



Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 4

PART II

CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

Child's special allowance

56 Child's special allowance - existing beneficiaries.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act ^{F1}... , a woman whose marriage has been terminated by divorce shall be entitled to a child's special allowance at the weekly rate specified in Schedule 4, Part I, paragraph 6, if—
- (a) the husband of that marriage is dead and satisfied the contribution condition for a child's special allowance specified in Schedule 3, Part I, paragraph 6; and
 - (b) she is entitled to child benefit in respect of a child and either—
 - (i) she was so entitled immediately before that husband's death; or
 - (ii) in such circumstances as may be prescribed, he was then so entitled; and
 - (c) either—
 - (i) that husband had before his death been contributing at not less than the prescribed weekly rate to the cost of providing for that child; or
 - (ii) at the date of that husband's death she was entitled, under an order of a court, trust or agreement which she has taken reasonable steps to enforce, to receive (whether from that husband or from another person) payments in respect of that child at not less than that rate provided or procured by that husband.
- (2) A child's special allowance shall not be payable to a woman—
- (a) for any period after her remarriage; or

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- (b) for any period during which she and a man to whom she is not married are living together as husband and wife.
- (3) Where, apart from this subsection, a person is entitled to receive, in respect of a particular child, payment of an amount by way of a child's special allowance, that amount shall not be payable unless one of the conditions specified in subsection (4) below is satisfied.
- (4) Those conditions are—
- (a) that the beneficiary would be treated for the purposes of Part IX of this Act as having the child living with him; or
 - (b) that the requisite contributions are being made to the cost of providing for the child.
- (5) The condition specified in subsection (4)(b) above is to be treated as satisfied if, but only if—
- (a) such contributions are being made at a weekly rate not less than the amount referred to in subsection (3) above—
 - (i) by the beneficiary; or
 - (ii) where the beneficiary is one of two spouses residing together, by them together; and
 - (b) except in prescribed cases, the contributions are over and above those required for the purpose of satisfying section 143(1)(b) below.
- (6) A child's special allowance shall not be payable for any period after 5th April 1987 except to a woman who immediately before 6th April 1987—
- (a) satisfied the conditions set out in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) above; and
 - (b) was not barred from payment of the allowance for either of the reasons mentioned in subsection (2) above,
- and who has so continued since 6th April 1987.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 56(1) repealed with savings (6.4.2003) by [Tax Credits Act 2002 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 61, **Sch. 6**; S.I. 2003/938, art. 2, **Sch.** (with art. 3)
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 56 modified by [The Social Security Benefit \(Dependency\) Regulations 1977 \(S.I. 1977/343\)](#), **reg. 4B** (as substituted (9.4.2001) by S.I. 2000/1483, regs. 1, 5)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2010/875 reg. 16Sch. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). [S.I. 2010/875](#) revoked (27.8.2010) before coming into force by [S.I. 2010/1906](#), regs. 1(2), 2)
- Act restricted by [S.I. 1995/471 art. 32\(4\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 8ZA inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 16\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by [2012 c. 5](#), s. 73; [S.I. 2012/3090](#), art. 2(1)(b))
- Pt. 12ZE inserted by [2023 c. 20 Sch. para. 5](#)
- s. 4(1)(a)(viii) and word inserted by [2023 c. 20 Sch. para. 11\(b\)](#)
- s. 4C(5)(i)(j) repealed by [2007 c. 22 Sch. 4 para. 42\(3\)\(c\)Sch. 7 Pt. 7](#)
- s. 11A(1)(eb) inserted by [2021 c. 26 Sch. 27 para. 12](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The existing section 11A of Act repealed by paragraph 4(1) of the Schedule to the National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) Act 2023 (c. 57))
- s. 30B(4)(aa) inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 9 para. 4](#)
- s. 35(1)(e) and word inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 63\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 35(3)(za) inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 63\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 45(2A)(a) words substituted by [2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 2\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 45(2A)(b) substituted by [2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 2\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 46(5)(6) inserted by [2008 c. 30 Sch. 4 para. 6\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 4 para. 6(3) repealed (1.10.2014) without ever being in force by [2014 c. 19](#), Sch. 12 para. 96(c); [S.I. 2014/2377](#), art. 2(1)(a)(ii)(3)(c))
- s. 46(5)(a) words substituted by [2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 3](#)
- s. 47(4A) inserted by [2008 c. 30 s. 102\(6\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 102 repealed (1.10.2014) without ever being in force by [2014 c. 19](#), Sch. 12 para. 96(a); [S.I. 2014/2377](#), art. 2(1)(a)(ii)(3)(c))
- s. 124(1)(ea) inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 59\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 124(1)(ga) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 5\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 124(1C) inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 59\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 124(6A)(6B) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 5\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 59\(3\)](#)
- s. 130C(2)(za) inserted by [2016 asp 19 Sch. 4 para. 5](#)
- s. 138(2A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 17](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by [2012 c. 5](#), s. 73; [S.I. 2012/3090](#), art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 138(2B) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 19\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by [2012 c. 5](#), s. 73; [S.I. 2012/3090](#), art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 140(4)(ca) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 19\(6\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by [2012 c. 5](#), s. 73; [S.I. 2012/3090](#), art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 140(4A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 19\(7\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by [2012 c. 5](#), s. 73; [S.I. 2012/3090](#), art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 164(2)(aa) inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 63\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 164(9)(da) inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 63\(3\)\(b\)](#)

