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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 2649**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Social Fund Cold Weather Payments  
(General) Amendment Regulations 2009**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>2nd October 2009</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>5th October 2009</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st November 2009</i>

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred upon her by sections 138(2) and (4) and 175(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(1).

The Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(2).

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Amendment Regulations 2009.

(2) They come into force on 1st November 2009.

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

**Amendment of the principal Regulations**

2.—(1) The principal Regulations are amended as follows.

(2) For Schedule 1(4) (identification of stations and postcode districts), substitute the Schedule set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

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(1) 1992 c.4; section 138(4) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning ascribed to the word “prescribed”. Amendments not relevant to these Regulations have been made to section 175(1) and (4).  
(2) See sections 170, 172 and 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c.5). Amendments not relevant to these Regulations have been made to section 170.  
(3) S.I. 1988/1724.  
(4) Schedule 1 was substituted by S.I. 2008/2569. (Schedule 1 had previously been substituted by other statutory instruments the most recent being S.I. 2004/2600, 2005/2724, 2006/2655 and 2007/2912.)

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(3) For Schedule 2(5) (specified alternative stations), substitute the Schedule set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

**Modification of the principal Regulations in respect of the 2009-10 winter**

3. For the purpose of making a payment in respect of a period of cold weather which begins at any time after 31st October 2009 but before 1st April 2010, regulation 3 of the principal Regulations (prescribed amount) is applied as if the reference to £8.50 were to £25.00.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

2 October 2009

*Helen Goodman*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Work and Pensions

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(5) Schedule 2 was substituted by S.I. 2008/2569. (Schedule 2 had previously been substituted by S.I. 2003/2605, 2005/2724, 2006/2655 and 2007/2912.)

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(2)

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>Column (2)</i>
<i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Postcode districts</i>
<b>2. Albemarle</b>	DH1-7, DH9.
	DL4-5, DL14-17.
	NE1-13, NE15-18, NE20-21, NE23, NE25-46.
	SR1-7.
	TS21, TS28-29.
<b>3. Andrewsfield</b>	AL1-10.
	CB1-5, CB10-11, CB21-25.
	CM1-9, CM11-24, CM77.
	CO9.
	RM4.
	SG1-2, SG8-14.
<b>4. Aultbea</b>	IV21-22, IV26, IV40, IV52-54.
<b>5. Aviemore</b>	AB37.
	PH19-26.
<b>6. Bedford</b>	LU1-7.
	MK1-19, MK40-46.
	NN1-16, NN29.
	PE19.
	SG3-7, SG15-19.
<b>7. Bingley</b>	BB4, BB8-12, BB18.
	BD1-24.
	BL0, BL7-8.
	DL8, DL11.
	HD3, HD7-9.
	HX1-7.
	LS21, LS 29.
	OL1-5, OL11-16.

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<i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Postcode districts</i>
	S36, SK13.
<b>8. Bishopton</b>	G1-5, G11-15, G20-23, G31-34, G40-46, G51-53, G60-62, G64, G66, G69, G71-78, G81-84.
	KA1-18, KA20-25, KA28-30.
	ML1-5.
	PA1-27, PA30, PA32.
<b>9. Boscombe Down</b>	BA12.
	RG28.
	SO20-23.
	SP1-5, SP7, SP9-11.
<b>10. Boulmer</b>	NE22, NE24, NE61-70.
<b>11. Braemar</b>	AB33-36.
	PH10-11, PH18.
<b>12. Brize Norton</b>	OX1-6, OX8, OX10-14, OX18, OX20, OX25-29, OX33, OX44.
	SN7.
<b>13. Cardinham (Bodmin)</b>	PL13-18, PL22-35.
	TR9.
<b>14. Carlisle</b>	CA1-8.
	DG12, DG16.
<b>15. Cassley</b>	IV27-28.
	KW11, KW13.
<b>16. Charlwood</b>	BN5-6, BN44.
	GU5-6.
	ME6, ME14-20.
	RH1-20.
	TN1-20, TN22, TN27.
<b>17. Charterhall</b>	NE71.
	TD3-6, TD8, TD10-15.
<b>18. Chivenor</b>	EX23, EX31-34, EX39.
<b>19. Coleshill</b>	B1-21, B23-38, B40, B42-50, B60-80, B90-98.
	CV1-12, CV21-23, CV31-35, CV37, CV47.

