

Council tax reduction scheme rules 2025 (working age applicants)

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Part 1: Introduction

1. Name and start of scheme

This scheme may be cited as The Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2025 (working age applicants) and applies from 1 April 2025.

2. Making an application for a reduction

An application must be made in writing or by means of electronic communication. An application that is made in writing must be made to a designated office on a properly completed form. If the form is not properly completed, the applicant will be asked to correctly complete the form and return it within 1 calendar month of the date of request. If the applicant fails to comply then the application will not be considered.

- (1) The authority may terminate any reduction in relation to persons who fail to comply with the information requirements as in Appendix 2 paragraph 4.
- (2) Those persons shall cease to be entitled to the reduction from the date that the information was requested or such earlier date on which entitlement to a reduction under this scheme ceases.

3. Procedure for applying for a discretionary reduction

Procedure for an application to the authority for a reduction under section 13A (1) (c) of the 1992 Act

- (1) An application to the authority for a reduction under section 13A(1)(c) of the 1992 Act may be made—
 - (a) in writing;
 - (b) by means of an electronic communication in accordance with Part 11 of Appendix 2; or
 - (c) where the authority has published a telephone number for the purposes of receiving such applications by telephone
- (2) Where—
 - (a) the authority has made a determination under section 13A(1)(c) in relation to a class of case in which liability is to be reduced; and
 - (b) a person in that class would otherwise be entitled to a reduction under this scheme that person's application for a reduction under this scheme may also be treated as an application for a reduction under section 13A (1) (c)

4. Disputes and appeals

An applicant may ask for a decision on their Council Tax Reduction to be revised if they dispute it. This request should be made in writing directly to South Gloucestershire Council and must clearly state why they feel the decision should be changed.

If they are dissatisfied with the outcome following a request for a revision of a decision on their Council Tax Reduction then they may ask to appeal to an independent tribunal. The request must be in writing and made directly to the Valuation Tribunal who administer Council Tax Reduction appeals.

The form that is required to lodge an appeal can be obtained from the Valuation Tribunal directly.

5. Entitlement for eligible applicants

An applicant's entitlement will be based on the income band range in which their calculated weekly income falls.

6. Applicants excluded from this scheme

- (a) Any person whose capital exceeds £6,000. Capital is to be calculated in accordance with Part 3, paragraph 13 of this scheme.
- (b) Any student to whom Appendix 1 paragraph 2 applies
- (c) Subject to paragraph (aa) persons subject to immigration control are not entitled to a reduction under this scheme. *"Person subject to immigration control"* has the meaning given in section 115 (9) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

(aa) A person who is a national of a state which has ratified the European Convention on social and Medical Assistance¹ (done in Paris on 11 December 1953) or a state which has ratified the Council of Europe Social Charter (signed in Turin on 18 October 1961) and who is lawfully present in the United Kingdom is not a person subject to immigration control for the purpose of paragraph (c)
- (d) Any applicant treated as not being in Great Britain²
- (e) Any person whose sole main place of residence is not the property for which they are applying for Local Council Tax Reduction in South Gloucestershire.

¹ Cmd. 9512

² See paragraph Appendix 3 paragraph 10 as to persons treated as not being in Great Britain.

- (f) Any person who is not liable to pay council tax in respect of the dwelling of which he is a resident as in (e)
- (g) Who, subject to paragraph 11 of Appendix 3, is not absent from the dwelling throughout the day
- (h) Any person who has not made an application as in paragraph 2

Part 2: Amount of reduction for this scheme

7. Weekly in year liability

Any council tax reduction will be applied to the annual liability. This is the calculated annual liability after any discounts have been applied and does not include any arrears, credits or other charges.

8. Levels of reduction

- i. the reduction applied will be equal to a percentage of the liability as referred to in paragraph (7)
- ii. the percentage to be applied will be based on the income of the applicant and partner/s, according to specified income bands
- iii. the Income Band is the number allocated to the income range and related percentage
- iv. the Income Range is the applicant's weekly income (as calculated under these rules) to which the Council Tax Reduction (CTR) percentage relates. Where the applicant's calculated household weekly income falls on or within a range, then the related CTR percentage is applied against their liability
- v. any non-dependant deduction is made after the income band percentage is applied.
- vi. the percentage is the figure used to calculate the amount of CTR

<u>Income band</u>	<u>Weekly Income Range £</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	0 to 0	77
2	0.01 to 50	60
3	50.01 to 100	40
4	100.01 to 140	20
5	140.01 to 190	15
6	190.01 to 230	10

Part 3: Calculating income and capital

9. Applicant's family and polygamous marriages

The income and capital of any partner or partners of the applicant is to be treated as income and capital of the applicant

10. Average weekly earnings of employed earners

- (1) Subject to paragraph 10(6), where the income of an applicant consists of gross earnings³ from employment as an employed earner his average weekly earnings should be estimated over a period immediately preceding the reduction week in which the application is made.
- (2) The period should be 5 weeks, if the applicant is paid weekly, 6 weeks if paid fortnightly or 2 months, if paid monthly. If the income fluctuates or the applicant has not been employed long enough, the authority will choose more suitable periods to assess from.
- (3) If the period referred to in (1) does not exceed a week, the weekly amount is to be the amount of that payment. If it exceeds a week, the weekly amount is to be determined—
 - (a) in a case where that period is a month, by multiplying the amount of the payment by 12 and dividing the product by 52;
 - (b) in any other case, by dividing the amount of the payment by the number equal to the number of days in the period to which it relates and multiplying the product by 7.
- (4) When calculating earned income use the gross figure less
 - (a) National Insurance
 - (b) Income Tax
 - (c) pension contribution
- (5) The authority may only adjust the amount of the income in cases where income and capital of the non-dependant is to be treated as the applicant's if the authority determines that the relevant provision applies in the applicant's case or such further reduction (if any) as the authority thinks fit.
- (6) In determining the income and capital of an applicant the authority may

³ See Appendix 3 paragraph 12 for a definition of 'earnings'

use the calculation or estimate of the income and capital of the applicant as used in determining the award of Universal Credit.

11. Average weekly earnings of self-employed earners

- (1) Subject to paragraph 10(6) the average weekly earnings must be estimated by reference to the earnings from that employment over such period as is appropriate in order that his average weekly earnings may be estimated accurately but the length of the period must not in any case exceed a year⁴.
- (2) The weekly amount of earnings of an applicant is to be determined by dividing his earnings over the assessment period by the number equal to the number of days in that period and multiplying the product by 7.

12. Average weekly income other than earnings

- (1) All income other than earnings is disregarded.

13. Calculation of capital

- (1) All capital held by the applicant and their partner/s is to be taken into account, except for disregarded capital as specified in Appendix 4.
- (2) Capital which an applicant possesses in the United Kingdom is to be calculated at its current market or surrender value less—
 - (a) where there would be expenses attributable to the sale, 10 per cent; and
 - (b) the amount of any encumbrance secured on it.
- (3) Capital which an applicant possesses in a country outside the United Kingdom must be calculated—
 - (a) in a case where there is no prohibition in that country against the transfer to the United Kingdom of an amount equal to its current market or surrender value in that country, at that value;
 - (b) in a case where there is such a prohibition, at the price which it would realise if sold in the United Kingdom to a willing buyer, less, where there would be expenses attributable to sale, 10% and the amount of any encumbrances secured on it.
- (4) An applicant is to be treated as possessing capital of which he has deprived himself for the purpose of securing entitlement to a reduction or increasing the

⁴ See Appendix 3 paragraphs (13), (14) and (15)

amount of that reduction. Notional capital is defined under Appendix 3 paragraph 17

- (5) Except where an applicant possesses capital which is disregarded under Appendix 3 paragraph 17 (notional capital), where an applicant and one or more persons are beneficially entitled in possession to any capital asset they must be treated, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, as if each of them were entitled in possession to the whole beneficial interest therein in an equal share

14. Extended reductions

- (1) The applicant is entitled to an Extended Reduction (ER) if they meet the conditions set out below in (4)
- (2) An ER is awarded from the date the change takes effect, and it lasts for four weeks. In each of those four weeks, the amount of the ER is the greater of:
 - (a) The amount awarded in the last full benefit week before the ER started.
 - (b) The amount which would be the applicant's entitlement in that particular week if there were no such thing as ER.
- (3) Throughout the ER, all changes in the applicant's circumstances are ignored and no ER is awarded for council tax during any period where the applicant is not liable for council tax.
- (4) The applicants who have been on a 'qualifying income-related benefit' will be entitled to an ER if:
 - (a) the applicant or any partner starts employment or self-employment, or increases his or her hours or earnings;
 - (b) this is expected to last for at least five weeks;
 - (c) the applicant or partner has been entitled to Employment and Support Allowance income related (ESA(IR)), Job Seeker's Allowance income based (JSA(IB)), Job Seeker's Allowance contribution based (JSA(C)) or Income Support (IS) continuously for at least 26 weeks (or any combination of those benefits in that period);
 - (d) Immediately before starting the job, etc, the applicant or partner was on ESA(IR), JSA(IB) or IS. At this point being on JSA(C) is not enough; and
 - (e) Entitlement to ESA(IR), JSA(IB) or IS ceases as a result of starting the job, etc.
- (5) The applicants who have been on a 'qualifying contributory benefit' will be entitled to an extended payment if:

- (a) the applicant or any partner starts employment or self-employment, or

- increases his or her hours or earnings;
- (b) this is expected to last for at least five weeks;
- (c) the applicant or partner has been entitled to Employment and Support Allowance contribution based (ESA(C)), Incapacity Benefit (IB) or Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA) continuously for at least 26 weeks (or any combination of those benefits in that period);
- (d) Immediately before starting the job, etc, the applicant or partner was on ESA(C), IB or SDA. And neither of them must be on ESA(IR), JSA(IB) or IS; and
- (e) Entitlement to ESA(C), IB or SDA ceases as a result of starting the job, etc.

15. Excess reduction

Excess Reduction means any amount previously allowed under the scheme but to which there was no entitlement. This includes any excess Reduction that arose by reason of:-

- (a) a reduction in the amount a person is liable to pay in respect of council tax in consequence of-
 - (i) regulations made under section 13 of the 1992 Act (reduction in the amount of a person's council tax); or
 - (ii) any discount to which that tax is subject by virtue of section 11 or 79 of that Act;
- (b) a substitution under section 31 of a lesser amount for an amount of council tax previously set by the authority under section 30 of that Act (amount set for council tax).

16. Diminution of capital

- (1) Where in the case of recoverable excess reduction, in consequence of a misrepresentation or failure to disclose a material fact (in either case whether fraudulent or otherwise) as to a person's capital, or an error, other than one to which Rule 23(2) refers, as to the amount of a person's capital, the excess reduction was in respect of a period ("the excess reduction period") of more than 13 benefit weeks, the authority shall, for the purpose only of calculating the amount of that excess reduction —
 - (a) at the end of the first 13 benefit weeks of the excess reduction period, treat the amount of that capital as having been reduced by the amount of excess reduction paid during those 13 weeks.
 - (b) at the end of each subsequent period of 13 benefit weeks, if any, of the excess reduction period, treat the amount of that capital as having been further

reduced by the amount of excess reduction paid during the immediately preceding 13 benefit weeks.

- (2) Capital shall not be treated as reduced over any period other than 13 benefit weeks or in any circumstances other than those for which paragraph (1) provides.

17. Recovery of excess reduction

- (1) Any excess reduction, except reduction to which paragraph (2) applies, shall be recoverable.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (4) and (5), and excepting any excess reduction that arose due to the reasons to which paragraphs (a) or (b) of Rule 22 refer, this paragraph applies to excess reduction awarded in consequence of an official error, the applicant or person acting on their behalf or any other person to whom the excess reduction was allowed could not, at the time the reduction was allowed or upon receipt of any notice relating to the award of that reduction, reasonably have been expected to realise that it was excess reduction.
- (3) In paragraph (2), “excess reduction awarded in consequence of an official error” means excess reduction caused by a mistake made whether in the form of an act or omission by—
 - (a) South Gloucestershire Council
 - (b) an officer or person acting for South Gloucestershire Council;
 - (c) an officer of—
 - (i) the Department for Work and Pensions; or
 - (ii) the Commissioners for Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, acting as such; or
 - (d) a person providing services to the Department or to the Commissioners referred to in (c),
where the claimant, a person acting on his behalf or any other person to whom the payment is made, did not cause or materially contribute to that mistake, act or omission.
- (4) Paragraph (2) shall not apply with respect to excess reduction to which paragraphs (a) or (b) of Rule 22 refer.
- (5) Where in consequence of an official error a person has been awarded excess reduction, upon the award being revised any excess reduction which remains credited to them by South Gloucestershire Council in respect of a period after the date of the revision, shall be recoverable.

Appendix 1: Students

1. Interpretation

- (1) “academic year” means the period of twelve months beginning on 1st January, 1st April, 1st July or 1st September according to whether the course in question begins in the winter, the spring, the summer or the autumn respectively but if students are required to begin attending the course during August or September and to continue attending through the autumn, the academic year of the course is to be considered to begin in the autumn rather than the summer;
- (2) “access funds” means
- (a) grants made under section 68 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992⁵ for the purpose of providing funds on a discretionary basis to be paid to students;
 - (b) grants made under sections 73(a) and (c) and 74(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980⁶;
 - (c) grants made under Article 30 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 or grants, loans or other payments made under Article 5 of the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 in each case being grants, or grants, loans or other payments as the case may be, for the purpose of assisting students in financial difficulties;
 - (d) discretionary payments, known as “learner support funds”, which are made available to students in further education by institutions out of funds provided by the Secretary of State under section 14 of the Education Act 2002 or the Chief Executive of Skills Funding under sections 100 and 101 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009⁷; or
 - (e) Financial Contingency Funds made available by the Welsh Ministers;
- (3) “college of further education” means a college of further education within the meaning of Part 1 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992;
- “contribution” means
- (a) any contribution in respect of the income of a student or any person which the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or an education authority takes into account in ascertaining the amount of a student’s grant or student loan; or
 - (b) any sums, which in determining the amount of a student’s allowance or bursary in Scotland under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, the Scottish Ministers or education authority takes into account being sums which the Scottish Ministers or education authority considers that it is reasonable for the following persons to contribute towards the holder’s expenses—
 - i. the holder of the allowance or bursary;

⁵ 1992 c.13.

