

# WELFARE REFORM ACT 2012

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 7: Final**

#### ***Section 147: Repeals***

747. *Section 147* gives effect to *Schedule 14* which makes provision for repeals resulting from provisions in the Act. The Schedule is divided into 13 Parts, as follows:

- Part 1 – Abolition of benefits superseded by universal credit
- Part 2 – Entitlement to jobseeker’s allowance without seeking employment
- Part 3 – Jobseeker’s allowance: responsibilities for interim period
- Part 4 – Jobseeker’s allowance: responsibilities after introduction of universal credit
- Part 5 – Employment and support allowance: responsibilities after introduction of universal credit
- Part 6 – Claimants dependent on drugs etc
- Part 7 – Industrial injuries arising before 5 July 1948
- Part 8 – Social fund: ending of discretionary payments
- Part 9 – Disability living allowance
- Part 10 – Powers to require information relating to claims and awards
- Part 11 – Recovery of benefit payments
- Part 12 – Loss of benefit: cautions
- Part 13 – Information-sharing between Secretary of State and HMRC
- Part 14 – Standards of decision-making

#### ***Section 148: Extent***

748. *Section 148* sets out the territorial extent of the Act, which is described in paragraphs 22 to 26 of these Notes

#### ***Section 149: Commencement***

749. *Section 149(1)* provides that section 76, section 103 and Schedule 12, section 108, section 109, section 126 and Part 7 (with the exception of Schedule 14) will come into force on Royal Assent.

750. *Subsection (2)* lists those provisions which will come into force at the end of two months after the date of Royal Assent.

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

751. The remaining provisions will be brought into force by means of commencement orders made by the Secretary of State as a result of *subsection (3)*. The orders may appoint different days for different purposes; appoint different days for different areas in relation to provisions in Part 1 (universal credit), Part 1 of Schedule 14, section 61 or 62 (entitlement to work: jobseeker's allowance and employment and support allowance), provisions in Part 4 (personal independence payment) or section 102 (power to require consideration of revision before appeal); and make necessary or expedient transitory, transitional or savings provisions.