
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 448

**The Universal Credit (Local Welfare Provision
Disregard) (Amendment) Regulations 2022**

Capital disregard for local welfare provision

2.—(1) The Universal Credit Regulations 2013⁽¹⁾ are amended as follows.

(2) After the definition of “local authority” in regulation 2 (interpretation), insert—

““local welfare provision” means occasional financial or other assistance given by a local authority, the Scottish Ministers or the Welsh Ministers, or a person authorised to exercise any function of, or provide a service to, them, to or in respect of individuals for the purpose of—

- (a) meeting, or helping to meet, an immediate short term need—
 - (i) arising out of an exceptional event, or exceptional circumstances; and
 - (ii) that requires to be met in order to avoid a risk to the well-being of an individual; or
- (b) enabling individuals to establish or maintain a settled home, where those individuals have been or, without the assistance, might otherwise be—
 - (i) in prison, hospital, a residential care establishment or other institution; or
 - (ii) homeless or otherwise living an unsettled way of life;”.

(3) In Schedule 10 (capital to be disregarded), after paragraph 18⁽²⁾, insert—

“**18A.** A payment received within the past 12 months by way of local welfare provision including arrears and payments in lieu of local welfare provision.”.

(1) [S.I. 2013/376](#).

(2) Paragraph 18 was amended by [S.I. 2019/1314](#).