⁶ 1980 c.44

⁷ 2009 c.22

- ii. the holder's parents;
- iii. the holder's parent's spouse, civil partner or a person ordinarily living with the holder's parent as if he or she were the spouse or civil partner of that parent; or
- iv. the holder's spouse or civil partner;

- (4) "course of study" means any course of study, whether or not it is a sandwich course and whether or not a grant is made for attending or undertaking it;
- (5) "covenant income" means the gross income payable to a full-time student under a Deed of Covenant by his parent;
- (6) "education authority" means a government department, a local authority as defined in section 579 of the Education Act 1996 (interpretation), a local education authority as defined in section 123 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, an education and library board established under Article 3 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, anybody which is a research council for the purposes of the Science and Technology Act 1965 or any analogous government department, authority, board or body, of the Channel Islands, Isle of Man or any other country outside Great Britain;
- (7) "full-time course of study" means a full-time course of study which

(a) is not funded in whole or in part by the Secretary of State under section 14 of the Education Act 2002, the Chief Executive of Skills Funding or by the Welsh Ministers or a full-time course of study which is not funded in whole or in part by the Scottish Ministers at a college of further education or a full-time course of study which is a course of higher education and is funded in whole or in part by the Scottish Ministers;

(b) is funded in whole or in part by the Secretary of State under section 14 of the Education Act 2002, the Chief Executive of Skills Funding or by the Welsh Ministers if it involves more than 16 guided learning hours per week for the student in question, according to the number of guided learning hours per week for that student set out

- i. in the case of a course funded by the Secretary of State under section 14 of the Education Act 2002 or the Chief Executive of Skills Funding, in the student's learning agreement signed on behalf of the establishment which is funded by either of those persons for the delivery of that course; or
- ii. in the case of a course funded by the Welsh Ministers, in a document signed on behalf of the establishment which is funded by that Council for the delivery of that course; or

(c) is not higher education and is funded in whole or in part by the Scottish Ministers at a college of further education and involves—

(i) more than 16 hours per week of classroom-based or workshop-based programmed learning under the direct guidance of teaching staff according to the number of hours set out in a document signed on behalf of the college; or

(ii) 16 hours or less per week of classroom-based or workshop-

based programmed learning under the direct guidance of teaching staff and additional hours using structured learning packages supported by the teaching staff where the combined total of hours exceeds 21 hours per week, according to the number of hours set out in a document signed on behalf of the college;

- (8) “full-time student” means a person attending or undertaking a full-time course of study and includes a student on a sandwich course;
- (9) “grant” (except in the definition of “access funds”) means any kind of educational grant or award and includes any scholarship, studentship, exhibition, allowance or bursary but does not include a payment from access funds or any payment to which sub paragraph 52 of Appendix 4 applies;
- (10) “grant income” means
 - (a) any income by way of a grant;
 - (b) any contribution whether or not it is paid;
- (11) “higher education” means higher education within the meaning of Part 2 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992;
- (12) “last day of the course” means
 - (a) in the case of a qualifying course, the date on which the last day of that course falls or the date on which the final examination relating to that course is completed, whichever is the later;
 - (b) in any other case, the date on which the last day of the final academic term falls in respect of the course in which the student is enrolled;
- (13) “period of study” means
 - (a) in the case of a course of study for one year or less, the period beginning with the start of the course and ending with the last day of the course;
 - (b) in the case of a course of study for more than one year, in the first or, as the case may be, any subsequent year of the course, other than the final year of the course, the period beginning with the start of the course or, as the case may be, that year’s start and ending with either—
 - i. the day before the start of the next year of the course in a case where the student’s grant or loan is assessed at a rate appropriate to his studying throughout the year or, if he does not have a grant or loan, where a loan would have been assessed at such a rate had he had one; or
 - ii. in any other case, the day before the start of the normal summer vacation appropriate to his course;
 - iii. in the final year of a course of study of more than one year, the period beginning with that year’s start and ending with the last day of the course;
- (14) “periods of experience” means periods of work experience which form part of a sandwich course;
- (15) “qualifying course” means a qualifying course as defined for the purposes of Parts 2 and 4 of the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996;

- (16) “sandwich course” has the meaning prescribed in regulation 2(9) of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2008, regulation 4(2) of the Education (Student Loans) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 or regulation 2(8) of the Education (Student Support) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007, as the case may be;
- (17) “standard maintenance grant” means
- (a) except where paragraph (b) or (c) applies, in the case of a student attending or undertaking a course of study at the University of London or an establishment within the area comprising the City of London and the Metropolitan Police District, the amount specified for the time being in paragraph 2(2)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 2003⁸ (“the 2003 Regulations”) for such a student;
 - (b) except where paragraph (c) applies, in the case of a student residing at his parent’s home, the amount specified in paragraph 3 thereof;
 - (c) in the case of a student receiving an allowance or bursary under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, the amount of money specified as “standard maintenance allowance” for the relevant year appropriate for the student set out in the Student Support in Scotland Guide issued by the Student Awards Agency for Scotland, or its nearest equivalent in the case of a bursary provided by a college of further education or a local education authority;
 - (d) in any other case, the amount specified in paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the 2003 Regulations other than in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) thereof;
- (18) “student” means a person, other than a person in receipt of a training allowance, who is attending or undertaking
- (a) a course of study at an educational establishment; or
 - (b) a qualifying course;
- (19) “student loan” means a loan towards a student’s maintenance pursuant to any regulations made under section 22 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998⁹, section 73 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 or Article 3 of the Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 and includes, in Scotland, a young student’s bursary paid under regulation 4(1)(c) of the Students’ Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 2007.
- (20) For the purposes of the definition of “full-time student” in sub-paragraph (1), a person must be regarded as attending or, as the case may be, undertaking a full-time course of study or as being on a sandwich course
- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (3), in the case of a person attending or undertaking a part of a modular course which would be a full-time course of study for the purposes of this Part, for the period beginning on the day on which that part of the course starts and ending—
 - i. on the last day on which he is registered with the educational establishment as attending or undertaking that part as a full-time course of study; or

⁸ S.I. 2003/1994; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2008/1477.

⁹ 1998 c.30.

- ii. on such earlier date (if any) as he finally abandons the course or is dismissed from it;
 - (b) in any other case, throughout the period beginning on the date on which he starts attending or undertaking the course and ending on the last day of the course or on such earlier date (if any) as he finally abandons it or is dismissed from it.
- (21) For the purposes of paragraph (a) of sub-paragraph (2), the period referred to in that paragraph includes
- (a) where a person has failed examinations or has failed successfully to complete a module relating to a period when he was attending or undertaking a part of the course as a full- time course of study, any period in respect of which he attends or undertakes the course for the purpose of retaking those examinations or that module;
 - (b) any period of vacation within the period specified in that paragraph or immediately following that period except where the person has registered with the educational establishment to attend or undertake the final module in the course and the vacation immediately follows the last day on which he is required to attend or undertake the course.
- (22) “modular course” means a course of study which consists of two or more modules, the successful completion of a specified number of which is required before a person is considered by the educational establishment to have completed the course.

2. Students who are excluded from entitlement to a reduction

- 1. The students who are excluded from entitlement to reduction under this scheme are, subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (6),
 - (a) full time students; and
 - (b) students who are persons treated as not being in Great Britain.
- (2) Sub-paragraph 1 does not apply to a student – ‘
 - (a) who is a person on income support, an income-based jobseeker’s allowance or an income-related employment and support allowance;
 - (b) who is a lone parent;
 - (c) whose applicable amount would, but for this paragraph, include the disability premium or severe disability premium;
 - (d) whose applicable amount would include the disability premium but for his being treated as capable of work by virtue of a determination made in accordance with regulations made under section 171E of the SSCBA;
 - (e) who is, or is treated as, incapable of work and has been so incapable, or has been so treated as incapable, of work in accordance with the provisions of, and regulations made under, Part 12A of the SSCBA (incapacity for work) for a continuous period of not less than 196 days; and for this purpose any two or more separate periods separated by a break of not more than 56 days must be treated as one continuous period;

- (f) who has, or is treated as having, limited capability for work and has had, or been treated as having, limited capability for work in accordance with the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 for a continuous period of not less than 196 days, and for this purpose any two or more separate periods separated by a break of not more than 84 days must be treated as one continuous period;
 - (g) who has a partner who is also a full-time student, if he or that partner is treated as responsible for a child or young person;
 - (h) who is a single applicant with whom a child is placed by a local authority or voluntary organisation within the meaning of the Children Act 1989 or, in Scotland;
 - (i) who is
 - i. aged under 21 and whose course of study is not a course of higher education,
 - ii. (ii) aged 21 and attained that age during a course of study which is not a course of higher education, or
 - iii. a qualifying young person or child within the meaning of section 142 of the SSCBA (child and qualifying young person);
 - (j) in respect of whom—
 - i. a supplementary requirement has been determined under paragraph 9 of Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 2003;
 - ii. an allowance, or as the case may be, bursary has been granted which includes a sum under paragraph (1)(d) of regulation 4 of the Students' Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 1999 or, as the case may be, under paragraph (1)(d) of regulation 4 of the Education Authority (Bursaries) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, in respect of expenses incurred;
 - iii. a payment has been made under or by virtue of regulations made under the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (this only applies to an applicant until the end of the course during which the applicant attained the age of 21);
 - iv. a grant has been made under regulation 13 of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2005 or under regulation 13 of the Education (Student Support) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000; or
 - v. a supplementary requirement has been determined under paragraph 9 of Schedule 6 to the Students Awards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 or a payment has been made under Article 50(3) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, on account of his disability by reason of deafness.
- (3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2), once sub-paragraph (2)(e) applies to a full-time student, if he then ceases, for a period of 56 days or less, to be

incapable, or to be treated as incapable, of work, that sub-paragraph must, on his again becoming so incapable, or so treated as incapable, of work at the end of that period, immediately thereafter apply to him for so long as he remains incapable or is treated as remaining incapable, of work.

- (1) In sub-paragraph (2)(i) the reference to a course of higher education is a reference to a course of any description mentioned in Schedule 6 to the Education Reform Act 1988 c.40.
- (2) A full-time student to whom sub-paragraph (2)(i) applies must be treated as satisfying that sub-paragraph from the date on which he made a request for the supplementary requirement, allowance, bursary or payment as the case may be.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (2)(b) does not apply to a full-time student for the period specified in sub-paragraph (7) if—
 - (a) at any time during an academic year, with the consent of the relevant educational establishment, he ceases to attend or undertake a course because he is—
 - (i) engaged in caring for another person; or
 - (ii) ill;
 - (b) he has subsequently ceased to be engaged in caring for that person or, as the case may be, he has subsequently recovered from that illness; and
 - (c) he is not eligible for a grant or a student loan in respect of the period specified in sub-paragraph (7).
- (7) The period specified for the purposes of sub-paragraph (6) is the period, not exceeding one year, beginning on the day on which he ceased to be engaged in caring for that person or, as the case may be, the day on which he recovered from that illness and ending on the day before—
 - (a) the day on which he resumes attending or undertaking the course; or
 - (b) the day from which the relevant educational establishment has agreed that he may resume attending or undertaking the course, whichever first occurs.

3. Income treated as capital

- (1) Any amount by way of a refund of tax deducted from a student's covenant income must be treated as capital.
- (1) An amount paid from access funds as a single lump sum must be treated as capital.
- (2) An amount paid from access funds as a single lump sum which is intended and used for an item other than food, ordinary clothing or footwear, household fuel or rent, or which is used for an item other than any council tax or water charges for which that applicant or member is liable, must be disregarded as capital but only for a period of 52 weeks from the date of the payment.

- (3) In calculating a student's income the authority must disregard any change in the standard maintenance grant, occurring in the recognised summer vacation appropriate to the student's course, if that vacation does not form part of his period of study from the date on which the change occurred to the end of that vacation.

Appendix 2: When entitlement begins and changes of circumstances

1. Date on which entitlement begins

- (1) Subject to paragraph (7), any person by whom or in respect of whom an application for a reduction under this scheme is made and who is otherwise entitled to that reduction is so entitled from the Monday following the reduction week six weeks prior to the date on which that application is made or is treated as made.
- (2) The authority must make a decision on an application for a reduction under this scheme within 14 days of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 being satisfied, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.
- (3) Where a person is otherwise entitled to a reduction under this scheme and becomes liable for the first time for the authority's council tax in respect of a dwelling of which he is a resident in the reduction week in which his application is made or is treated as made, he is so entitled from that reduction week.