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<i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Postcode districts</i>
	DY1-14.
	LE10.
	WS1-15.
	WV1-16.
<b>20. Crosby</b>	CH1-8, CH41-49, CH60-66.
	FY1-8.
	L1-40.
	LL11-14.
	PR1-9, PR25-26.
	SY14.
	WA1-2, WA4-12.
	WN1-6, WN8.
<b>21. Culdrose</b>	TR1-8, TR10-20, TR26-27.
<b>22. Dundrennan</b>	DG1-2, DG5-7.
<b>23. Dunkeswell Aerodrome</b>	DT6-8.
	EX1-5, EX8-15, EX24.
	TA21.
<b>24. Dyce</b>	AB10-16, AB21-25, AB30-32, AB39, AB41-43, AB51-54.
	DD8-9.
<b>25. Edinburgh Gogarbank</b>	EH1-42, EH47-49, EH51-55.
	FK1-7, FK9-10.
	KY3, KY11-13.
<b>26. Eskdalemuir</b>	DG3-4, DG10-11, DG13-14.
	ML12.
	TD1-2, TD7, TD9.
<b>27. Filton</b>	BS1-11, BS13-16, BS20-24, BS29-32, BS34-37, BS39-41, BS48-49.
	GL11-13.
	NP16, NP26.
<b>28. Fylingdales</b>	YO13, YO18, YO21-22, YO62.
<b>29. Gravesend</b>	BR5-8.
	CM0.

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<i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Postcode districts</i>
	DA1-18.
	ME1-5, ME7-8.
	RM1-3, RM5-20.
	SS0-17.
<b>30. Heathrow</b>	BR1-4.
	CR0, CR2-9.
	E1-18.
	E1W.
	EC1-4.
	EN1-11.
	HA0-9.
	IG1-11.
	KT1-24.
	N1-22.
	NW1-11.
	SE1-28.
	SL0, SL3.
	SM1-7.
	SW1-20.
	TW1-20.
	UB1-10.
	W1-14.
	WC1-2.
	WD1-7, WD17-19, WD23-25.
<b>31. Hereford-Credenhill</b>	GL1-6, GL10, GL14-20, GL50-53.
	HR1-9.
	NP15, NP25.
	SY8.
	WR1-11, WR13-15.
<b>32. Herstmonceux, West End</b>	BN7-8, BN20-24, BN26-27.
	TN21, TN31-40.
<b>33. High Wycombe</b>	HP1-23, HP27.

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<i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Postcode districts</i>
	OX9, OX39, OX49.
	RG9.
	SL7-9.
<b>34. Hurn (Bournemouth Airport)</b>	BH1-25, BH31.
	DT1-2, DT11.
	SP6.
<b>35. Isle of Portland</b>	DT3-5.
<b>36. Kinloss</b>	AB38, AB44-45, AB55-56.
	IV1-3, IV5, IV7-20, IV30-32, IV36.
<b>37. Kirkwall</b>	KW15-17.
<b>38. Lake Vyrnwy</b>	LL20-21, LL23-25, LL41.
	SY10, SY15-17, SY19, SY21-22.
<b>39. Leconfield</b>	DN14.
	HU1-20.
	YO11-12, YO14-17, YO25.
<b>40. Leek</b>	DE4, DE45.
	S32-33.
	SK17, SK22-23.
	ST9-10, ST13.
<b>41. Lerwick</b>	ZE1-3.
<b>42. Leuchars</b>	DD1-7, DD10-11.
	KY1-2, KY4-10, KY15-16.
	PH12, PH14.
<b>43. Linton on Ouse</b>	DL1-3, DL6-7, DL9-10.
	HG1-5.
	LS1-20, LS22-28.
	TS9, TS15-16.
	YO1, YO7-8, YO10, YO19, YO23-24, YO26, YO30-32, YO41-43, YO51, YO60-61.
<b>44. Liscombe</b>	EX16, EX35-36.
	TA22, TA24.
<b>45. Little Rissington</b>	CV36.

