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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Fund Cold Weather Payments
(General) Amendment Regulations 1997**

Made - - - - *25th September 1997*
Laid before Parliament *9th October 1997*
Coming into force - - *1st November 1997*

The Secretary of State for Social Security, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by sections 138(2) and (4) and 175(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992⁽¹⁾ and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it⁽²⁾, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Amendment Regulations 1997 and shall come into force on 1st November 1997.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Regulations 1988⁽³⁾.

Amendment of regulation 1 of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 1(2) of the principal Regulations (interpretation), at the end of the definition of “postcode district”⁽⁴⁾, there shall be added the words “except in the case of any postcode district which is identified with an alpha suffix which shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be treated as if it forms part of a postcode district which is identified without that suffix”.

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal Regulations

3.—(1) Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations⁽⁵⁾ (prescribed circumstances) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(1) 1992 c. 4; section 138(4) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning ascribed to the word “prescribed”.
(2) See section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5).
(3) S.I. 1988/1724.
(4) The definition of “postcode district” was inserted by S.I. 1996/2544.
(5) Regulation 2 was substituted by S.I. 1991/2238 and amended by S.I. 1991/2448, 1992/2448 and 1996/2544.

(2) In paragraph (1)(a)—

- (a) after the word “paragraphs” there shall be inserted “(1A), (1B),”;
- (b) in head (ii), for the word “or” there shall be substituted the word “and”;
- (c) head (iii) shall be omitted.

(3) After paragraph (1) there shall be inserted the following paragraphs—

“(1A) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a)(i), where a station identified in column (1) of Schedule 1 to these Regulations (in this paragraph and in paragraph (1B) referred to as “the primary station”) is unable to provide temperature information in respect of a particular day, the mean daily temperature on that day—

- (a) at the alternative station for that primary station specified in column (2) of Schedule 2 to these Regulations; or
- (b) where there is no such alternative station specified, at the nearest station to that primary station able to provide temperature information in respect of that day,

shall be used to determine whether or not there is a recorded period of cold weather at the relevant primary station.

(1B) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a)(ii), where the Meteorological Office is unable to produce a forecast in respect of a particular period at a primary station, any forecast produced in respect of that period—

- (a) at the alternative station for that primary station specified in column (2) of Schedule 2 to these Regulations; or
- (b) where there is no such alternative station specified, at the nearest station to that primary station able to provide temperature information for that period,

shall be used to determine whether or not there is a forecasted period of cold weather at the relevant primary station.”.

Substitution of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations

4. For Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations⁽⁶⁾ (identification of stations and postcode districts), there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

Substitution of Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations

5. For Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations⁽⁷⁾ (specified alternative stations), there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

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

25th September 1997

Frank Field
Minister of State,
Department of Social Security

⁽⁶⁾ Schedule 1 was substituted by S.I. 1996/2544.

⁽⁷⁾ Schedule 2 was substituted by S.I. 1996/2544.

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 4

IDENTIFICATION OF STATIONS AND POSTCODE DISTRICTS

The following Schedule is substituted for Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations.

“SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(1)(a) and (2)

IDENTIFICATION OF STATIONS AND POSTCODE DISTRICTS

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Postcode districts</i>
1. ABBOTSINCH (Glasgow Airport)	G1—5, G11—15, G20—23, G31—34, G40—46, G51—53, G60—62, G64—G69, G71—78, G81—84. KA1—26, KA28—30. ML1—5. PA1—27, PA30, PA32.
2. ABERPORTH	SA35—48, SA64—65. SY20, SY23—25.
3. ANDREWSFIELD	AL1—10, CB10—11. CM1—9, CM11—24. CO9, RM14—20. SG1—2, SG9—14.
4. AULTBEA	IV21—22, IV26, IV40, IV52—54.
5. AVIEMORE	AB31, AB33, AB34, AB36—37. PH18—26.
6. BEDFORD	LU1—7. MK1—19, MK40—46. NN1—16, NN29. PE19. SG3—7, SG15—19.
7. BINGLEY	BB4, BB8—12. BD1—24.