2. Making an application

- (1) In the case of—
 - (a) a couple or (subject to paragraph (b)) members of a polygamous marriage an application is to be made by whichever one of them they agree should so apply or, in default of agreement, by such one of them as the authority determines; or
 - (b) in the case of members of a polygamous marriage to whom Part 3 paragraph (9) applies, an application is to be made by whichever one of the parties to the earliest marriage that still subsists they agree should so apply or, in default of agreement, by such one of them as the authority determines.
- (2) Where a person who is liable to pay council tax in respect of a dwelling is unable for the time being to act, and—
 - (1) a deputy has been appointed by the Court of Protection with power to claim, or as the case may be, receive benefit on his behalf; or
 - (2) an attorney with a general power or a power to apply or, as the case may be, receive benefit, has been appointed by that person under the Powers of Attorney Act 1971¹⁰, the Enduring Powers of Attorney Act 1985¹¹ or the Mental Capacity Act 2005 or otherwise, that deputy, judicial factor, guardian or attorney, as the case may be, may make an application on behalf of that person.
- (3) Where a person who is liable to pay council tax in respect of a dwelling is unable for the time being to act and sub-paragraph (2) does not apply to him,

¹⁰ 1971 c.27.

¹¹ 1985 c.29.

the authority may, upon written application made to them by a person who, if a natural person, is over the age of 18, appoint that person to exercise on behalf of the person who is unable to act, any right to which that person might be entitled under this scheme and to receive and deal on his behalf with any sums payable to him.

- (4) Where a person who is liable to pay council tax in respect of a dwelling is for the time being unable to act and the Secretary of State has appointed a person to act on his behalf under regulation 33 of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987 (persons unable to act), the authority may if that person agrees, treat him as if he had been appointed by them under sub-paragraph (3).
- (5) Where the authority has made an appointment under sub-paragraph (3) or treated a person as an appointee under sub-paragraph (4)—
 - (a) it may at any time revoke the appointment;
 - (b) the person appointed may resign his office after having given four weeks' notice in writing to the authority of his intention to do so;
 - (c) any such appointment must terminate when the authority is notified of the appointment of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (2).
- (6) Anything required by this scheme to be done by or to any person who is for the time being unable to act may be done by or to the persons mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) above or by or to the person appointed or treated as appointed under this paragraph and the receipt of any such person so appointed shall be a good discharge to the authority for any sum paid.
- (7) The authority must—
 - (a) inform any person making an application of the duty imposed by paragraph 6(1)(a);
 - (b) explain the possible consequences (including prosecution) of failing to comply with that duty; and
 - (c) set out the circumstances a change in which might affect entitlement to the reduction or its amount.

3. Date on which an application is made

(1) Subject to paragraph (6), the date on which an application is made is—

(a) in a case where—

- i. an award of income support, income-based jobseeker's allowance, income-related employment and support allowance or an award of universal credit has been made to the applicant or his partner, and
- ii. the application is made within one month of the date on which the claim for that income support, jobseeker's allowance, employment and support allowance or universal credit was received, the first day of entitlement to income support, an income-based jobseeker's allowance, an income-related employment and support allowance or universal credit arising from that claim;

(b) in a case where—

- i. an applicant or his partner is a person on income support, an income-based jobseeker's allowance or an income-related employment and support allowance or has an award of universal credit,
- ii. the applicant becomes liable for the first time to pay council tax in respect of the dwelling which he occupies as his home, and
- iii. the application to the authority is received at the designated office within one month of the date of the change, the date on which the change takes place

(c) in a case where—

- i. the applicant is the former partner of a person who was, at the date of his death or their separation, entitled to a reduction under this scheme, and
- ii. where the applicant makes an application for a reduction under this scheme within one month of the date of the death or the separation, the date of the death or separation.

(d) except where paragraph (c) is satisfied, in a case where a properly completed application is received within one month (or such longer period as the authority considers reasonable) of the date on which an application form was issued to the applicant following the applicant first notifying, by whatever means, the authority of an intention to make an application, the date of first notification;

(e) in any other case, the date on which the application is received at the designated office.

(2) For the purposes only of sub-paragraph (1)(a) a person who has been awarded an income-based jobseeker's allowance or an income-related employment and support allowance is to be treated as entitled to that allowance for any days which immediately precede the first day in that award and on which he would, but for

regulations made under—

- (a) in the case of income-based jobseeker's allowance, paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the Jobseekers Act 1995 (waiting days); or
 - (b) in the case of income-related employment and support allowance, paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (waiting days), have been entitled to that allowance.
- (3) Except in the case of an application made by a person treated as not being in Great Britain, where a person has not become liable for council tax to the authority but it is anticipated that he will become so liable within the period of 8 weeks (the relevant period), he may apply for a reduction under this scheme at any time in that period in respect of that tax and, provided that liability arises within the relevant period, the authority is to treat the application as having been made on the day on which the liability for the tax arises.
- (4) Except in the case of an application made by a person treated as not being in Great Britain, where the applicant is not entitled to a reduction under this scheme in the reduction week immediately following the date of his application but the authority is of the opinion that unless there is a change of circumstances he will be entitled to a reduction under this scheme for a period beginning not later than the thirteenth reduction week following the date on which the application is made, the authority may treat the application as made on a date in the reduction week immediately preceding the first reduction week of that period of entitlement and award a reduction accordingly.

4. Information and evidence

- (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), a person who makes an application for a reduction under this scheme must satisfy sub-paragraph (2) in relation both to himself and to any other person in respect of whom he is making the application.
- (2) This sub-paragraph is satisfied in relation to a person if—
 - (a) the application is accompanied by—
 - i. a statement of the person's national insurance number and information or evidence establishing that that number has been allocated to the person; or
 - ii. information or evidence enabling the authority to ascertain the national insurance number that has been allocated to the person; or
 - (b) the person has made an application for a national insurance number to be allocated to him and the application for the reduction is accompanied by—
 - i. evidence of the application for a national insurance number to be so allocated; and
 - ii. the information or evidence enabling it to be so allocated.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (2) does not apply—
 - (a) in the case of a child or young person in respect of whom an application for a reduction is made;

- (b) to a person who—
 - (a) is a person treated as not being in Great Britain for the purposes of this scheme¹²;
 - (b) is subject to immigration control within the meaning of section 115(9)(a) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; and
 - (c) Has not previously been allocated a national insurance number.
- (3) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), a person who makes an application, or a person to whom a reduction under this scheme has been awarded, must furnish such certificates, documents, information and evidence in connection with the application or the award, or any question arising out of the application or the award, as may reasonably be required by the authority in order to determine that person's entitlement to, or continuing entitlement to a reduction under this scheme and must do so within one month of the authority requiring him to do so or such longer period as the authority may consider reasonable.
- (4) Nothing in this paragraph requires a person to furnish any certificates, documents, information or evidence relating to a payment to which sub-paragraph (6) applies.
- (5) Where a request is made under sub-paragraph (3), the authority must—
 - (a) inform the applicant or the person to whom a reduction under this scheme has been awarded of his duty under paragraph 6 (duty to notify change of circumstances) to notify the authority of any change of circumstances; and
 - (b) without prejudice to the extent of the duty owed under paragraph 6, indicate to him either orally or by notice or by reference to some other document available to him on application and without charge, the kind of change of circumstances which is to be notified.
- (6) This sub-paragraph applies to any of the following payments—
 - (a) a payment which is—
 - i. disregarded under Part 3 paragraph 12(4) or Appendix 4
 - ii. made under or by the Trusts, the Fund, the Eileen Trust, MFET Limited, the Skipton Fund, the Caxton Foundation or the London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund;
 - b. a payment which is disregarded under paragraph 27 of Appendix 4 (payments made under certain trusts and certain other payments), other than a payment under the Independent Living Fund (2006).

5. Amendment and withdrawal of application

- (1) A person who has made an application may amend it at any time before a decision

¹² As to which, see paragraph 11.

has been made on it by a notice in writing delivered or sent to the designated office. The application amended is to be treated as if it had been amended in the first instance.

- (2) A person who has made an application may withdraw it by notice to the designated office at any time before a decision has been made on it. Any notice of withdrawal given has effect when it is received.

6. Duty to notify changes of circumstances

(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), the applicant (or any person acting on his behalf) must comply with sub-paragraph (2) if there is a relevant change of circumstances at any time—

- (a) between the making of an application and a decision being made on it, or
- (b) after the decision is made (where the decision is that the applicant is entitled to a reduction under this scheme) including at any time while the applicant is in receipt of such a reduction.

(2) The applicant (or any person acting on his behalf) must notify any change of circumstances which the applicant (or that person) might reasonably be expected to know might affect his entitlement to, or the amount of, a reduction under this scheme (a “relevant change of circumstances”) by giving notice to the authority—

- (a) in writing; or
- (b) by any other means which the authority agrees to accept in any particular case, within a period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the change occurs, or as soon as reasonably practicable after the change occurs, whichever is later.

(3) The duty imposed on a person by sub-paragraph (1) does not extend to notifying—

- (a) changes in the amount of council tax payable to the authority;
- (b) changes in the age of the applicant or that of any member of his family;
- (c) in the case of an applicant in receipt of a relevant benefit, changes in circumstances which affect the amount of the benefit but not the amount of the reduction under this scheme to which he is entitled, other than the cessation of that entitlement to the benefit.

(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(c) “relevant benefit” means income support, an income-based jobseeker’s allowance or an income-related employment and support allowance or universal credit.

(5) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (3)(b) or (c) an applicant is required by sub-paragraph (1) to notify the authority of any change in the composition of his family arising from the fact that a person who was a member of his family is now no longer such a person because he has ceased to be a child or young person.

7. Date on which change of circumstances is to take effect

(1) A change of circumstances which affects entitlement to, or the amount of, a reduction under this scheme (“change of circumstances”), takes effect from the first day of the reduction week following the date on which the change actually occurs.

(2) Where that change is cessation of entitlement to any benefit under the benefit Acts, the date on which the change actually occurs is the day immediately following the last day of entitlement to that benefit.

(3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), where the change of circumstances is a change in the amount of council tax payable, it takes effect from the day on which it actually occurs.

(4) Where the change of circumstances is a change in the amount a person is liable to pay in respect of council tax in consequence of regulations under section 13 of the 1992 Act (reduced amounts of council tax) or changes in the discount to which a dwelling may be subject under section 11 or 11A of that Act¹³ (discounts), it takes effect from the day on which the change in amount has effect.

(5) Where the change of circumstances is the applicant's acquisition of a partner, the change takes effect on the day on which the acquisition takes place.

(6) Where the change of circumstances is the death of an applicant's partner or their separation, it takes effect on the day the death or separation occurs.

(7) If two or more changes of circumstances occurring in the same reduction week would, but for this paragraph, take effect in different reduction weeks in accordance with sub-paragraphs (1) to (6) they take effect from the day to which the appropriate sub-paragraph from (3) to (6) above refers, or, where more than one day is concerned, from the earlier day.

(8) Where the change of circumstances is that income, or an increase in the amount of income, other than a benefit or an increase in the amount of a benefit under the SSCBA, is paid in respect of a past period and there was no entitlement to income of that amount during that period, the change of circumstances takes effect from the first day on which such income, had it been paid in that period at intervals appropriate to that income, would have fallen to be taken into account for the purposes of this scheme.

(9) Without prejudice to sub-paragraph (8), where the change of circumstances is the payment of income, or arrears of income, in respect of a past period, the change of circumstances takes effect from the first day on which such income, had it been timorously paid in that period at intervals appropriate to that income, would have fallen to be taken into account for the purposes of this scheme.

8. Correction of accidental errors

(1) Accidental errors in a relevant decision, or a revised decision, or the record of such a decision, may be corrected by the authority at any time.

(2) A correction made to a relevant decision, or a revised decision, or the record of such a decision, shall be deemed to be part of the decision, or of that record, and the authority shall give a written notice of the correction as soon as practicable to the applicant.

¹³ Section 11A was inserted by section 75(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 (c.26).

9. Notification of decision

(1) The authority must notify in writing any person affected by a decision made by it under this scheme—

(a) in the case of a decision on an application, forthwith or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter;

(b) in any other case, within 14 days of that decision or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

(2) Where the decision is to award a reduction the notification under sub-paragraph (1) must include a statement—

(a) informing the person affected of the duty to notify the authority of any change of circumstance;

(b) explaining the possible consequences (including prosecution) of failing to comply with that duty; and

(c) setting out the circumstances a change in which might affect entitlement to the reduction or its amount.

(3) Where the decision is to award a reduction, the notification under sub-paragraph (1) must include a statement as to how that entitlement is to be discharged.

(4) In any case, the notification under sub-paragraph (1) must inform the person affected of the procedure by which an appeal may be made and must refer the person to the provisions in this scheme relating to the procedure for making an appeal.

(5) A person affected to whom the authority sends or delivers a notification of decision may, within one month of the date of the notification of that decision request in writing the authority to provide a written statement setting out the reasons for its decision on any matter set out in the notice.

(6) The written statement referred to in sub-paragraph (5) must be sent to the person requesting it within 14 days or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

(7) For the purposes of this paragraph a person is to be treated as a person affected by a decision of the authority under this scheme where the rights, duties or obligations of that person are affected by that decision and the person falls within sub-paragraph (8).

(8) This sub-paragraph applies to—

(a) the applicant;

(b) in the case of a person who is liable to pay council tax in respect of a dwelling and is unable for the time being to act—

(c) a deputy appointed by the Court of Protection with power to claim, or as the case may be, receive benefit on his behalf; or

(i) an attorney with a general power or a power to apply or, as the case may be, receive benefit, has been appointed by that person under the Powers of Attorney Act 1971, the Enduring Powers of Attorney Act 1985 or the Mental Capacity Act 2005 or otherwise,

(d) a person appointed by the authority under paragraph 3(3).

10. Payment where there is joint and several liability

(1)Where—

(a) a person is entitled to a reduction under this scheme in respect of his liability for the authority's council tax as it has effect in respect of a financial year;

(b) the person entitled to the reduction is jointly and severally liable for the council tax; and

(c) the authority determines that discharging his entitlement by reducing the amount of his liability to which regulation 20(2) of the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992 refers would be inappropriate, it may make a payment to him of the amount of reduction to which he is entitled, rounded where necessary to the nearest penny.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), any payment made under sub-paragraph (1) must be made to the person who is entitled to the reduction.

