

*These notes refer to the Welfare Reform Act 2012  
(c.5) which received Royal Assent on 8 March 2012*

# WELFARE REFORM ACT 2012

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1: Universal credit**

##### *Section 2: Claims*

30. *Section 2* contains provisions about claims for universal credit. A claim may be made either by a single person or, in the case of a couple, jointly.
31. *Subsection (2)* enables the Secretary of State to make regulations setting out circumstances in which a member of a couple may make a single person claim. This may be used, for example, where one member of a couple does not have a right to reside in the UK, and so is not entitled to universal credit. The other member of the couple would then be able to make a claim as a single person.