case of a man, the age of 65, and, in the case of a woman, the age of 60;

“place of employment” has the same meaning as in section 19 of the ^{M23}Social Security Act 1975;

“prescribed” means specified in or determined in accordance with regulations;

“regulations” means regulations made by the Secretary of State under this Act;

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“supplementary benefit” means any benefit under this Act;

“trade dispute” has the same meaning as in section 19 of the Social Security Act 1975;

“unmarried couple” means a man and a woman who are not married to each other but are living together as husband and wife otherwise than in prescribed circumstances;

“voluntary organisation” means a body, other than a public or local authority, the activities of which are carried on otherwise than for profit.

- (2) Except where the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act to any enactment is a reference to that enactment as amended or extended by or under any other enactment, including this Act.
- (3) Regulations may make provision as to the circumstances in which a person is to be treated for the purposes of any specified provision of this Act—
- (a) as being or not being a member of the same household as another person;
 - (b) as responsible for another person.

SCHEDULE 1

Sections 2, 3, 4, 14 and 33.

PROVISIONS FOR DETERMINING RIGHT TO BENEFIT AND AMOUNT OF BENEFIT

General

- 1 (1) The amount of any supplementary benefit to which a person is entitled shall, subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, be the amount by which his resources fall short of his requirements.
- (2) For the purpose of ascertaining that amount—
- (a) a person’s requirements shall be determined in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Schedule; and
 - (b) a person’s resources shall be calculated in the prescribed manner;
- and, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (b) of this sub-paragraph, regulations in pursuance of that paragraph may provide for a person to be treated as possessing resources which he does not possess and for disregarding resources which a person does possess.

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- (3) Regulations may provide that a person whose resources as ascertained in pursuance of paragraph (b) of the preceding sub-paragraph or a prescribed part of them exceed or exceeds a prescribed amount shall not be entitled to a supplementary pension or allowance.

Requirements

- 2 (1) For the purposes of this Schedule requirements shall be of three categories, namely, normal requirements, additional requirements and housing requirements; and the items to which each category relates and, subject to sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph, the weekly amounts for those categories shall be such as may be prescribed.
- (2) A person's requirements shall consist of normal requirements together with requirements, if any, of such of the other categories as are applicable in his case.
- (3) In the case of a person specified in the first column of the following table his normal requirements shall be taken to be the weekly amount specified in relation to him in the second column of that table; and in that table—
- “householder” means a person who is not one of a married or unmarried couple but who satisfies prescribed conditions with respect to living accommodation; and
- “relevant person” means a person whose requirements include those of another person by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3 of this Schedule.

TABLE

<i>Person</i>	<i>Weekly amount</i>
1. A relevant person who— (a) is such a person as is mentioned in section 1(1)(a) of this Act; or (b) is not such a person as is so mentioned but satisfies prescribed conditions.	The aggregate of the sums for the time being specified in section 6(1)(a) of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 and column (3) of paragraph 6 of Part IV of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Act 1975 (which specify the amounts of the basic component of a Category A retirement pension and the increase of the pension for an adult dependant).
2. A relevant person not falling within paragraph 1 of this table.	The aggregate of the sums for the time being specified in paragraph 1 of Part I of the said Schedule 4 and column (3) of paragraph 1(a) of the said Part IV (which specify the amounts of unemployment or sickness benefit and the increase of it for an adult dependant of a beneficiary under pensionable age).
3. A householder who— (a) has attained pensionable age; or (b) has not attained pensionable age but satisfies prescribed conditions.	The sum for the time being specified in the said section 6(1)(a).
4. A householder not falling within paragraph 3 of this table.	The sum for the time being specified in paragraph 1 of the said Part I.

- (4) Regulations may provide that the preceding sub-paragraph shall have effect with prescribed modifications,

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- (5) Notwithstanding anything in the preceding provisions of this paragraph, regulations may provide for a person to be treated as having no normal requirements in prescribed cases.

Aggregation of requirements and resources

- 3 (1) Where two persons are a married or unmarried couple, their requirements and resources shall be aggregated and treated—
- (a) until the prescribed date, as those of the man; and
 - (b) on and after that date, as those of such one of them as satisfies prescribed conditions or, where both of them satisfy or neither of them satisfies those conditions, as those of such one of them as they may jointly nominate in accordance with regulations or, in default of such a nomination, as the Secretary of State may determine.
- (2) Where a person is responsible for, and is a member of the same household as, another person and they are not a married or unmarried couple, then—
- (a) if the other person is a child or is excluded from entitlement to supplementary benefit by section 6(2) of this Act; or
 - (b) if the circumstances are such as are prescribed,
- their requirements and resources shall be aggregated and treated as those of the first-mentioned person.
- (3) Regulations may provide that, in a case falling within the preceding sub-paragraph, sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall apply in relation to the other person with prescribed modifications.