(3) Where a person other than the person who is entitled to the reduction under this scheme made the application for the reduction and that first person is a person acting pursuant to an appointment under paragraph 2(3) (persons appointed to act for a person unable to act) or is treated as having been so appointed by virtue of paragraph 2(5), the amount of the reduction may be paid to that person.

11. Conditions for the use of electronic communication

(1) The authority may use an electronic communication in connection with applications for, and awards of, reductions under this scheme.

(2) A person other than the authority may use an electronic communication in connection with the matters referred to in sub-paragraph (1) if the conditions specified in sub-paragraphs (3) to (6) are satisfied.

(3) The first condition is that the person is for the time being permitted to use an electronic communication by an authorisation given by means of a direction of the Chief Executive of the authority.

(4) The second condition is that the person uses an approved method of—

(a) authenticating the identity of the sender of the communication;

(b) electronic communication;

(c) authenticating any application or notice delivered by means of an electronic communication; and

(d) subject to sub-paragraph (7), submitting to the authority any information.

(5) The third condition is that any information sent by means of an electronic communication is in a form supplied for the purposes of this Part of this Schedule.

(6) The fourth condition is that the person maintains such records in written or electronic form as may be specified in a direction given by the Chief Executive of the authority.

(7) Where the person uses any method other than the method approved of submitting any information, that information is to be treated as not having been submitted.

(8) In this “approved” means approved by means of a direction given by the Chief Executive of the authority for the purposes of this Part of this Schedule.

(9) The authority may use intermediaries in connection with

(a) the delivery of any information by means of an electronic communication; and

(b) the authentication or security of anything transmitted by such means, and may require other persons to use intermediaries in connection with those matters.

(10) Any information which is delivered by means of an electronic communication is to be treated as having been delivered in the manner or form required by any provision of this scheme, on the day the conditions imposed—

(a) by this Part; and

(b) by or under an enactment, are satisfied.

(11) The authority may determine that any information is to be treated as delivered on a different day (whether earlier or later) from the day provided for in sub-paragraph (10).

(12) Information must not be taken to have been delivered to an official computer system by means of an electronic communication unless it is accepted by the system to which it is delivered.

(13) If it is necessary to prove, for the purpose of any legal proceedings, the identity of—

(a) the sender of any information delivered by means of an electronic communication to an official computer system; or

(b) the recipient of any such information delivered by means of an electronic communication from an official computer system, the sender or recipient, as the case may be, is to be presumed to be the person whose name is recorded as such on that official computer system.

(10) If it is necessary to prove, for the purpose of any legal proceedings, that the use of an electronic communication has resulted in the delivery of any information this must be presumed to have been the case where—

(a) any such information has been delivered to the authority, if the delivery of that information has been recorded on an official computer system; or

(b) any such information has been delivered by the authority, if the delivery of that information has been recorded on an official computer system.

(11) If it is necessary to prove, for the purpose of any legal proceedings, that the use of an electronic communication has resulted in the delivery of any such information, this must be presumed not to be the case, if that information delivered to the authority has not been recorded on an official computer system.

(12) If it is necessary to prove, for the purpose of any legal proceedings, when any such information sent by means of an electronic communication has been received, the time and date of receipt must be presumed to be that recorded on an official computer system.

(13) If it is necessary to prove, for the purpose of any legal proceedings, the content of any information sent by means of an electronic communication, the content must be presumed to be that recorded on an official computer system.

Appendix 3: Glossary and definitions

1. Glossary

(1) In this scheme—

- “the 1992 Act” means the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- the treatment of benefits within this scheme only applies to those specifically named benefits which are issued in the United Kingdom and do not include any other

payments, including those received from outside the United Kingdom, which may be analogous to those benefits;

- this scheme may be also referred to by the authority as Council Tax Discount or Council Tax Reduction Discount or a variation on these;
- “information” includes an application, certificate, notice or other evidence;
- “official computer system” means a computer system maintained by or on behalf of the authority for the sending, receiving, processing or storing of any information.
- “adoption leave” means a period of absence from work on ordinary or additional adoption leave by virtue of section 75A or 75B of the Employment Rights Act 1996¹⁴;
- “an AFIP” means an armed forces independence payment payable in accordance with an armed and reserve forces compensation scheme established under section 1(2) of the Armed Forces (Pensions and Compensation) Act 2004¹⁵;
- “applicant” means a person who has made an application;
- “application” means an application for a reduction under this scheme;
- “assessment period” means such period as is set out in paragraph 13 Part 3 over which income falls to be calculated;
- “attendance allowance” means—
 - (i) an attendance allowance under Part 3 of the SSCB¹⁶;
 - (ii) an increase of disablement pension under section 104 or 105 of that Act;
 - (iii) a payment by virtue of article 14, 15, 16, 43 or 44 of the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983¹⁷ or any analogous payment; or
 - (iv) any payment based on need for attendance which is paid as part of a war disablement pension;
- “the authority” means South Gloucestershire Council, whose area this scheme has effect by virtue of paragraph 4(6) of Schedule 1A to the 1992 Act;
- “basic rate” has the meaning given by the Income Tax Act 2007¹⁸;
- “the benefit Acts” means the SSCBA, the Jobseekers Act 1995¹⁹, the State Pension Credit Act 2002²⁰ and the Welfare Reform Act 2007²¹ and 2012;
- “care home” has the meaning given by section 3 of the Care Standards Act 2000²² and in Scotland means a care home service within the meaning given by section 2(3) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001²³ and in Northern Ireland means a nursing home within the meaning of Article 11 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern

¹⁴ 1996 c.18. Sections 75A and 75B were inserted by section 3 of the Employment Act 2002 (c.22) and amended by the Work and Families Act 2006 (c.18), Schedule 1, paragraphs 33 and 34.

¹⁵ 2004 c.32.

¹⁶ 1992 c.4. See sections 64 to 67 of that Act in relation to attendance allowance; relevant amendments are referenced elsewhere in these Regulations.

¹⁷ S.I. 1983/686; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1984/1675, 2001/420.

¹⁸ 2007 c.3. Section 989 defines basic rate by reference to section 6(2) of that Act. Section 6(2) was amended by section 5 of the Finance Act 2008 (c.9) and section 6 of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 2 to, the Finance Act 2009 (c.10).

¹⁹ 1995 c.18.

²⁰ 2002 c.16

²¹ 2007 c.5.

²² 2000 c.14. Section 3 was amended by paragraphs 1 and 4 of Schedule 5 to the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c.14).

²³ 2001 asp 8.

Ireland) Order 2003²⁴ or a residential care home within the meaning of Article 10 of that Order;

- “the Caxton Foundation” means the charitable trust of that name established on 28th March 2011 out of funds provided by the Secretary of State for the benefit of certain persons suffering from hepatitis C and other persons eligible for payment in accordance with its provisions;
- “child” means a person under the age of 16;
- “child benefit” has the meaning given by section 141 of the SSCBA²⁵;
- “child tax credit” means a child tax credit under section 8 of the Tax Credits Act 2002²⁶;
- “close relative” means a parent, parent-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, step-parent, step-son, step-daughter, brother, sister, or if any of the preceding persons is one member of a couple, the other member of that couple;
- “concessionary payment” means a payment made under arrangements made by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury which is charged either to the National Insurance Fund or to a Departmental Expenditure Vote to which payments of benefit or tax credits under the benefit Acts or the Tax Credits Act 2002²⁷ are charged;
- “contributory employment and support allowance” means an allowance under Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007(d) as amended by the provisions of Schedule 3, and Part 1 of Schedule 14, to the Welfare Reform Act 2012(e) that remove references to an income-related allowance and a contributory allowance under Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007 as that Part has effect apart from those provisions;”;
- “council tax benefit” means council tax benefit under Part 7 of the SSCBA;
- “couple” has the meaning given by paragraph 3;
- “designated office” means the office of the authority designated by it for the receipt of applications—
 - (i) by notice upon or with a form supplied by it for the purpose of making an application; or
 - (ii) by reference upon or with such a form to some other document available from it and sent by electronic means or otherwise on application and without charge; or
 - (iii) by any combination of the provisions set out in paragraphs (a) and (b);
- “disability living allowance” means a disability living allowance under section 71 of the SSCBA²⁸;
- “Disabled or long term sick” means that the applicant or their partner are –
 - (a) Blind or have recently regained their sight ; or

²⁴ S.I. 2003/431 (N.I. 9).

²⁵ Section 141 was amended by section 1 of the Child Benefit Act 2005 (c.6).

²⁶ 2002 c.21; section 8 is repealed by the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c.5), Schedule 14, Part 1 (not yet in force).

²⁷ 2002 c.21.

²⁸ 1992 c.4. Section 71 was amended by section 67(1) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c.30) and repealed by section 90 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (not yet in force).

- (b) are in receipt of any of;
 - (i) disability living allowance; or
 - (ii) any benefit which is treated as attendance allowance; or
 - (iii) war pensioner's mobility supplement; or
 - (iv) the disability element or severe disability element of working tax credit; or
 - (v) severe disablement allowance; or
 - (vi) incapacity benefit payable at the long-term rate, or if they are terminally ill the short-term higher rate or;
 - (vii) in receipt of PIP.

In the case of items (v) and (vi) the applicant or any partner must be 'in receipt' of that benefit and not merely entitled to it. In certain circumstances the premium can continue if one of the qualifying benefits in (i) or (ii) is lost due to a period in hospital; or

- (c) are treated as long-term sick in the way described later in this paragraph ; or
- (d) have an invalid vehicle supplied by the NHS or get DWP payments for car running costs.

- “earnings” has the meaning given by paragraphs 12, 13, 14 and 15 as the case may be;
- “the Eileen Trust” means the charitable trust of that name established on 29th March 1993 out of funds provided by the Secretary of State for the benefit of persons eligible for payment in accordance with its provisions;
- “electronic communication” has the same meaning as in section 15(1) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000²⁹;
- “employed earner” is to be construed in accordance with section 2(1)(a) of the SSCBA³⁰ and also includes a person who is in receipt of a payment which is payable under any enactment having effect in Northern Ireland and which corresponds to statutory sick pay or statutory maternity pay;
- “the Employment, Skills and Enterprise Scheme” means a scheme under section 17A (schemes for assisting persons to obtain employment: “work for your benefit” schemes etc.) of the Jobseekers Act 1995³¹ known by that name and provided pursuant to arrangements made by the Secretary of State that is designed to assist the applicants for job-seekers allowance to obtain employment, including self-employment, and which may include for any individual work-related activity (including work experience or job search);
- “employment zone” means an area within Great Britain designated for the purposes of section 60 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999³² and an “employment zone programme” means a programme established for such an area or areas

²⁹ 2002 c.7; that definition was amended by the Communications Act 2003 (c.21), Schedule 17, paragraph 158.

³⁰ Section 2(1)(a) was amended by the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003, Schedule 6, paragraphs 169 and 171 (c.1).

³¹ Section 17A was inserted by the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (c.24), section 1 and amended by the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c.5), Schedule 7, paragraphs 1 and 4, and Schedule 14, Parts 1 and 3 (not yet in force). The section is repealed by Part 4 of Schedule 14 to that Act (not yet in force).

³² 1999 c.30.

designed to assist the applicants for a jobseeker's allowance to obtain sustainable employment;

- “enactment” includes an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
- “the Energy Rebate Scheme 2022” means the scheme to provide financial support in respect of energy bills which was announced in Parliament by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 3rd February 2022”
- “extended reduction” means a reduction under this scheme for which a person is eligible under Part 3, 14;
- “extended reduction period” means the period for which a person is in receipt of an extended reduction in accordance Part 3, 14;
- “extended reduction (qualifying contributory benefits)” means a reduction under this scheme for which a person is eligible in accordance with Part 3, paragraph 14;
- “family” has the meaning given by paragraph 5;
- “the Fund” means moneys made available from time to time by the Secretary of State for the benefit of persons eligible for payment in accordance with the provisions of a scheme established by him on 24th April 1992;
- A 'gap' means a period during which the person either is capable of work or is disqualified from incapacity benefit. After the qualifying period is completed, there are further 'linking rules';
- the Grenfell Tower Residents' Discretionary Fund” means the £5 million fund announced on 16th June 2017 and administered by Westminster City Council for the benefit of households affected by the fire at Grenfell Tower on 14th June 2017;
- “guaranteed pension credit” is to be construed in accordance with sections 1 and 2 of the State Pension Credit Act 2002;
- “a guaranteed income payment” means a payment made under article 15(1)(c) (injury benefits) or 29(1)(a) (death benefits) of the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) Order 2011³³;
- “housing benefit” means housing benefit under Part 7 of the SSCBA;
- 'Incapable of work' means the same here as it does for incapacity benefit - and this decision is always made by the Jobcentre Plus office.
- “an income-based jobseeker's allowance” and “a joint-claim jobseeker's allowance” have the meanings given by section 1(4) of the Jobseekers Act 1995³⁴;
- “income-related employment and support allowance” means an income-related allowance under Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007;
- “independent hospital”—
 - (a) in England means a hospital as defined by section 275 of the National Health Service Act 2006³⁵ that is not a health service hospital as defined by that section;
 - (b) in Wales has the meaning given by section 2 of the Care Standards Act

³³ S.I. 2011/517.

³⁴ 1995 c.18. Section 1(4) was amended by the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999, Schedule 7, paragraphs 1 and 2(1) and (4); the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c33); section 4 of the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (c.24), and is repealed by the Welfare Reform Act 2012, Schedule 14, Part 1 (not yet in force).