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<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Postcode districts</i>
	DE4, DE45.
	HD1—8.
	HX1—7. LS21, LS29.
	OL3, OL12—15.
	S32—33, S36.
	SK12, SK17, SK22—23.
	ST13.
8. BOLTSHOPE PARK	DH8.
	DL8, DL11—13.
	NE19, NE44, NE47—48.
9. BOSCOMBE DOWN	BA12.
	SP1—5, SP7, SP9.
10. BOULMER	NE22, NE24, NE61—71.
	TD15.
11. BRACKNELL, BEAUFORT PARK	GU1—4, GU9—25, GU46—47.
	HP1—16, HP23.
	RG1—2, RG4—10, RG12, RG14, RG17—31, RG40—42, RG45.
	SL0—9. SP10—11.
12. BRAEMAR	AB35.
13. BRIZE NORTON	CV36.
	GL54—56.
	HP17—22, HP27.
	OX1—18, OX20, OX33, OX44.
	SN7.
14. CAPEL CURIG	LL20—21, LL23—25, LL41.
15. CARDINHAM (Bodmin)	PL13—17, PL22—35.

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Postcode districts</i>
16. CARLISLE	TR2, TR9. CA1—11, CA16—17. LA6—10, LA22—23. NE49.
17. CHIVENOR	EX22—23, EX31—34, EX39.
18. COLESHILL	B1—21, B23—38, B40, B42—50, B60—80, B90—98. CV1—12, CV21—23, CV31—35, CV37. DY1—14. LE10. WS1—15. WV1—16.
19. COLTISHALL	NR1—35.
20. CROSBY	BB1—3, BB5—7. CH1—8. FY1—8. L1—49, L60—66. LL11—14. PR1—9. SY14. WA1—6, WA10—12. WN1—8.
21. CULDROSE	TR1, TR3—6, TR10—20, TR26—27.
22. DUMFRIES, DRUNGANS	DG1—2, DG5—7, DG11—12, DG16.
23. DUNKESWELL AERODROME	DT6—8. EX1—15. TA21. TQ1—6, TQ9—14.

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24. DYCE (Aberdeen Airport)	AB10—16, AB21—25, AB30, AB32, AB39, AB41—43, AB51—54. DD8—11.
25. ESKDALEMUIR	DG3—4, DG10, DG13—14. EH46. ML12. TD1—4, TD6—10.
26. ESKMEALS	CA12—15, CA18—28. LA1—5, LA11—21.
27. FYLINGDALES	TS13. YO11—18, YO21—22, YO25.
28. GATWICK	BN5—6, BN44. GU5—8, GU26—33, GU35. ME14—20. RH1—20. TN1—20, TN22, TN27.
29. GREAT MALVERN	GL1—6, GL10—20, GL50—53. HR1—9. NP5. SY8. WR1—15.
30. HEATHROW	BR1—8. CR0, CR2—8. DA1—2, DA4—8, DA14—18. E1—18. EC1—4. EN1—11. HA0—9.

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	IG1—11.
	KT1—24.
	N1—22.
	NW1—11.
	RM1—13.
	SE1—28.
	SM1—7.
	SW1—20.
	TW1—20.
	UB1—10.
	W1—14.
	WC1—2.
	WD1—7.
31. HERSTMONCEUX, WEST END	BN7—8, BN20—24, BN26—27.
	TN21, TN31—40.
32. HURN (Bournemouth Airport)	BH1—25, BH31.
	DT1—2, DT11.
	SP6.
33. KINLOSS	AB38, AB44—45, AB55—56.
	IV1—2, IV5, IV7—20, IV30—32, IV36.
34. KIRKWALL	KW15—17.
35. LEEDS	HG1—5.
	LS1—20, LS22—28.
	S1—14, S17—18, S20—21, S35, S60—66, S70—75.
	WF1—17.
36. LERWICK	ZE1—3.
37. LEUCHARS	DD1—7.

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	KY1—2, KY4—10, KY14—16.
	PH1—2, PH7, PH12—14.
38. LINTON ON OUSE	DL1—7, DL9—10.
	TS1—12, TS14—26.
	YO1—8.
39. LISCOMBE	EX16—21, EX35—38.
	PL19—20.
	TA22, TA24.
40. LOCH GLASCARNOCH	IV3—4, IV6, IV23—24.
41. LYNEHAM	BA1—3, BA11, BA13—15.
	GL7—9.
	SN1—6, SN8—16.
42. MACHRIHANISH	KA27.
	PA28—29, PA31, PA34, PA37, PA41—49, PA60—76.
	PH36, PH38—41.
43. MANSTON	CT1—21.
	CM0.
	DA3, DA9—13.
	ME1—13.
	SS0—17.
	TN23—26, TN28—30.
44. MARHAM	IP24—28.
	PE12—14, PE30—38.
45. NEWCASTLE	DH1—7, DH9.
	DL14—17.
	NE1—13, NE15—18, NE20—21, NE23, NE25 —43, NE45—46.
	SR1—8.