Exclusion of small payments

- 4 Where the amount of any supplementary benefit would be less than a prescribed amount, the benefit shall not be payable except in prescribed circumstances.

SCHEDULE 5

Section 30.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT COURSES AND RESETTLEMENT UNITS

Re-establishment courses

- 1 (1) The Secretary of State may provide courses, to be known as re-establishment courses, at which persons who are in need of re-establishment through lack of instruction or training may be afforded the occupation, instruction or training required to fit them for entry into, or return to, regular employment.
- (2) Persons mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) above may attend re-establishment courses either in consequence of a direction under section 10(1) of this Act or otherwise, and the Secretary of State may provide temporary board and lodging for persons attending re-establishment courses.

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Resettlement units

- 2 (1) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to provide and maintain places, to be known as resettlement units, at which persons without a settled way of life are afforded temporary board and lodging with a view to influencing them to lead a more settled life.
- (2) The Secretary of State may require the councils of counties, other than metropolitan counties, and of metropolitan districts, regions, island areas and London boroughs and the Common Council of the City of London to exercise, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in accordance with any directions given by the Secretary of State, the functions of providing and maintaining resettlement units.
- (3) A council may recover from the Secretary of State any expenditure incurred by them under this paragraph with the approval of the Secretary of State, given either as respects that expenditure or generally as respects expenditure up to a specified amount.
- (4) Before giving directions under sub-paragraph (2) above the Secretary of State shall consult with such local authorities, or associations of local authorities, as appear to him to be concerned.

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Contributions for courses and places provided by voluntary organisations

- 4 The Secretary of State may make contributions to the funds of any voluntary organisation providing courses or places for purposes similar to the purposes for which re-establishment courses or resettlement units are provided by the Secretary of State.”

^{F36}SCHEDULE

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Textual Amendments

F36 Ss. 2, 3(1)–(3)(11), 4(3)(5)(6), 5(1), 6(2)(4), 9(1)(2)(5)(7), 10(1)–(5), 11, 13(1)–(3)(5)(6), 14, 17, 18, 19(3), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14 repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

SCHEDULE 4

Section 20.

CONSEQUENTIAL AND MINOR AMENDMENTS OF ENACTMENTS

^{M24}*Polish Resettlement Act 1947*

Marginal Citations

M24 1947 c. 19.

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects
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- 1 (1) Section 3 of the Polish Resettlement Act 1947 and Part II of the Schedule to that Act (which among other things authorise the Supplementary Benefits Commission to provide accommodation and goods and services for former members of certain Polish forces) shall be amended as follows—
- (a) for references to the Supplementary Benefits Commission wherever they occur except in section 3(5), there shall be substituted references to the Secretary of State;
 - (b) in section 3(2) the words “by making payments to persons for whom accommodation is provided” shall be omitted and for the word “another” there shall be substituted the words “the other”;
 - (c) subsections (4), (5), (10) and (10A) of section 3 (which among other things provide for the making and observance of rules about conduct in accommodation and that the Commission’s functions under that section are exercised on behalf of the Secretary of State) shall be omitted;
 - (d) in paragraph 3 of that Schedule the words the words from “(including” to “repealed)” (which relate to the recovery of certain charges from a step-father) shall be omitted; and
 - (e) in paragraph 4 of that Schedule the proviso (which provides for an appeal about the amounts of certain charges) shall be omitted.
- (2) In sections 4(1), 6(1) and 7(1) of that Act (which contain references to persons for whom there is power to provide accommodation under section 3 of that Act) for the words from “for whom” to “power” there shall be substituted the words “for whom the Secretary of State has power””; and for subsection (3) of section 12 of that Act (which modifies references to such persons in the application of the Act to Northern Ireland) there shall be substituted the following subsection—
- “(3) References in sections 4 to 7 of this Act to persons of any description for whom the Secretary of State has power to provide accommodation under section 3 of this Act shall include references to persons in Northern Ireland of any description for whom he would have power to so provide if those persons were in Great Britain.”