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<i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Postcode districts</i>
	GL54-56.
	OX7, OX15-17.
	WR12.
<b>46.</b> Loch Glascarnoch	IV4, IV6, IV23-24, IV63.
<b>47.</b> Loftus	SR8.
	TS1-8, TS10-14, TS17-20, TS22-27.
<b>48.</b> Lusa	IV41-49, IV51, IV55-56.
<b>49.</b> Lyneham	BA1-3, BA11, BA13-15.
	GL7-9.
	RG17.
	SN1-6, SN8-16, SN25-26.
<b>50.</b> Machrihanish	KA27.
	PA28-29, PA31, PA34, PA37, PA41-49, PA60-76.
	PH36, PH38-41.
<b>51.</b> Manston	CT1-21.
	ME9-13.
	TN23-26, TN28-30.
<b>52.</b> Marham	CB6-7.
	IP24-28.
	PE12-14, PE30-38.
<b>53.</b> North Wyke	EX6-7, EX17-22, EX37-38.
	PL19-21.
	TQ1-6, TQ9-14.
<b>54.</b> Norwich Airport	NR1-35.
<b>55.</b> Nottingham Watnall	CV13.
	DE1-3, DE5-7, DE11-15, DE21-24, DE55-56, DE65, DE72-75.
	LE1-9, LE11-14, LE16-19, LE65, LE67.
	NG1-22, NG25, NG31-34.
	ST14.
<b>56.</b> Pembrey Sands	SA1-8, SA10-18, SA31-34, SA61-63, SA66-73.
<b>57.</b> Plymouth	PL1-12.



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<i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Postcode districts</i>
	TQ7-8.
<b>58.</b> Redesdale	CA9.
	DH8.
	DL12-13.
	NE19, NE47-49.
<b>59.</b> Rhyl	LL15-19, LL22, LL26-32.
<b>60.</b> St. Athan	CF3, CF5, CF10-11, CF14-15, CF23-24, CF31-36, CF61-64, CF71-72.
	NP10, NP18-20.
<b>61.</b> St. Bees Head	CA13-15, CA18-28.
<b>62.</b> St. Catherine's Point	PO30, PO38-41.
<b>63.</b> Salsburgh	EH43-46.
	G65, G67-68.
	ML6-11.
<b>64.</b> Scilly, St. Mary's	TR21-25.
<b>65.</b> Sennybridge	CF37-48, CF81-83.
	LD1-8.
	NP4, NP7-8, NP11-13, NP22-24, NP44.
	SA9, SA19-20.
	SY7, SY9, SY18.
<b>66.</b> Shap	CA10-12, CA16-17.
	LA8-10, LA22-23.
<b>67.</b> Shawbury	ST1-8, ST11-12, ST15-21.
	SY1-6, SY11-13.
	TF1-13.
<b>68.</b> Sheffield	DN1-8, DN11-12.
	HD1-2, HD4-6.
	S1-14, S17-18, S20-21, S25-26, S35, S40-45, S60-66, S70-75, S80-81.
	WF1-17.
<b>69.</b> South Farnborough	GU1-4, GU7-35, GU46-47, GU51-52.
	RG1-2, RG4-8, RG10, RG12, RG14, RG18-27, RG29-31, RG40-42, RG45.