³⁵ 2006 c.41. The definition of “health service hospital” has been amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c.7), Schedule 4, paragraph 138 (not yet in force).

2000³⁶; and

(c) in Scotland means an independent health care service as defined by section 10F of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978³⁷;

- “the Independent Living Fund (2006)” means the Trust of that name established by a deed dated 10th April 2006 and made between the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions of the one part and Margaret Rosemary Cooper, Michael Beresford Boyall and Marie Theresa Martin of the other part;
- “invalid carriage or other vehicle” means a vehicle propelled by a petrol engine or by electric power supplied for use on the road and to be controlled by the occupant;
- ‘Linking rules’ means that once a person has completed the qualifying period, there are linking rules as follows:
 - the applicant does not qualify for a disability premium during a gap;
 - after a gap of eight weeks or less, the person qualifies for a disability premium straight away;
 - after a gap of more than eight weeks, the person does not qualify for a disability premium until they have completed a fresh qualifying period.

Breaks in HB/CTR during the qualifying period or after it do not affect this rule.

- “the London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund” means the company limited by guarantee (number 5505072), and registered charity of that name established on 11th July 2005 for the purpose of (amongst other things) relieving sickness, disability or financial need of victims (including families or dependants of victims) of the terrorist attacks carried out in London on 7th July 2005;
- “lone parent” means a person who has no partner and who is responsible for and a member of the same household as a child or young person;
- ‘Long-term sick’. The applicant (but not the applicant’s partner) counts as long-term sick and qualifies for the disability premium if he or she:
 - (a) is incapable of work; and
 - (b) has been incapable of work for a ‘qualifying period’ of:
 - 28 weeks (196 days) if they are terminally ill, or
 - 52 weeks (364 days) in any other case.
- “the Macfarlane (Special Payments) Trust” means the trust of that name, established on 29th January 1990 partly out of funds provided by the Secretary of State, for the benefit of certain persons suffering from hemophilia;
- “the Macfarlane (Special Payments) (No. 2) Trust” means the trust of that name, established on 3rd May 1991 partly out of funds provided by the Secretary of State, for the benefit of certain persons suffering from hemophilia and other beneficiaries;
- “the Macfarlane Trust” means the charitable trust, established partly out of funds provided by the Secretary of State to the Hemophilia Society, for the relief of poverty or distress among those suffering from hemophilia;
- “main phase employment and support allowance” means an employment and support allowance where the calculation of the amount payable in respect of the

³⁶ 2000 c.14; section 2 was amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c.14), Schedule 5, paragraphs 1 and 3.

³⁷ 1978 c.29; section 10F was inserted by section 108 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 8).

applicant includes a component under section 2(1)(b) or 4(2)(b) of the Welfare Reform Act 2007³⁸ ;

- “maternity leave” means a period during which a woman is absent from work because she is pregnant or has given birth to a child, and at the end of which she has a right to return to work either under the terms of her contract of employment or under Part 8 of the Employment Rights Act 1996³⁹;
- “maximum council tax reduction amount” means the amount determined in accordance with Part 1 paragraph 5 and Part 2 paragraph 8;
- “maximum universal credit” for the purposes of these rules is where the monthly award of Universal Credit that a customer receives is the same amount as the monthly calculation of their maximum possible entitlement under Universal credit before any earnings, non-earned income and non-dependant deductions or sanctions are deducted.
- “member of a couple” means a member of a married or unmarried couple;
- “MFET Limited” means the company limited by guarantee (number 7121661) of that name, established for the purpose in particular of making payments in accordance with arrangements made with the Secretary of State to persons who have acquired HIV as a result of treatment by the NHS with blood or blood products;
- “mover” means an applicant who changes the dwelling in which the applicant is resident, and in respect of which the applicant is liable to pay council tax, from a dwelling in the area of the authority to a dwelling in the area of a second authority;
- “net earnings” means such earnings as are calculated in accordance Part 3, paragraph 10 and Appendix 3 paragraph 12, as the case may be;
- “net profit” means such profit as is calculated in accordance with Part 3, paragraph 11 and Appendix 3 paragraphs 13-15 ;
- “new dwelling” means, for the purposes of the definition of “second authority” the dwelling to which an applicant has moved, or is about to move, in which the applicant will be resident;
- “non-dependant” has the meaning given by Appendix 3, paragraph 8;
- “occasional assistance” means any payment or provision made by a local authority, the Welsh
- Ministers or the Scottish Ministers for the purposes of—
 - (a) meeting, or helping to meet an immediate short-term need—
 - (i) arising out of an exceptional event or exceptional circumstances, or
 - (ii) that needs to be met to avoid a risk to the well-being of an individual, and
 - (b) enabling qualifying individuals to establish or maintain a settled home, and—
 - (i) “local authority” has the meaning given by section 270(1) of the Local Government Act 1972⁴⁰; and
 - (ii) “qualifying individuals” means individuals who have been, or without the assistance might otherwise be—

³⁸ Section 2(1)(b) is amended by the Welfare Reform Act 2012, Schedule 23, paragraph 24 (not yet in force); section 4 is repealed by Part 1 of Schedule 14 to that Act (not yet in force).

³⁹ 1996 c.18.

⁴⁰ 1972 c. 70. The definition of local authority was amended by section 102 of, and paragraph 8 of Schedule 16 and Schedule

(aa) in prison, hospital, an establishment providing residential care or other institution, or

(bb) homeless or otherwise living an unsettled way of life;

and “local authority” means a local authority in England within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972⁴¹;

- “occupational pension” means any pension or other periodical payment under an occupational pension scheme but does not include any discretionary payment out of a fund established for relieving hardship in particular cases;
- “occupational pension scheme” has the same meaning as in section 1 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993⁴²;
- “partner”, in relation to a person, means—
 - (a) where that person is a member of a couple, the other member of that couple;
 - (b) subject to paragraph (c), where that person is polygamously married to two or more members of his household, any such member to whom he is married; or
 - (c) where that person is polygamously married and has an award of universal credit with the other party to the earliest marriage that still subsists, that other party to the earliest marriage;
- “paternity leave” means a period of absence from work on ordinary paternity leave by virtue of section 80A or 80B of the Employment Rights Act 1996 or on additional paternity leave by virtue of section 80AA or 80BB of that Act⁴³;
- “pension fund holder” means with respect to a personal pension scheme or an occupational pension scheme, the trustees, managers or scheme administrators, as the case may be, of the scheme concerned;
- “pensionable age” has the meaning given by the rules in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Pensions Act 1995⁴⁴;
- “pensioner” has the meaning given by Appendix 3, paragraph 2.
- “person on income support” means a person in receipt of income support;
- “person treated as not being in Great Britain” has the meaning given Appendix 3, paragraph 10;
- “person who is not a pensioner” has the meaning given by Appendix 3, paragraph 2.
- “person in receipt of any benefit” is so if, and only if, it is paid in respect of him and is to be so regarded only for any period in respect of which that benefit is

⁴¹ 1972 c.70. See section 270(1) of that Act for the definition of “local authority”; a relevant amendment was made to that definition by the Local Government Act 1985 (c.51), Schedule 17

⁴² 1993 c.48. The definition of “occupational pension scheme” was substituted by section 239 of the Pensions Act 2004 (c.35) and amended by S.I. 2007/3014

⁴³ 1996 c. 18; sections 80A and 80B were inserted by section 1 of the Employment Act 2002 (c. 22) and sections 80AA and 80BB were inserted by section 3 of the Work and Families Act 2006 (c. 18). Relevant regulations made under these sections are S.I. 2002/2788 and S.I. 2003/921 (made under sections 80A and 80B) and S.I. 2010/1055 and S.I. 2010/1059 (made under sections 80AA and 80BB).

⁴⁴ 1995 c.26; paragraph 1 has been amended by the State Pension Credit Act 2002 (c.16), Schedule 2, paragraph 39; the Welfare Reform Act 2007, Schedule 3, paragraph 13; the Pensions Act 2007 (c.22), Schedule 3, paragraph 4; and section 1 of the Pensions Act 2011 (c.19).

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- “personal independence payment” has the meaning given by Part 4 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012⁴⁵;
- “personal pension scheme” means—
 - (a) a personal pension scheme as defined by section 1 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993⁴⁶;
 - (b) an annuity contract or trust scheme approved under section 620 or 621 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988⁴⁷ or a substituted contract within the meaning of section 622(3) of that Act which is treated as having become a registered pension scheme by virtue of paragraph 1(1)(f) of Schedule 36 to the Finance Act 2004⁴⁸;
 - (c) a personal pension scheme approved under Chapter 4 of Part 14 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 which is treated as having become a registered pension scheme by virtue of paragraph 1(1)(g) of Schedule 36 to the Finance Act 2004;
- “policy of life insurance” means any instrument by which the payment of money is assured on death (except death by accident only) or the happening of any contingency dependent on human life, or any instrument evidencing a contract which is subject to payment of premiums for a term dependent on human life;
- polygamous marriage” means any marriage to which Appendix 3, paragraph 4; applies;
- “qualifying age for state pension credit” means (in accordance with section 1(2)(b) and (6) of the State Pension Credit Act 2002⁴⁹)—
 - (a) in the case of a woman, pensionable age; or
 - (b) in the case of a man, the age which is pensionable age in the case of a woman born on the same day as the man;
- “qualifying contributory benefit” means—
 - (a) severe disablement allowance;
 - (b) incapacity benefit;
 - (c) contributory employment and support allowance;
- “qualifying income-related benefit” means—
 - (a) income support;
 - (b) income-based jobseeker’s allowance;
 - (c) income-related employment and support allowance;
- ‘Qualifying period’ need not be continuous. Any number of periods can be added together so long as the gap between each is eight weeks or less (104 weeks or less, in the case of a ‘welfare to work beneficiary’).

⁴⁵ 2012 c.5.

⁴⁶ 1993 c.48; the definition of “personal pension scheme” was substituted by section 239 of the Pensions Act 2004 (c.35) and amended by the Finance Act 2007 (c.11), Schedule 20, paragraph 23 and Schedule 27, Part 3.

⁴⁷ 1988 c.1.

⁴⁸ 2004 c.12.

⁴⁹ 2002 c.16.

- “qualifying person” means a person in respect of whom payment has been made from the Fund, the Eileen Trust, MFET Limited, the Skipton Fund, the Caxton Foundation or the London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund;
- “reduction week” means a period of seven consecutive days beginning with a Monday and ending with a Sunday;
- “relative” means a close relative, grandparent, grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece; “relevant week”, in relation to any particular day, means the week within which the day in question falls;
- “remunerative work” has the meaning given by Appendix 3, paragraph 9
- “savings credit” is to be construed in accordance with sections 1 and 3 of the State Pension Credit Act 2002⁵⁰;
- “second authority” means the authority to which a mover is liable to make payments for the new dwelling;
- “self-employed earner” is to be construed in accordance with section 2(1)(b) of the SSCBA; “self-employment route” means assistance in pursuing self-employed earner’s employment whilst participating in—

(a) an employment zone programme;

(b) a programme provided by or under arrangements made pursuant to section 2 of the Employment and Training Act 1973⁵¹ (functions of the Secretary of State) or

(c) the Employment, Skills and Enterprise Scheme;

- “single applicant” means an applicant who neither has a partner nor is a lone parent;
- “the Skipton Fund” means the ex-gratia payment scheme administered by the Skipton Fund Limited, incorporated on 25th March 2004, for the benefit of certain persons suffering from hepatitis C and other persons eligible for payment in accordance with the scheme’s provisions;
- “sports award” means an award made by one of the Sports Councils named in section 23(2) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993⁵² out of sums allocated to it for distribution under that section;
- “the SSCBA” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992⁵³;
- “state pension credit” means state pension credit under the State Pension Credit Act 2002⁵⁴; “student” has the meaning given by paragraph 1;
- “tax year” means a period beginning with 6th April in one year and ending with 5th April in the next;
- “training allowance” means an allowance (whether by way of periodical grants or

⁵⁰ 2002 c.16. Section 3 was amended by the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33), Schedule 24, paragraph 140 and S.I. 2002/1792.

⁵¹ 1973 c.50. Section 2 was substituted by section 25(1) of the Employment Act 1988 (c.19) and repealed in part by the Employment Act 1989 (c.38), Schedule 7, Part 1.

⁵² 1993 c.39; subsection (2) was amended by S.I. 1996/3095, 1999/1663.

⁵³ 1992 c.4.

⁵⁴ 2002 c.16.

otherwise) payable—

(a) out of public funds by a Government department or by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Enterprise or Highlands and Islands Enterprise, the Chief Executive of Skills Funding or the Welsh Ministers;

(b) to a person for his maintenance or in respect of a member of his family;
and

(c) for the period, or part of the period, during which he is following a course of training or instruction provided by, or in pursuance of arrangements made with, that department or approved by that department in relation to him or so provided or approved by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Enterprise or Highlands and Islands Enterprise or the Welsh Ministers, but it does not include an allowance paid by any Government department to or in respect of a person by reason of the fact that he is following a course of full-time education, other than under arrangements made under section 2 of the Employment and Training Act 1973⁵⁵, or is training as a teacher;

- “the Trusts” (except where the context otherwise requires) means the Macfarlane Trust, the Macfarlane (Special Payments) Trust and the Macfarlane (Special Payments) (No. 2) Trust and “Trustees” is to be construed accordingly;
- “universal credit” has the meaning given by section 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012⁵⁶;
- “voluntary organisation” means a body, other than a public or local authority, the activities of which are carried on otherwise than for profit;
- “war disablement pension” means any retired pay or pension or allowance payable in respect of disablement under an instrument specified in section 639(2) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003⁵⁷;
- “war pension” means a war disablement pension, a war widow’s pension or a war widower’s pension;
- “war widow’s pension” means any pension or allowance payable to a woman as a widow under an instrument specified in section 639(2) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 in respect of the death or disablement of any person;
- “war widower’s pension” means any pension or allowance payable to a man as a widower or to a surviving civil partner under an instrument specified in section 639(2) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 in respect of the death or disablement of any person;
- “water charges” means any water and sewerage charges under Chapter 1 of Part 5 of the Water Industry Act 1991⁵⁸,
- the Windrush Compensation Scheme” means—
 - (a) the scheme of that name operated by the Secretary of State for the purpose of compensating individuals who have suffered loss in connection with being unable to demonstrate their lawful status in the United Kingdom; and
 - (b) the policy entitled “Windrush Scheme: Support in urgent and exceptional

⁵⁵ 1973 c.50; section 2 was substituted by the Employment Act 1988 (c.19), section 25 and amended by the Employment Act 1989 (c.38), Schedule 7, Part 1.