^{M25}*The National Assistance Act 1948*

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M25 1948 c. 29.

- 2 (1) In section 22 of the National Assistance Act 1948, in subsection (5) (which provides that in assessing a person’s ability to pay for certain accommodation a local authority shall have regard to Part III of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976) for the words from “Part III” onwards there shall be substituted the words “regulations made by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this subsection””, and subsection (9) (under which payments of benefit may be diverted to a local authority to discharge a liability in respect of accommodation provided by that authority) shall cease to have effect.
- (2) Section 27 of that Act (under which among other things questions as to the circumstances of a person applying for accommodation under the Act may be referred to the Supplementary Benefits Commission) shall cease to have effect.

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Textual Amendments

F37 Sch. 4 para. 2(3) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 17, s. 5(1)(2), Sch. 3 (with Sch. 2 paras. 6 and 16)

^{M26}The Maintenance Orders Act 1950

Marginal Citations

M26 1950 c. 37.

- 3 In section 8(1) of the Maintenance Orders Act 1950 (which relates to jurisdiction in certain actions of affiliation and aliment in Scotland) for the words from “or at the instance” to “local authority” there shall be substituted the words “ or at the instance of the Secretary of State or of a local authority” ”.

^{M27}The Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1967

Marginal Citations

M27 1967 c. 43.

- 4 (1) Section 4(5) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1967 (which provides, in relation to legal aid, for computing resources by reference to the rules set out in certain paragraphs of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976) shall cease to have effect.
- (2) In section 4(6) of that Act (which among other things provides for the income and capital of a person and the maximum amount of his contribution to the legal aid fund to be determined by the Supplementary Benefits Commission) for the words from “determined” onwards there shall be substituted the words “ determined in accordance with regulations; and regulations for the purposes of this subsection may make different provision for different cases or classes of cases.” ”.

^{M28}The Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

Marginal Citations

M28 1968 c. 49.

- 5 (1) In section 87(3) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (under which accommodation provided under that Act is regarded as provided under Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948) for the words “sections 22(2) to (9)” there shall be substituted the words “ sections 22(2) to (8)” ”.
- (2) Section 87(6) of that Act (under which among other things questions as to the circumstances of a person applying for accommodation under that Act may be referred to the Supplementary Benefits Commission) shall cease to have effect.

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M29 The Local Authority Social Services Act 1970

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M29 1970 c. 42.

- 6 In Schedule 1 to the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 (which lists the functions of a local authority assigned to its Social Services Committee), in column 2 of the entry relating to Schedule 5 to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976, for the words “reception centres” there shall be substituted the words “resettlement units”.

M30 The Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972

Marginal Citations

M30 1972 c. 46.

- 7 In section 16A(4) of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972 (which relates to a housing authority and the Supplementary Benefits Commission providing each other with information for purposes connected with supplementary benefits), for the words “Supplementary Benefits Commission” in both places where they occur there shall be substituted the words “Secretary of State” and for the words “the Commission” there shall be substituted the words “the Secretary of State”.

M31 The Employment and Training Act 1973

Marginal Citations

M31 1973 c. 50.

- 8 In section 12(2)(b) of the Employment and Training Act 1973 (which refers to the Supplementary Benefits Commission), for the words “the Supplementary Benefits Commission” there shall be substituted the words “a benefit officer within the meaning of the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976” and for the words “latter Commission” there shall be substituted the word “officer”.

M32 The Legal Aid Act 1974

Marginal Citations

M32 1974 c. 4.

- 9 (1) Section 11(6) of the Legal Aid Act 1974 (which provides, in relation to legal aid, for computing resources by reference to the rules set out in certain paragraphs of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976) shall cease to have effect.
- (2) In section 11(7) of that Act (which among other things provides for the income and capital of a person and the maximum amount of his contribution to the legal aid

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fund to be determined by the Supplementary Benefits Commission) for the words from “determined” onwards there shall be substituted the words “determined in accordance with regulations; and regulations for the purposes of this subsection may make different provision for different cases or classes of cases.”

- (3) In section 33(1) of that Act (which relates to enquiries into person’s means) for the words “Supplementary Benefits Commission” there shall be substituted the words “Secretary of State to arrange for an officer of his” , for the words “the Commission” there shall be substituted the words “the Secretary of State” and before the word “report” there shall be inserted the words “arrange for the officer to” .

