

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 24

SOCIAL SECURITY, CHILD SUPPORT AND TAX CREDITS

PART 8

AMENDMENTS OF THE CHILD SUPPORT ACT 1995 (C. 34)

- 126 (1) Amend subsection (7) of section 10 (the child maintenance bonus) as follows.
- (2) After the definition of “child maintenance” insert—
- ““couple” means—
- (a) a man and woman who are married to each other and are members of the same household;
- (b) a man and woman who are not married to each other but are living together as husband and wife otherwise than in prescribed circumstances;
- (c) two people of the same sex who are civil partners of each other and are members of the same household; or
- (d) two people of the same sex who are not civil partners of each other but are living together as if they were civil partners otherwise than in prescribed circumstances;”.
- (3) In the definition of “family” for “married or unmarried couple” (in each place) substitute “couple”.
- (4) Omit the definitions of “married couple” and “unmarried couple”.
- 127 After section 10(7) insert—
- “(7A) For the purposes of this section, two people of the same sex are to be regarded as living together as if they were civil partners if, but only if, they would be regarded as living together as husband and wife were they instead two people of the opposite sex.”