⁵⁶ 2012 c.5.

⁵⁷ 2003 c.1; subsection (2) was inserted by the Finance Act 2005 (c.7), section 19. (

⁵⁸ 1991 c.56.

circumstances” which was operated by the Secretary of State for the purpose of compensating individuals who, for urgent and exceptional reasons, required support in advance of the scheme referred to in paragraph (a) of this definition becoming operational

- “working tax credit” means in so far as such charges are in respect of the dwelling which a person occupies as his home; a working tax credit under section 10 of the Tax Credits Act 2002⁵⁹;
 - “young person” means a person who falls within the definition of qualifying young person in section 142 of the SSCBA⁶⁰;
- (2) in this scheme, where an amount is to be rounded to the nearest penny, a fraction of a penny must be disregarded if it is less than half a penny and must otherwise be treated as a whole penny;
- (3) for the purpose of this scheme, a person is on an income-based jobseeker’s allowance on any day in respect of which an income-based jobseeker’s allowance is payable to him and on any day—
- (a) in respect of which he satisfies the conditions for entitlement to an income-based jobseeker’s allowance but where the allowance is not paid because of a reduction in accordance with section 19 or 19A or regulations made under section 17A or 19B of the Jobseekers Act 1995⁶¹ (circumstances in which a jobseeker’s allowance is not payable);
 - (b) which is a waiting day for the purposes of paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to that Act and which falls immediately before a day in respect of which an income-based jobseeker’s allowance is payable to him or would be payable to him but for section 19 or 19A or regulations made under section 17A or 19B of that Act; or
 - (c) in respect of which an income-based jobseeker’s allowance would be payable but for a restriction imposed pursuant to section 6B, 7, 8 or 9 of the Social Security Fraud Act 2001⁶² (loss of benefit provisions).
- (4) for the purposes of this scheme, a person is on an income-related employment and support allowance on any day in respect of which an income-related employment and support allowance is payable to him and on any day—

⁵⁹ 2002 c.21.

⁶⁰ Section 142 was amended by section 1 of the Child Benefit Act 2005 (c.6).

⁶¹ 1995 c.18; section 19 (together with sections 19A to 19C), has been substituted by section 46 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c.5) but that amendment is not yet in force (sections 19A to 19C are however); section 17A has been repealed by Part 4 of Schedule 14 to that Act although that provision is not yet in force. In the meantime amendments have been made to section 17A by sections 48 and 59 of, and Schedules 7 and 14 to, the 2012 Act.

⁶² 2001 c.11; section 6B was amended by sections 9, 24 and 58 of, and paragraphs 9 and 10 of Schedule 2 and Part 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (c.24); sections 31, 113, 118, 119, 121 and 147 of, paragraphs 56 and 58 of Schedule 2, paragraphs 15 and 16 of Schedule 3, Parts 1 and 12 of Schedule 14, to the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c.5), of which only those made by section 113 (to subsection (1)(b)) are in force. Section 7 was amended by section 14 of, and Part 3 of Schedule 3 to, the State Pension Credit Act 2002 (c.16); sections 28 and 49 of, and paragraph 23 of Schedule 3 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c.5); sections 9, 24 and 58 of, and paragraphs 9 and 11 of Schedule 2, Part 1 of Schedule 4 and Part 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (of which those made by sections 9, 31 and Schedule 7 are not yet in force); S.I. 2011/2298; sections 31, 118, 119 and 147 of, and paragraphs 56 and 59 of Schedule 2, paragraphs 15 and 17 of Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 14 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2012, none of which are yet in force. Section 8 has been repealed by section 147 of, and Part 1 of Schedule 14, to the Welfare Reform Act 2012, but that repeal is not yet in force. Amendments have also been made by sections 1, 24, and 58 of, and Part 1 of Schedule 4 and Part 3 of Schedule 7 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2009; sections 31, 48, 113 and 147 of, and paragraphs 56 and 60 of Schedule 2, paragraph 12 of Schedule 7 and Part 12 of Schedule 14 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2012, of which only those made by section 113 are in force. Section 9 was amended by section 14 of, and Part 3 of Schedule 2 to, the State Pension Credit Act 2002; sections 28 of, and paragraph 23 of Schedule 3 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2007; sections 9 and 58 of, and Part 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2009, none of which are in force; sections 31, 113 and 147 of, and paragraphs 56 and 61 of Schedule 2 and Part 1 of Schedule 14 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2012, of which only those made by section 113 are in force.

- (a) in respect of which he satisfies the conditions for entitlement to an income-related employment and support allowance but where the allowance is not paid in accordance with section 18 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007⁶³ (disqualification); or
 - (b) which is a waiting day for the purposes of paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to that Act (employment and support allowance: supplementary provisions) and which falls immediately before a day in respect of which an income-related employment and support allowance is payable to him or would be payable to him but for section 18 of that Act
- (5) for the purposes of this scheme, two persons must be taken to be estranged only if their estrangement constitutes a breakdown of the relationship between them;
- (6) in this scheme, references to any person in receipt of state pension credit includes a person who would be in receipt of state pension credit but for regulation 13 of the State Pension Credit Regulations 2002⁶⁴ (small amounts of state pension credit).
- (7) In these Rules, references to a person in class A, B or C (as the case may be) is a reference to class A, B or C described in Rules 13, 14 and 15.
- (8) References in these Rules to an applicant participating as a service user are to—
- (a) a person who is being consulted by or on behalf of—
 - (i) a body which has a statutory duty to provide services in the field of health, social care or social housing; or
 - (ii) a body which conducts research or undertakes monitoring for the purpose of planning or improving such services, in their capacity as a user, potential user, carer of a user or person otherwise affected by the provision of those services; or
 - (b) the carer of a person consulted as described in sub-paragraph.

2. Application of scheme

- This scheme applies to persons who are not pensioners.
- In this scheme a person is a “person who is not a pensioner” if—
 - (a) he has not attained the qualifying age for state pension credit; or
 - (b) he has attained the qualifying age for state pension credit and he, or if he has a partner, his partner, is—
 - a person on income support, on an income-based jobseeker’s allowance or on an income-related employment and support allowance, or
 - a person with an award of universal credit.

3. Meaning of “couple”

- (1) In this scheme “couple” means—
- (a) two people who are married to, or civil partners of, each other and are members of

⁶³ 2007 c.5

⁶⁴ S.I. 2002/1792.

- the same household; or
- (b) two people who are not married to, or civil partners of, each other but are living together as if they were a married couple of civil partners.

4. Polygamous marriages

(1) This paragraph applies to any case where—

- (a) a person is a husband or wife by virtue of a marriage entered into under a law which permits polygamy; and
- (b) either party to the marriage has for the time being any spouse additional to the other party.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 3 (meaning of “couple”) neither party to the marriage is to be taken to be a member of a couple.

5. Meaning of “family”

(1) In this scheme “family” means—

- (a) a couple;
- (b) a couple and a member of the same household for whom one of them is or both are responsible and who is a child or a young person; or
- (c) a person who is not a member of a couple and a member of the same household for whom that person is responsible and who is a child or a young person.

(2) The references to a child or young person in sub-paragraph (1)(b) and (c) include a child or young person in respect of whom section 145A of the SSCBA⁶⁵ applies for the purposes of entitlement to child benefit, but only for the period prescribed under section 145A(1).

(3) The references to a young person in sub-paragraph (1)(b) and (c) do not include a young person who is—

- (a) on income support, an income-based jobseeker’s allowance or an income-related employment and support allowance, or has an award of universal credit;
- (b) a person to whom section 6 of the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000⁶⁶ (exclusion from benefits) applies; or
- (c) entitled to an award of universal credit.

6. Circumstances in which a person is to be treated as responsible or not responsible for another

(1) A person is to be treated as responsible for a child or young person who is normally living with him, including a child or young person to whom paragraph 6(2) applies.

(2) Where a child or young person spends equal amounts of time in different

⁶⁵ Section 145A inserted by the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c.21), section 55(1).

⁶⁶ 2000 c.35.

households, or where there is a question as to which household he is living in, the child or young person must be treated for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) as normally living with—

(a) the person who is receiving child benefit in respect of that child or young person, or

(b) if there is no such person—

1. where only one claim for child benefit has been made in respect of him, the person who made that claim, or

2. in any other case the person who has the primary responsibility for him.

(3) For the purposes of this scheme a child or young person is the responsibility of only one person in any reduction week and any person other than the one treated as responsible for the child or young person under this paragraph is to be treated as not so responsible.

7. Households

(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), an applicant and any partner and, where the applicant or his partner is treated (by virtue of paragraph 7) as responsible for a child or young person, that child or young person and any child of that child or young person, are to be treated as members of the same household notwithstanding that any of them is temporarily absent from that household.

(2) A child or young person is not be treated as a member of the applicant's household where he is—

(a) placed with the applicant or his partner by a local authority under section 22C or 23(2)(a) of the Children Act 1989⁶⁷ or by a voluntary organisation under section 59(1)(a) of that Act or section 81(2) of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (ways in which looked after children are to be accommodated and maintained)(c) or in Scotland boarded out or placed with the applicant or his partner under a relevant enactment; or

(b) placed, or in Scotland boarded out, with the applicant or his partner prior to adoption; or

(c) placed for adoption with the applicant or his partner in accordance with the Adoption and Children Act 2002⁶⁸ or the Adoption Agencies (Scotland) Regulations 2009⁶⁹ or the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987⁷⁰.

(3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to a child or young person who is not living with the applicant and who—

(a) is being looked after by a local authority under a relevant enactment; or

(b) has been placed with a person other than the applicant prior to adoption; or

(c) has been placed for adoption in accordance with the Adoption and

⁶⁷ 1989 c.41; section 23 was substituted by sections 22A to 22F by section 8(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 (c.23). Section 22C is in force in England but not yet in force in Wales. Section 59(1)(a) was amended by section 49 of the Children Act 2004 (c.31) and paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 2008.

⁶⁸ 2002 c.38.

⁶⁹ S.I. 2009/154.

⁷⁰ S.I. 1987/2203 (N.I. 22).

Children Act 2002 or the Adoption Agencies (Scotland) Regulations 2009.

(4) The authority must treat a child or young person to whom sub-paragraph (3)(a) applies as being a member of the applicant's household in any reduction week where—

- a. that child or young person lives with the applicant for part or all of that reduction week;
- b. the authority considers that it is reasonable to do so taking into account the nature and frequency of that child's or young person's visits.

(5) In this paragraph "relevant enactment" means—

- (a) the Army Act 1955⁷¹;
- (b) the Air Force Act 1955⁷²;
- (c) the Naval Discipline Act 1957⁷³;
- (d) the Matrimonial Proceedings (Children) Act 1958⁷⁴;
- (e) the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968⁷⁵;
- (f) the Family Law Reform Act 1969⁷⁶;
- (g) the Children and Young Persons Act 1969⁷⁷;
- (h) the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973⁷⁸;
- (i) the Children Act 1975⁷⁹;
- (j) the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978⁸⁰;
- (k) the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007⁸¹;
- (l) the Family Law Act 1986⁸²;
- (m) the Children Act 1989;
- (n) the Children (Scotland) Act 1995⁸³; and
- (o) the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012⁸⁴.

8. Non-dependants

(1) In this scheme, "non-dependant" means any person, except someone to whom sub-paragraph (2) applies, who normally resides with an applicant or with whom an applicant normally resides.

⁷¹ 1955 c.18.

⁷² 1955 c.19.

⁷³ 1957 c.53.

⁷⁴ 1958 c.40.

⁷⁵ 1968 c.49.

⁷⁶ 1969 c.46.

⁷⁷ 1969 c.54.

⁷⁸ 1973 c.18.

⁷⁹ 1975 c.72; this Act was repealed in respect of England and Wales by Schedule 15 to the Children Act 1989 (c.41). It continues to have effect in Scotland.

⁸⁰ 1978 c.22.

⁸¹ 2007 asp 4.

⁸² 1986 c.55.

⁸³ 1995 c.36.

⁸⁴ 2012 c.10.

(2) This paragraph applies to—

- (a) any member of the applicant's family;
- (b) if the applicant is polygamously married—
 - (i) where the applicant has (alone or jointly with his partner) an award of universal credit, any—
 - (aa) party to such a marriage other than the applicant's partner; and
 - (bb) any child or young person who is a member of his household and for whom he or his partner or another party to the polygamous marriage is responsible; or
 - (ii) in any other case, any partner of his and any child or young person who is a member of his household and for whom he or one of his partners is responsible;
- (c) a child or young person who is living with the applicant but who is not a member of his household by virtue of sub paragraph 6
- (d) subject to sub-paragraph (3), any person who, with the applicant, is jointly and severally liable to pay council tax in respect of a dwelling for any day under section 6 or 7 of the 1992 Act (persons liable to pay council tax);
- (e) subject to sub-paragraph (3), any person who is liable to make payments on a commercial basis to the applicant or the applicant's partner in respect of the occupation of the dwelling;
- (f) a person who lives with the applicant in order to care for him or a partner of his and who is engaged by a charitable or voluntary organisation which makes a charge to the applicant or his partner for the services provided by that person.