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Postcode districts</i>
	TS27—29.
46. NOTTINGHAM	CV13. DE1—3, DE5—7, DE11—15, DE21—24, DE55—56, DE65, DE72—75. LE1—9, LE11—14, LE16—18, LE65, LE67. NG1—22, NG25, NG31—34. S25—26, S40—45, S80—81. ST10, ST14.
47. PEMBREY SANDS	SA1—18, SA31—34, SA61—63, SA66—73.
48. PLYMOUTH	PL1—12, PL18, PL21. TQ7—8.
49. PORTLAND	DT3—5.
50. RHYL	LL15—19, LL22, LL26—32.
51. RINGWAY (Manchester Airport)	BL0—9. CW1—12. M1—9, M11—35, M38, M40—41, M43—46, M90. OL1—2, OL4—11, OL16. SK1—11, SK13—16. WA7—9, WA13—16.
52. SALSBURGH	ML6—11. EH43—45.
53. SCILLY, ST. MARY	TR21—25.
54. SENNYBRIDGE	CF37—48, CF81—82. LD1—8. NP2—4, NP7—8. SA19—20. SY7, SY9—11, SY15—19, SY21—22.
55. SHAWBURY	ST1—9, ST11—12, ST15—21.

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	SY1—6, SY12—13.
	TF1—13.
56. SOUTHAMPTON	GU34.
	SO14—24, SO30—32, SO40—43, SO45, SO50—53.
57. ST. ATHAN	BS1—24.
	CF1—5, CF31—36, CF61—64, CF71—72, CF83.
	NP1, NP6, NP9, NP44.
58. ST. CATHERINE'S POINT	PO30, PO38—41.
59. ST. MAWGAN	TR7—8.
60. STORNOWAY AIRPORT	HS1—9.
61. THORNEY ISLAND	BN1—3, BN9—18, BN25, BN41—43, BN45.
	PO1—22, PO31—37.
62. TIREE	IV41—46.
	PA77—78.
	PH42—44.
63. TULLOCH BRIDGE	PA33, PA35—36, PA38—40.
	PH8—11, PH15—17, PH30—35, PH37.
64. TURNHOUSE (Edinburgh Airport)	EH1—42, EH47—49, EH51—55.
	FK1—21.
	G63.
	KY3, KY11—13.
	PH3—6.
	TD5, TD11—14.
65. VALLEY	LL33—40, LL42—49, LL51—78.
66. WADDINGTON	DN1—22, DN31—41.
	HU1—20.
	LN1—13.

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	NG23—24.
	PE10—11, PE20—25.
67. WATERSTEIN HEAD	IV47—49, IV51, IV55—56.
68. WATTISHAM	CB9.
	CO1—8, CO10—16.
	IP1—23, IP29—33.
69. WEST FREUGH	DG8—9.
70. WICK AIRPORT	IV25, IV27—28.
71. WITTERING	KW1—3, KW5—14.
	CB1—8.
	LE15.
	NN17—18.
	PE1—9, PE15—18.
	SG8.
72. YEOVILTON	BA4—10, BA16, BA20—22.
	BS25—28.
	DT9—10.
	SP8.
	TA1—20, TA23.”.

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 5

SPECIFIED ALTERNATIVE STATIONS

The following Schedule is substituted for Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations.

“SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2(1)(a) and (1B)(a)

SPECIFIED ALTERNATIVE STATIONS

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Specified Alternative Station</i>
Abbotsinch (Glasgow Airport)	Salsburgh
Andrewsfield	Wattisham

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<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Specified Alternative Station</i>
Coleshill	Church Lawford
Gatwick	Kenley Airfield
Kinloss	Lossiemouth
St. Athan	Cardiff Weather Centre
Turnhouse	Salsburgh.”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Regulations 1988 (S.I.1988/1724 as amended) (“the principal Regulations”) by—

- making an exception from the definition of “postcode district” in regulation 1(2) of the principal Regulations for postcode districts identified with alpha suffixes (regulation 2);
- providing for a procedure to be operated when a weather station specified in Schedule 1 is unable to provide temperature information in respect of a certain day or period (regulation 3);
- substituting the list of weather stations and applicable postcode districts in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations with a new list which largely re-enacts the list in the former Schedule 1 but which also adds two new weather stations, replaces four stations which are due to close and enacts certain other changes to postcodes and to weather station linkages (regulation 4 and Schedule 1). Schedule 2 to these Regulations replaces Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations to take account of the new Schedule 1 (regulation 5 and Schedule 2).

The Postcode Atlas of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the postcode maps may be obtained from their publishers. A person may establish the current postcode for their address by contacting the Royal Mail Postcode Enquiries office (tel. no. 0345 111222).

These Regulations do not impose a charge on business.