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Textual Amendments

F38 Ss. 2, 3(1)–(3)(11), 4(3)(5)(6), 5(1), 6(2)(4), 9(1)(2)(5)(7), 10(1)–(5), 11, 13(1)–(3)(5)(6), 14, 17, 18, 19(3), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14 repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

M33 The Sex Discrimination Act 1975

Marginal Citations

M33 1975 c. 65.

- 11 In section 35(1)(a) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (which refers to a reception centre provided by the Supplementary Benefits Commission) for the words “reception centre provided by the Supplementary Benefits Commission” there shall be substituted the words “resettlement unit provided under Schedule 5 to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976” .

M34 The Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1977

Marginal Citations

M34 1977 c. 5.

- 12 In subsection (13) of section 22 of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1977 (which refers to section 44(6) of the Pensions Act as amended by a subsection repealed by this Act) for the words “the said section 44(6) as amended by the preceding subsection” there shall be substituted the words “section 44(6) of the Pensions Act” .

M35 The Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978

Marginal Citations

M35 1978 c. 44.

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- 13 (1) In section 132(3) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 (which among other things refers to section 15(2) to (4) of the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976)—
- (a) for the words “the Supplementary Benefits Commission” and “the Commission” in paragraphs (b) and (e) there shall be substituted the words “a benefit officer within the meaning of the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976”; and
 - (b) for the words “15(2) to (4) of that Act (appeals)” there shall be substituted the words “15(3) and (4) and regulations under section 2(1A) of that Act”.
- (2) For paragraph (b) of section 132(4) of that Act (which provides that certain provisions of the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 relating to the recovery of benefit shall not apply to supplementary benefit recouped by virtue of that section) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—
- “(b) no sum shall be recoverable under the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976, and no abatement, payment or reduction shall be made under section 12(1), (2) or (3) of that Act, by reference to the supplementary benefit recouped.”

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Textual Amendments

F39 Ss. 2, 3(1)–(3)(11), 4(3)(5)(6), 5(1), 6(2)(4), 9(1)(2)(5)(7), 10(1)–(5), 11, 13(1)–(3)(5)(6), 14, 17, 18, 19(3), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 para. 21, Sch. 3, Sch. 4, paras. 10, 14 repealed on consolidation (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#)

SCHEDULE 5

Sections 8 and 21.

ENACTMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS REPEALED

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C11 The text of ss.3(4)(8)(9)(12), 4(1), 6(1)(3), 9(6), 16(3)–(6), 21(4), Sch. 2 para. 32, Sch. 2 Pt. II, Schs. 4, 5 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

PART I

ENACTMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS REPEALED ON PASSING OF ACT

Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
6 & 7 Geo. 6. c. 39.	The Pensions Appeal Tribunals Act 1943.	Section 8(3)(a). Paragraph 7A of the Schedule.

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1975 c. 14.	The Social Security Act 1975.	In section 125(2) the words from “and shall have regard either” onwards.
1975 c. 16.	The Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Old Cases) Act 1975.	In section 6, in subsection (2), the words from “shall” where it first occurs to “disease, and”, and subsection (5).
1975 c. 60.	The Social Security Pensions Act 1975.	Section 21(6). In section 23, in subsection (1) the words “(4) and” and subsection (4). In section 62(1)(b) the words “or 9(3)”. Paragraph 49 of Schedule 4.
1975 c. 61.	The Child Benefit Act 1975.	In section 2(3) the words from “ending” to “that week”.
1977 c. 5.	The Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1977.	Section 1(7)(a). Section 7(2) and (4). Section 11(2). Section 22(12).
1977 c. 38.	The Administration of Justice Act 1977.	Part III of Schedule 2.
1979 c. 18.	The Social Security Act 1979.	Paragraph 9(b)(ii) of Schedule 3.

Number	Title	Extent of repeal
S.I. 1966 No. 164.	The Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit Scheme 1966.	Article 2(2)(ii).
SI. 1977 No. 1104.	The Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment)(No. 3) Scheme 1977.	The whole scheme.