(3) Excepting persons to whom sub-paragraph (2)(a) to (c) and (f) refer, a person to whom any of the following paragraphs applies is a non-dependant—

- (a) a person who resides with the person to whom he is liable to make payments in respect of the dwelling and either—
 - (i) that person is a close relative of his or his partner; or
 - (ii) the tenancy or other agreement between them is other than on a commercial basis;
- (b) a person whose liability to make payments in respect of the dwelling appears to the authority to have been created to take advantage of a council tax reduction scheme except someone who was, for any period within the eight weeks prior to the creation of the agreement giving rise to the liability to make such payments, otherwise liable to make payments of rent in respect of the same dwelling;
- (c) a person who becomes jointly and severally liable with the applicant for council tax in respect of a dwelling and who was, at any time during the period of eight weeks prior to his becoming so liable, a non-dependant of one or more of the other residents in that dwelling who are so liable for the tax, unless the change giving rise to the new liability was not made to take advantage of a council tax reduction scheme.

(4) A non-dependant deduction is applied for every non-dependant in the household. The deduction is taken from the CTR after the income band percentage reduction is applied. The weekly amount of the deduction is as follows-

(a) the non-dependant deduction for each non-dependant who is in receipt of a passported benefit, who is not in remunerative work⁸⁵ or who is a full-time student⁸⁶ is set at £3.50 per week.

(b) for non-dependants whose income/status does not fall within (a) the deduction is set at £14.00 per week. This includes a non-dependant whose income is not known.

(c) only one deduction shall be made in respect of a couple (or polygamous marriage) and where the amount that would fall to be deducted in respect of one member of a couple is higher than the amount that would fall to be deducted in respect of the other, the higher amount shall be deducted.

(d) for the purposes of this paragraph, a passported benefit means either:

- (i) Income Support
- (ii) Job Seekers Allowance (income based)
- (iii) Employment and Support Allowance (Income related)
- (iv) Maximum Universal Credit⁸⁷
- (v) Guaranteed Pension Credit

9. Remunerative work

(1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a person must be treated for the purposes of this scheme as engaged in remunerative work if he is engaged, or, where his hours of work fluctuate, he is engaged on average, for not less than 16 hours a week, in work for which payment is made or which is done in expectation of payment.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), in determining the number of hours for which a person is engaged in work where his hours of work fluctuate, regard must be had to the average of hours worked over—

(a) if there is a recognisable cycle of work, the period of one complete cycle (including, where the cycle involves periods in which the person does no work, those periods but disregarding any other absences);

(b) in any other case, the period of 5 weeks immediately prior to the date of application, or such other length of time as may, in the particular case, enable the person's weekly average hours of work to be determined more accurately.

(3) Where, for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(a), a person's recognisable cycle of work at a school, other educational establishment or other place of employment is one year and includes periods of school holidays or similar vacations during which he does not work, those periods and any other periods not forming part of such holidays or vacations during which he is not required to work must be disregarded in

⁸⁵ For a definition of remunerative work please see paragraph 9

⁸⁶ See Appendix 1 for the definition of a 'full-time student'

⁸⁷ See Appendix 3.1 (glossary) for the definition of 'maximum universal credit'

establishing the average hours for which he is engaged in work.

(4) Where no recognisable cycle has been established in respect of a person's work, regard must be had to the number of hours or, where those hours will fluctuate, the average of the hours, which he is expected to work in a week.

(5) A person must be treated as engaged in remunerative work during any period for which he is absent from work referred to in sub-paragraph (1) if the absence is either without good cause or by reason of a recognised, customary or other holiday.

(6) A person on income support, an income-based jobseeker's allowance or an income-related employment and support allowance for more than 3 days in any reduction week is to be treated as not being in remunerative work in that week.

(7) A person must not be treated as engaged in remunerative work on any day on which the person is on maternity leave, paternity leave or adoption leave, or is absent from work because he is ill.

(8) A person must not be treated as engaged in remunerative work on any day on which he is engaged in an activity in respect of which—

- (a) a sports award has been made, or is to be made, to him; and
- (b) no other payment is made or is expected to be made to him.

10. Class of person excluded from this scheme: persons treated as not being in Great Britain

(1) The class of person described in this paragraph consists of any person treated as not being in Great Britain.

(2) Except where a person falls within sub-paragraph (5) or (6), a person is to be treated as not being in Great Britain if the person is not habitually resident in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland.

(3) A person must not be treated as habitually resident in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland unless the person has a right to reside in one of those places.

(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (3), a right to reside does not include a right which exists by virtue of, or in accordance with—

(a) regulation 13 of the EEA Regulations

(aa) regulation 14 of the EEA Regulations, but only in case where the right exists under that regulation because the person is-

- (i) a jobseeker for the purpose of the definition of "qualified person" in regulation 6(1) of those Regulations, or
- (ii) a family member (within the meaning of regulation 7 of those Regulations) of such a jobseeker;

or

(b) regulation 16 of the EEA Regulations, but only in a case where the right exists under that regulation because the applicant satisfies the criteria in

paragraph (5) of that regulation.

- (4A) For the purposes of paragraph (3), a right to reside does not include a right which exists by virtue of a personal having being granted limited leave to enter, or remain in, the United Kingdom under the Immigration Act 1971^(a) by virtue of –
- (a) article 3 (grant of leave to EEA and Swiss nationals) of the Immigration (European Economic Area Nationals) (EU Exit) Order 2019^(b) made under section 3A of that Act;
 - (b) Appendix EU to the immigration rules made under section 3(2) of that Act; or
 - (c) being a person with a Zambrano right to reside as defined in Annex 1 of Appendix EU to the immigration rules made under section 3(2) of that Act.
- (5) A person falls within this sub-paragraph if the person is—
- (a) a qualified person for the purposes of regulation 6 of the EEA Regulations as a worker, or a self-employed person;
 - (b) a family member of a person referred to in paragraph (a) within the meaning of regulation 7(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the EEA Regulations;
 - (c) a person who has a right to reside permanently in the United Kingdom by virtue of regulation 15(1)(c), (d) or (e) of the EEA Regulations;
 - (d) a person recorded by the Secretary of State as a refugee within the definition in Article 1 of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees done at Geneva on 28th July 1951, as extended by Article 1(2) of the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees done at New York on 31st January 1967;
 - (e) a person who has been granted, or who is deemed to have been granted, leave outside the rules made under section 3(2) of the Immigration Act 1971⁸⁸ where that leave is—
 - (i) discretionary leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom,
 - (ii) leave to remain under the Destitution Domestic Violence concession⁸⁹ which came into effect on 1st April 2012, or
 - (iii) leave deemed to have been granted by virtue of regulation 3 of the Displaced Persons (Temporary Protection) Regulations 2005⁹⁰;
 - (f) a person who has humanitarian protection granted under those rules;
 - (g) a person who is not a person subject to immigration control within the meaning of section 115(9) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999⁹¹ and who is in the United Kingdom as a result of his deportation, expulsion or other removal by compulsion of law from another country to the United Kingdom.
 - (h) in receipt of income support or on an income-related employment and support allowance; or

⁸⁸ 1971 c.77.

⁸⁹ The Destitution Domestic Violence concession is published by the Home Office at <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/>.

⁹⁰ S.I. 2005/1379 as amended by S.I. 2013/630 and other amending instruments

⁹¹ 1999 c.33.

(ha) in receipt of an income-based jobseeker's allowance and has a right to reside other than a right to reside falling within paragraph (4).

(6) A person falls within this sub-paragraph if the person is a Crown servant or member of Her Majesty's forces posted overseas.

(7) A person mentioned in sub-paragraph (6) is posted overseas if the person is performing overseas the duties of a Crown servant or member of Her Majesty's forces and was, immediately before the posting or the first of consecutive postings, habitually resident in the United Kingdom.

(8) In this paragraph—

“claim for asylum” has the same meaning as in section 94(1) of the Immigration and Asylum

Act 1999⁹²;

“Crown Servant” means a person holding an office or employment under the Crown;

“EEA Regulations” means the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006⁹³.

“Her Majesty's forces” has the same meaning as in the Armed Forces Act 2006.

11. Periods of absence from a dwelling

(1) A person is not absent from a dwelling in relation to any day which falls within a period of temporary absence from that dwelling.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1), a “period of temporary absence” means—

(a) a period of absence not exceeding 13 weeks, beginning with the first whole day on which a person resides in residential accommodation where and for so long as—

(i) the person resides in that accommodation;

(ii) the part of the dwelling in which he usually resided is not let or sub-let; and

(iii) that period of absence does not form part of a longer period of absence from the dwelling of more than 52 weeks, where he has entered the accommodation for the purpose of ascertaining whether it suits his needs and with the intention of returning to the dwelling if it proves not to suit his needs;

(b) a period of absence not exceeding 13 weeks, beginning with the first whole day of absence from the dwelling, where and for so long as—

(i) the person intends to return to the dwelling;

(ii) the part of the dwelling in which he usually resided is not let or sub-let; and

(iii) that period is unlikely to exceed 13 weeks; and

⁹² Relevant amendments to section 94(1) have been made by section 44 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (c.41) but those provisions are not in force. Other amendments have been made but they are not relevant to these Regulations.

⁹³ S.I. 2006/1003; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2011/544, 2012/1547, 2012/2560.

(c) a period of absence not exceeding 52 weeks, beginning with the first whole day of that absence, where and for so long as—

(i) the person intends to return to the dwelling;

(ii) the part of the dwelling in which he usually resided is not let or sub-let;

(iii) the person is a person to whom sub-paragraph (3) applies; and

(iv) the period of absence is unlikely to exceed 52 weeks or, in exceptional circumstances, is unlikely substantially to exceed that period.

(3) This sub-paragraph applies to a person who—

(a) is detained in custody on remand pending trial or required, as a condition of bail, to reside—

(i) in a dwelling, other than the dwelling referred to in sub-paragraph (1), or

(ii) in premises approved under section 13 of the Offender Management Act 2007⁹⁴, or is detained in custody pending sentence upon conviction;

(b) is resident in a hospital or similar institution as a patient;

(c) is undergoing, or whose partner or dependent child is undergoing, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, medical treatment, or medically approved convalescence, in accommodation other than residential accommodation;

(d) is following, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, a training course;

(e) is undertaking medically approved care of a person residing in the United Kingdom or elsewhere;

(f) is undertaking the care of a child whose parent or guardian is temporarily absent from the dwelling normally occupied by that parent or guardian for the purpose of receiving medically approved care or medical treatment;

(g) is, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, receiving medically approved care provided in accommodation other than residential accommodation;

(h) is a student;

(i) is receiving care provided in residential accommodation and is not a person to whom sub-paragraph (2)(a) applies; or

(j) has left the dwelling he resides in through fear of violence, in that dwelling, or by a person who was formerly a member of the family of the person first mentioned.

(4) This sub-paragraph applies to a person who is—

(a) detained in custody pending sentence upon conviction or under a sentence imposed by a court (other than a person who is detained in hospital under the provisions of the Mental Health Act 1983⁹⁵, or, in Scotland, under the

⁹⁴ 2007 c.21.

⁹⁵ 1983 c.20.

provisions of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003⁹⁶ or the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995⁹⁷ or, in Northern Ireland, under Article 4 or 12 of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986⁹⁸; and

(b) on temporary release from detention in accordance with Rules made under the provisions of the Prison Act 1952⁹⁹ or the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989¹⁰⁰.

(5) Where sub-paragraph (4) applies to a person, then, for any day when he is on temporary release—

(a) if such temporary release was immediately preceded by a period of temporary absence under sub-paragraph (2)(b) or (c), he must be treated, for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), as if he continues to be absent from the dwelling, despite any return to the dwelling;

(b) for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(a), he must be treated as if he remains in detention;

(c) if he does not fall within paragraph (a), he is not to be considered to be a person who is liable to pay council tax in respect of a dwelling of which he is a resident.

(6) In this paragraph—

“medically approved” means certified by a medical practitioner;

“patient” means a person who is undergoing medical or other treatment as an in-patient in any hospital or similar institution;

“residential accommodation” means accommodation which is provided in—

(a) a care home;

(b) an independent hospital;

(c) an establishment run by the Abbeyfield Society including all bodies corporate or unincorporated which are affiliated to that society; or

(d) an establishment managed or provided by a body incorporated by Royal Charter or constituted by Act of Parliament other than a local social services authority;

“training course” means a course of training or instruction provided wholly or partly by or on behalf of or in pursuance of arrangements made with, or approved by or on behalf of, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, a government department or the Secretary of State.

12. Earnings of employed earners

⁹⁶ 2003 asp 13

⁹⁷ 1995 c.46

⁹⁸ S.I. 1986/595 (N.I. 4).

⁹⁹ 1952 c.52.

¹⁰⁰ 1989 c.45.