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<i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Postcode districts</i>
	SL1-2, SL4-6.
	SO24.
<b>70. Stonyhurst</b>	BB1-3, BB5-7.
	LA2, LA6-7.
<b>71. Stornoway Airport</b>	HS1-9.
<b>72. Strathallan</b>	FK8, FK11-19.
	G63.
	KY14.
	PH1-7, PH13.
<b>73. Thorney Island</b>	BN1-3, BN9-18, BN25, BN41-43, BN45.
	PO1-22, PO31-37.
	SO14-19, SO30-32, SO40-43, SO45, SO50-53.
<b>74. Tiree</b>	PA77-78.
	PH42-44.
<b>75. Trawsgoed</b>	LL35-40.
	SY20, SY23-25.
<b>76. Tulloch Bridge</b>	FK20-21.
	PA33, PA35-36, PA38, PA40.
	PH8-9, PH15-17, PH30-35, PH37, PH49-50.
<b>77. Valley</b>	LL33-34, LL42-49, LL51-78.
<b>78. Waddington</b>	DN9-10, DN13, DN15-22, DN31-41.
	LN1-13.
	NG23-24.
	PE10-11, PE20-25.
<b>79. Walney Island</b>	LA1, LA3-5, LA11-21.
<b>80. Wattisham</b>	CB8-9.
	CO1-8, CO10-16.
	IP1-23, IP29-33.
<b>81. West Freugh</b>	DG8-9.
	KA19, KA26.
<b>82. Wick Airport</b>	IV25.
	KW1-3, KW5-10, KW12, KW14.

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<b>83.</b> Wittering	LE15.
	NN17-18.
	PE1-9, PE15-17, PE26-29.
<b>84.</b> Woodford	BL1-6, BL9.
	CW1-12.
	M1-9, M11-35, M38, M40-41, M43-46, M50, M90.
	OL6-10.
	SK1-12, SK14-16.
	WA3, WA13-16.
	WN7.
<b>85.</b> Yeovilton	BA4-10, BA16, BA20-22.
	BS25-28.
	DT9-10.
	SP8.
	TA1-20, TA23.
<b>1.</b> Aberporth	SA35-48, SA64-65.”

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2(3)

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

“SCHEDULE 2

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

SPECIFIED ALTERNATIVE STATIONS

<b>Column (1)</b>	<b>Column (2)</b>
<i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Specified Alternative Station</i>
Cardinham	North Wyke
Carlisle	Keswick
Charlwood	Kenley Airfield
Coleshill	Pershore
Gravesend	Kenley
Heathrow	Gravesend
Hereford-Credenhill	Pershore

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<b>Column (1)</b>	<b>Column (2)</b>
Kinloss	Lossiemouth
Linton on Ouse	Church Fenton
Liscombe	North Wyke
North Wyke	Okehampton
St Athan	Mumbles
Shap	Keswick
Sheffield	Nottingham – Watnall
Shawbury	Leek
Woodford	Stonyhurst.”

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Regulations 1988 (SI 1988/1724) (“the 1988 Regulations”). They modify regulation 3 of the 1988 Regulations and substitute new Schedules in relation to the lists of weather stations and applicable postcode districts in Schedule 1 and alternative weather stations in Schedule 2.

Schedule 1 to the 1988 Regulations specifies primary weather stations which are relevant to determining whether there is a recorded, or forecasted, period of cold weather. Schedule 2 to the 1988 Regulations specifies alternative stations used to determine this information where the primary station is unable to do so. (Where there is no specified alternative station for the relevant primary station, the nearest primary station able to provide this information is used.)

Regulation 2(2) replaces Schedule 1 to the 1988 Regulations with Schedule 1 to these Regulations. The new Schedule largely re-enacts the list contained in the former Schedule 1, but it assigns some postcodes from existing stations to nine new weather stations: Strathallan, Little Rissington, Stonyhurst, Sheffield, St. Bees Head, North Wyke, Fylingdales, Gravesend and Leek. (Fylingdales was being considered for closure last year so its postcodes were assigned to other weather stations but it remains open and postcodes are being assigned to it from Loftus and Linton-on-Ouse.)

Regulation 2(3) replaces Schedule 2 to the 1988 Regulations with Schedule 2 to these Regulations. The new Schedule adds nine Meteorological Office Stations in column (1) and omits Leconfield and Loftus. Related changes are made to column (2).

Regulation 3 provides that for winter 2009/10 a cold weather payment will be £25 instead of £8.50.

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 his or her address by contacting the Royal Mail Postcode Enquiries Office (telephone 0906 302 1222 - Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. - or 08457 111 222) or through the Royal Mail website at [www.royalmail.com](http://www.royalmail.com).

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the private or voluntary sectors.

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