PART II

ENACTMENTS REPEALED ON APPOINTED DAY

Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 19.	The Polish Resettlement Act 1947.	In section 3, in subsection (2) the words “by making payments to persons for whom accommodation is

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		provided" and subsections (4), (5), (10) and (10A). In the Schedule, the words from "(including" to "repealed)" in paragraph 3, the proviso in paragraph 4 and the words from "whether" to "the tribunal" in paragraph 6.
11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29.	The National Assistance Act 1948.	Sections 22(9) and 27.
1967 c. 43.	The Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1967.	Section 4(5).
1968 c. 49.	The Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.	Section 87(6).
1970 c. 36.	The Merchant Shipping Act 1970.	In section 17(10) the words "Secretary of State or the", the words "Secretary of State or" in the second place where they occur and the words "the Supplementary Benefits Commission or, as the case may be,".
1970 c. 55.	The Family Income Supplements Act 1970.	In section 7(2) the words from "(or, if" to "the refusal)". In section 10(2)(h) the words "National Insurance". In section 17(1) the definition of "single woman".
1972 c. 46.	The Housing (Financial Provisions)(Scotland) Act 1972.	In paragraph 18(2) of Schedule 3, the words "and the Supplementary Benefits Commission".
1972 c. 47.	The Housing Finance Act 1972.	In paragraph 17(2) of Schedule 4 the words "and the Supplementary Benefits Commission".
1974 c. 4.	The Legal Aid Act 1974.	Section 11(6).
1975 c. 14.	The Social Security Act 1975.	Section 41(6). In section 44, subsection (3) (b) and subsections (5) and (6). In section 47 the words from the last "or" in subsection (1) (a) onwards. Section 65(4).

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		<p>In section 66, subsection (1) (b) and (c) and subsection (8). Sections 138 and 139. In section 142(5) the words from "section 139" to "and". Section 158. In section 166(4) the words from "except" to "scheme)". In section 168(4) the figures "139". In Part IV of Schedule 4 the words from "Where unemployment" onwards. Schedule 15. Schedule 19. In Schedule 20 the entry relating to the expression "Incapable of self-support" (including both paragraphs in the second column of the entry).</p>
1975 c. 18.	The Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Act 1975.	<p>In Schedule 3, in paragraph 11(2), the words "139(1)", the words "reference to N.I.A.C. and" and the words from "except" onwards.</p>
1975 c. 24.	The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975.	<p>In Part II of Schedule 1 the words "The National Insurance Advisory Committee" and "The Supplementary Benefits Commission".</p>
1975 c. 25.	The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975.	<p>In Part II of Schedule 1 the words "The National Insurance Advisory Committee" and "The Supplementary Benefits Commission".</p>
1975 c. 60.	The Social Security Pensions Act 1975.	<p>Sections 22(6) and 61(1).</p>
1975 c. 61.	The Child Benefit Act 1975.	<p>In Schedule 4, paragraph 36.</p>
1976 c. 71.	The Supplementary Benefits Act 1976.	<p>In section 2, the words from the second "and" in subsection (2)(a) to the end of the section. Section 8(3). In section 9, subsections (4) to (8).</p>

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1976 c. 85.	The National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976.	<p>In section 14, in subsection (2) the words “National Insurance” in paragraph (d) and the word “and” at the end of paragraphs (e) and (ee), and subsections (3) and (4). In section 15, subsections (2) and (3)(b). In section 15A the words “National Insurance” in both places and the words from “and includes” onwards in subsection (5). In section 16 the words “or, in Scotland, on the sequestration of the estate”. Sections 18(6) and 19(7). In section 22 the words “or the Commission”. Section 24(2). In section 25(1), paragraph (b) and the word “or” at the end of paragraph (a). Section 30(3) and (4). In section 32(1) the words “or adapting”. In section 33(1A) the words “and regulations”. In section 34(1) the definitions of “blind”, “the Commission” and “school” and in the definition of “supplementary benefit” the words from “and includes” onwards. In section 36(2) the words “27 (including Schedule 3)” and the words “the Commission and”. Schedules 2 and 3. In Schedule 5, paragraph 3. In Schedule 6, paragraphs 3, 6, 7 and 8(3). In Schedule 7, paragraphs 1(a), 2, 3(b) and (c) and 34.</p>
1977 c. 5.	The Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1977.	<p>Section 1(4). In section 14, subsections (1) to (4) and (7) to (10). Section 15.</p>

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		In section 24(4) the words "139(1) and" and the words "the National Insurance Advisory Committee or".
1978 c. 44.	The Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978.	In Schedule 16, paragraph 19(2).
1979 c. 18.	The Social Security Act 1979.	Sections 4(3), 15(2) and 17. Paragraphs 28 and 30(a) of Schedule 3.
1979 c. 26.	The Legal Aid Act 1979.	Paragraphs 2 and 14 of Schedule 1.
1980 c. 9.	The Reserve Forces Act 1980.	In Schedule 9, paragraph 16.

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