

WELFARE REFORM ACT 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: Universal credit

Section 42: Regulations: general

207. *Section 42* makes provision about the ways in which the powers to make regulations included in this Part may be used.
208. *Subsection (2)* enables regulations to make different provision through regulations for different cases or purposes and in relation to all or some particular cases or purposes. *Subsection (5)* allows for any amount that is to be set in regulations under Part 1 to be zero. This will, for example, enable the rates of any of the amounts to be included in a person's maximum amount to be zero or for the amount of a sanction to be zero. Amounts may be different for single people and couples or varied according to a person's age, as a result of *subsection (6)*.
209. *Subsection (7)* allows for regulations relating to the housing costs element or the element for other particular needs or circumstances to make different provision for different areas. For example regulations relating to support for housing costs will reflect the relative housing costs in different geographical areas in Great Britain.