WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 56

The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2024

Amendments to the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2013

- **6.** In Schedule 5 (capital disregards: pensioners)—
 - (a) in paragraph 16—
 - (i) after sub-paragraph (1) insert—
 - "(1A) Any Post Office compensation payment or vaccine damage payment.";
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (2), after "Trusts" insert "or from a Post Office compensation payment or a vaccine damage payment";
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (3), after "Trusts" insert "or from a Post Office compensation payment or a vaccine damage payment";
 - (iv) in sub-paragraph (5), after "Trusts" insert "or from a Post Office compensation payment or a vaccine damage payment";
 - (v) in sub-paragraph (6), after "Trusts" insert "or from a Post Office compensation payment or a vaccine damage payment";
 - (vi) after sub-paragraph (6) insert—
 - "(6A) Any payment out of the estate of a person, which derives from a payment to meet the recommendation of the Infected Blood Inquiry in its interim report published on 29 July 2022(1) made under or by the Scottish Infected Blood Support Scheme or an approved blood scheme to the estate of the person, where the payment is made to the person's son, daughter, step-son or step-daughter.";
 - (vii) in sub-paragraph (7), after "Trusts" insert "or from a Post Office compensation payment or a vaccine damage payment";
 - (b) in paragraph 28C—
 - (i) the existing text becomes sub-paragraph (1);
 - (ii) after sub-paragraph (1) insert—
 - "(2) Where bereavement support payment under section 30 of the Pensions Act 2014(2) is paid to the survivor of a cohabiting partnership (within the meaning of section 30(6B)(3) of that Act) in respect of a death occurring before 9 February 2023, any amount of that payment which is—
 - (a) in respect of the rate set out in regulation 3(1) of the Bereavement Support Payment Regulations 2017(4), and

⁽¹⁾ See https://www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk/reports/first-interim-report. A hard copy may be obtained from the Department for Work and Pensions, Caxton House, Tothill Street, London SW1H 9NA.

^{(2) 2014} c. 19. Section 30 has been amended by S.I. 2023/134.

⁽³⁾ Subsection (6B) was inserted by S.I. 2023/134.

⁽⁴⁾ S.I. 2017/410.

(b) paid as a lump sum for more than one monthly recurrence of the day of the month on which their cohabiting partner died,

but only for a period of 52 weeks beginning from 1 April 2024 or from the date of receipt of the payment, whichever is the later.";

- (c) after paragraph 28E insert—
 - **"28F.** Any payment of a widowed parent's allowance made under section 39A of the SSCBA(5)—
 - (a) to the survivor of a cohabiting partnership (within the meaning of section 39A(7) of that Act) who is entitled to a widowed parent's allowance for a period prior to 9 February 2023, and
 - (b) in respect of any period of time during the period ending with the day before the survivor makes a claim for a widowed parent's allowance."

^{(5) 1992} c. 4. Section 39A was inserted by section 55(2) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30). It was subsequently amended by sections 254(1) and 261(4) of, and paragraph 20 of Schedule 24 and Schedule 30 to, the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33); section 1(3), of and paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to, the Child Benefit Act 2005 (c. 6); section 51 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c. 5); section 31(5) of, and paragraph 12 of Schedule 16 to, the Pensions Act 2014; S.I. 2014/560; S.I. 2014/3229, S.I. 2019/1458 and S.I. 2023/134. There are other amendments but none are relevant to this instrument.