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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Effect of Family Credit on Earnings Factors) Regulations 1995

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The Secretary of State for Social Security, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45A(2), 122(1) and 175(1) to (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, by this instrument, which contains only regulations made in consequence of section 127 of the Pensions Act 1995(b), hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Effect of Family Credit on Earnings Factors) Regulations 1995 and shall come into force on 1st November 1995.

**Prescribed member of a married or unmarried couple for the purposes of section 45A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992**

2. For the purposes of section 45A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (which provides for ►<sup>1</sup>disabled person’s tax credit◄ and ►<sup>1</sup>working families’ tax credit◄ to be taken into account in the calculation of the additional pension in a Category A retirement pension) where family credit is paid to one of a married or unmarried couple the prescribed member of the couple referred to in subsection(2)(a) of that section is—

<sup>1</sup>Words substituted in reg. 2 by Sch. 2, Parts I & II of S.I. 1999/2566 as from 5.10.99.

- (a) where only one member is assessed for the purposes of the award of family credit as having income consisting of earnings, that member;
- (b) where both members are so assessed the member with the higher earnings; or
- (c) where the earnings of each member are assessed as equal, the member to whom family credit is paid.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Social Security.

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Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department of Social Security

2nd October 1995

(a) 1992 c. 4. Section 45A was inserted by section 127 of the Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26). Section 122(1) is cited for the meaning it gives to “prescribe”.  
(b) 1995 c. 26. Also, see section 173(5)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5), the effect of which is that regulations which state that they are made in consequence of a specified enactment and are made before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the coming into force of that enactment are not required to be referred to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations are made for the purposes of section 45A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, which provides for family credit and disability working allowance to be taken into account when calculating the additional pension in a Category A retirement pension. They make provision, in a case where family credit is paid to one of a married or unmarried couple, as to which member of the couple the section applies to.

These Regulations are made in consequence of section 127 of the Pensions Act 1995 (which inserted section 45A) and before the expiry of 6 months from the coming into force of that provision. They are accordingly exempt by section 173(5)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 from reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

These Regulations do not impose any costs on business.