- s. 171ZA(2)(ba) inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 63(4)(a)
- s. 171ZA(3A) inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 63(4)(b)
- s. 171ZB(2)(ba) inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 63(5)(a)
- s. 171ZB(3A) inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 63(5)(b)
- s. 171ZE(2A) inserted by 2014 c. 6 s. 123(3)(b)
- s. 171ZE(2B) inserted by 2014 c. 6 s. 123(3)(c)
- s. 171ZL(2)(ba) inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 63(8)(a)
- s. 171ZL(8)(za) inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 63(8)(c)
- s. 171ZEA(2)(ba) inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 63(6)(a)
- s. 171ZEA(3)(za) inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 63(6)(b)
- s. 171ZEB(2)(ba) inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 63(7)(a)
- s. 171ZEB(3)(za) inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 63(7)(b)
- s. 173A inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 63(9)
- s. 176(3A) inserted by 2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 5(2)
- Sch. 4 Pt. 1 para. 2A applied by S.I. 1995/310 reg. 18(1)(a)
- Sch. 4 Pt. 1 para. 6 power to amend conferred by 1992 c. 5 s. 154(2)(a)
- Sch. 4 Pt. 1 para. 2 repealed by 2007 c. 5 Sch. 8
- Sch. 4 Pt. 1 para. 2A repealed by 2007 c. 5 Sch. 8
- Sch. 4 Pt. 5 para. 7 power to amend conferred by 1992 c. 5 s. 154(2)(d)(e)
- Sch. 4 Pt. 5 para. 12 power to amend conferred by 1992 c. 5 s. 154(2)(d)(e)
- Sch. 4 Pt. 3 para. 1 power to amend conferred by 1992 c. 5 s. 150(3)(a)151
- Sch. 4 Pt. 3 para. 2 power to amend conferred by 1992 c. 5 s. 150(3)(a)151
- Sch. 4 Pt. 3 para. 4 power to amend conferred by 1992 c. 5 s. 150(3)(a)151
- Sch. 4 Pt. 3 para. 5 power to amend conferred by 1992 c. 5 s. 150(3)(a)151
- Sch. 4 Pt. 3 para. 6 power to amend conferred by 1992 c. 5 s. 150(3)(a)151
- Sch. 4 Pt. 4 para. 2 applied by S.I. 1995/310 reg. 15(7)
- Sch. 4 Pt. 4 para. 1A repealed by 2007 c. 5 Sch. 8
- Sch. 4 Pt. 4 para. 2 repealed by 2007 c. 5 Sch. 8
- Sch. 4B para. 1(1)(a)para. 1(1)(b)(2) words inserted by 2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 6(2)(b)
- Sch. 4C inserted by 2008 c. 30 s. 102(5)Sch. 3 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 102, Sch. 3 repealed (1.10.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 19, Sch. 12 para. 96(a)(b); S.I. 2014/2377, art. 2(1)(a)(ii)(3)(c))
- Sch. 4C para. 7(2)(c) inserted by 2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 7(7)(b)
- Sch. 4C para. 7(3) inserted by 2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 7(8)
- Sch. 4C para. 3 omitted by 2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 7(3)
- Sch. 4C para. 7(2)(b) words inserted by 2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 7(7)(a)
- Sch. 4C para. 1 words substituted by 2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 7(2)
- Sch. 4C para. 2 words substituted by 2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 7(2)
- Sch. 4C para. 5(b) words substituted by 2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 7(4)
- Sch. 4C para. 6 words substituted by 2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 7(5)
- Sch. 4C para. 7(1) words substituted by 2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 7(4)
- Sch. 4C para. 7(1) words substituted by 2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 7(6)
- Sch. 11 para. 2(i) inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 63(10)(a)
- Sch. 11 para. 9 inserted by 2012 c. 5 s. 63(10)(b)