

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

WELFARE REFORM ACT 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: Universal credit

Section 7: Basis of awards

47. *Section 7* provides that an award of universal credit is to be payable in respect of an assessment period. This period will be prescribed in regulations. Under *subsection (3)* regulations will also allow for universal credit to be payable in respect of part of an assessment period, for example to deal with a part-period at the beginning or end of an award.