(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), “earnings”, in the case of employment as an employed earner of a person, means any remuneration or profit derived from that employment and includes—

- (a) any bonus or commission;
- (b) any payment in lieu of remuneration except any periodic sum paid to an applicant on account of the termination of his employment by reason of redundancy;
- (c) any payment in lieu of notice or any lump sum payment intended as compensation for the loss of employment but only in so far as it represents loss of income;
- (d) any holiday pay except any payable more than 4 weeks after termination or interruption of the employment;
- (e) any payment by way of a retainer;
- (f) any payment made by the applicant’s employer in respect of expenses not wholly, exclusively and necessarily incurred in the performance of the duties of the employment, including any payment made by the applicant’s employer in respect of—
 - (i) travelling expenses incurred by the applicant between his home and place of employment;
 - (ii) expenses incurred by the applicant under arrangements made for the care of a member of his family owing to the applicant’s absence from home;
- (g) any award of compensation made under section 112(4) or 117(3)(a) of the Employment Rights Act 1996 (remedies and compensation for unfair dismissal);
- (h) any payment or remuneration made under section 28, 34, 64, 68 or 70 of the Employment Rights Act 1996 (right to guarantee payments, remuneration on suspension on medical or maternity grounds, complaints to employment tribunals);
- (i) any such sum as is referred to in section 112 of the SSCBA (certain sums to be earnings for social security purposes);
- (j) any statutory sick pay, statutory maternity pay, statutory paternity pay or statutory adoption pay, or a corresponding payment under any enactment having effect in Northern Ireland;
- (k) any remuneration paid by or on behalf of an employer to the applicant who for the time being is on maternity leave, paternity leave or adoption leave or is absent from work because he is ill;
- (l) the amount of any payment by way of a non-cash voucher which has been taken into account in the computation of a person’s earnings in accordance with Part 5 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations 2001.

(2) Earnings does not include—

- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (3), any payment in kind;
- (b) any payment in respect of expenses wholly, exclusively and necessarily incurred in the performance of the duties of the employment;
- (c) any occupational pension;
- (d) any payment in respect of expenses arising out of the applicant’s

participation in a service user group.

(3) Sub-paragraph (2)(a) does not apply in respect of any non-cash voucher referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(l).

13. Earnings of self-employed earners

(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), “earnings”, in the case of employment as a self-employed earner of a person who is not a pensioner, means the gross income of the employment.

(2) “Earnings” does not include any payments made in respect of a person accommodated with the applicant under arrangements made by a local authority or voluntary organisation and payments made to the applicant by a health authority, local authority or voluntary organisation in respect of persons temporarily in the applicant’s care, nor does it include any sports award.

(3) This paragraph applies to—

(a) royalties or other sums paid as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright, design, patent or trade mark; or

(b) any payment in respect of any—

(i) book registered under the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982; or

(ii) work made under any international public lending right scheme that is analogous to the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982, where the applicant is the first owner of the copyright, design, patent or trade mark, or an original contributor to the book or work concerned.

(4) Where the applicant’s earnings consist of any items to which sub-paragraph (3) applies, those earnings must be taken into account over a period equal to such number of weeks as is equal to the number obtained (and any fraction is to be treated as a corresponding fraction of a week) by dividing the earnings by—

(a) the amount of reduction under this scheme to which the applicant would have been entitled had the payment not been made, plus

(b) an amount equal to the total of the sums which would fall to be disregarded from the payment under paragraph 12(4)

14. Calculation of net profit of self-employed earners

(1) For the purposes of Part 3 paragraphs 10 and 11 the earnings of an applicant to be taken into account must be—

(a) in the case of a self-employed earner who is engaged in employment on his own account, the net profit derived from that employment;

(b) in the case of a self-employed earner who is not a pensioner whose employment is carried on in partnership or is that of a share fisherman within the meaning of the Social Security (Mariners’ Benefits) Regulations 1975¹⁰¹, his share of the net profit derived from that employment, less—

(i) an amount in respect of income tax and of social security

¹⁰¹ S.I. 1975/529.

contributions payable under the SSCBA calculated in accordance with Appendix 3 sub paragraph (15) (deduction of tax and contributions for self-employed earners); and

(ii) one-half of the amount calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (11) in respect of any qualifying premium.

(2) There must be disregarded from the net profit of an applicant who is not a pensioner, any sum, where applicable, specified in Part 3 paragraph 11(4).

(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(a) the net profit of the employment must, except where sub-paragraph (9) applies, be calculated by taking into account the earnings of the employment over the assessment period less—

(a) subject to sub-paragraphs (5) to (8), any expenses wholly and exclusively incurred in that period for the purposes of that employment;

(b) an amount in respect of—

(i) income tax; and

(ii) social security contributions payable under the SSCBA, calculated in accordance with Appendix 3 paragraph (15) (deduction of tax and contributions for self-employed earners); and

(c) one-half of the amount calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (11) in respect of any qualifying premium.

(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(b) the net profit of the employment is to be calculated by taking into account the earnings of the employment over the assessment period less, subject to sub-paragraphs (5) to (8), any expenses wholly and exclusively incurred in that period for the purposes of the employment.

(5) Subject to sub-paragraph (6), no deduction is to be made under sub-paragraph (3)(a) or (4), in respect of—

(a) any capital expenditure;

(b) the depreciation of any capital asset;

(c) any sum employed or intended to be employed in the setting up or expansion of the employment;

(d) any loss incurred before the beginning of the assessment period;

(e) the repayment of capital on any loan taken out for the purposes of the employment;

(f) any expenses incurred in providing business entertainment; and

(g) in the case of an applicant who is not a pensioner, any debts, except bad debts proved to be such, but this paragraph does not apply to any expenses incurred in the recovery of a debt.

(6) A deduction is to be made under sub-paragraph (3)(a) or (4) in respect of the repayment of capital on any loan used for—

(a) the replacement in the course of business of equipment or machinery; or

(b) the repair of an existing business asset except to the extent that any sum is payable under an insurance policy for its repair.

(7) The authority must refuse to make a deduction in respect of any expenses under sub-paragraph (3)(a) or (4) where it is not satisfied given the nature and the amount of the expense that it has been reasonably incurred.

(8) For the avoidance of doubt—

(a) a deduction must not be made under sub-paragraph (3)(a) or (4) in respect of any sum unless it has been expended for the purposes of the business;

(b) a deduction must be made there under in respect of—

(i) the excess of any value added tax paid over value added tax received in the assessment period;

(ii) any income expended in the repair of an existing business asset except to the extent that any sum is payable under an insurance policy for its repair;

(iii) any payment of interest on a loan taken out for the purposes of the employment.

(9) Where an applicant is engaged in employment as a child minder the net profit of the employment is to be one-third of the earnings of that employment, less—

(a) an amount in respect of—

(i) income tax; and

(ii) social security contributions payable under the SSCBA, calculated in accordance with Appendix 3 paragraph (15) (deduction of tax and contributions for self-employed earners); and

(b) one-half of the amount calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (11) in respect of any qualifying premium.

(10) For the avoidance of doubt where an applicant is engaged in employment as a self-employed earner and he is also engaged in one or more other employments as a self-employed or employed earner any loss incurred in any one of his employments must not be offset against his earnings in any other of his employments.

(11) The amount in respect of any qualifying premium is to be calculated by multiplying the daily amount of the qualifying premium by the number equal to the number of days in the assessment period; and for the purposes of this paragraph the daily amount of the qualifying premium must be determined—

(a) where the qualifying premium is payable monthly, by multiplying the amount of the qualifying premium by 12 and dividing the product by 365;

(b) in any other case, by dividing the amount of the qualifying premium by the number equal to the number of days in the period to which the qualifying premium relates.

(12) In this paragraph, “qualifying premium” means any premium which is payable periodically in respect of a personal pension scheme and is so payable on or after the date of application.

(13)

(a) Subject to paragraph 13(b), after an initial trading period of one year, if the applicant’s self-employed income is NIL, then they will be assessed as earning the weekly equivalent of 30 hours per week at the hourly rate of £5 less any net weekly earnings from employed earnings.

(b) Where a self-employed applicant is subject to a minimum income floor¹⁰² in the assessment of their universal credit award, the earned income figure provided in the universal credit award assessment is to be used as their total net earnings, subject to Part 3 paragraph (a).

15. Calculation of deduction of tax and contributions of self-employed earners

(1) The amount to be deducted in respect of income tax under paragraph 14(3)(b)(i) or 14(9)(a)(i) (calculation of net profit of self-employed earners) must be calculated—

(a) on the basis of the amount of chargeable income, and

(b) as if that income were assessable to income tax at the basic rate of tax applicable to the assessment period less only the personal relief to which the applicant is entitled under sections 35 to 37 of the Income Tax Act 2007¹⁰³ (personal allowances) as is appropriate to his circumstances.

(2) But, if the assessment period is less than a year, the earnings to which the basic rate of tax is to be applied and the amount of the personal reliefs deductible under this paragraph must be calculated on a pro rata basis.

(3) The amount to be deducted in respect of social security contributions under paragraph 14(3)(b)(ii) or 14(9)(a)(ii) is the total of—

(a) the amount of Class 2 contributions payable under section 11(1) or, as the case may be, 11(3) of the SSCBA at the rate applicable to the

¹⁰² As defined in The Universal Credit Regulations 2013

¹⁰³ 2007 c.3; the heading and subsection (1) of section 35 were amended by section 4 of the Finance Act 2012 (c.14) (“2012 Act”); subsections (2) and (4) were inserted by section 4 of the Finance Act 2009 (c.10). In section 36, the heading and subsection (2) were amended by, subsection (1) substituted by, and subsection (2A) inserted by section 4 of the 2012 Act; subsection (2) has also been amended by S.I. 2011/2926 and section 4 of the Finance Act 2009. In section 37, the heading and subsection (2) were amended by, subsection (1) substituted by, and subsection (2A) inserted by section 4 of the 2012 Act; subsection (2) has also been amended by S.I. 2011/2926 and section 4 of the Finance Act 2009.

assessment period except where the applicant's chargeable income is less than the amount specified in section 11(4) of that Act (small earnings exception) for the tax year applicable to the assessment period; but if the assessment period is less than a year, the amount specified for that tax year must be reduced pro rata; and

(b) the amount of Class 4 contributions (if any) which would be payable under section 15 of the SSCBA (Class 4 contributions recoverable under the Income Tax Acts) at the percentage rate applicable to the assessment period on so much of the chargeable income as exceeds the lower limit but does not exceed the upper limit of profits and gains applicable for the tax year applicable to the assessment period; but if the assessment period is less than a year, those limits must be reduced pro rata.

(4) In this paragraph "chargeable income" means—

(a) except where paragraph (b) applies, the earnings derived from the employment less any expenses deducted under sub-paragraph (3)(a) or, as the case may be, (5) of paragraph 14;

(b) in the case of employment as a child minder, one-third of the earnings of that employment.

16. Income treated as capital

The following should be treated as income –

(1) Any amount by way of a refund of income tax deducted from profits or emoluments chargeable to income tax under Schedule D or E is to be treated as capital.

(2) Any holiday pay which is not earnings under paragraph 12(1)(d) (earnings of employed earners) is to be treated as capital.

(3) Except any income derived from capital disregarded under Appendix 4 (capital disregards); any income derived from capital is to be treated as capital but only from the date it is normally due to be credited to the applicant's account.

(4) In the case of employment as an employed earner, any advance of earnings or any loan made by the applicant's employer is to be treated as capital.

(5) Any charitable or voluntary payment which is not made or due to be made at regular intervals, other than a payment which is made under or by the Trusts, the Fund, the Eileen Trust, MFET Limited, the Skipton Fund, the Caxton Foundation, the Independent Living Fund (2006) or the London Bombings Charitable Relief Fund, is to be treated as capital.

(6) There is to be treated as capital the gross receipts of any commercial activity carried on by a person in respect of which assistance is received under the self-employment route, but only in so far as those receipts were payable into a special account during the period in which that person was receiving such assistance.

(7) Any arrears of subsistence allowance which are paid to an applicant as a lump sum must be treated as capital.

(8) Any arrears of working tax credit or child tax credit must be treated as capital.

17. Notional capital

(1) An applicant is to be treated as possessing capital of which he has deprived himself for the purpose of securing entitlement to a reduction or increasing the amount of that reduction

(2) Except in the case of—

- (a) a discretionary trust,
- (b) a trust derived from a payment made in consequence of a personal injury; or
- (c) any loan which would be obtained only if secured against capital disregarded
- (d) a personal pension scheme, occupational pension scheme or a payment made by the Board of the Pension Protection Fund; or
- (e) compensation for the death of one or both parents where the person concerned is under the age of 18.
- (f) child tax credit; or
- (g) working tax credit,

any capital which would become available to the applicant upon application being made, but which has not been acquired by him, is to be treated as possessed by him but only from the date on which it could be expected to be acquired were an application made.

(3) Any payment of capital, other than a payment of capital specified in sub-paragraph (6), made—

- (a) to a third party in respect of a single applicant or a member of the family (but not a member of the third party's family) must, where that payment is a payment of an occupational pension, a pension or other periodical payment made under a personal pension scheme or a payment made by the Board of the Pension Protection Fund, be treated as possessed by that single applicant or, as the case may be, by that member;
- (b) to a third party in respect of a single applicant or in respect of a member of the family (but not a member of the third party's family) must, where it is not a payment referred to in paragraph (a), be treated as possessed by that single applicant or by that member to the extent that it is used for the food, ordinary clothing or footwear, household fuel or rent of that single applicant or, as the case may be, of any member of that family or is used for any council tax or water charges for which that applicant or member is liable;
- (c) to a single applicant or a member of the family in respect of a third party (but not in respect of another member of the family) must be treated as possessed by that single applicant or, as the case may be, that member of the family to the extent that it is kept or used by him or used by or on behalf of any member of the family.

(4) Sub-paragraph (3) does not apply in respect of a payment of capital made—

- (a) under or by any of the Trusts, the Fund, the Eileen Trust, MFET Limited, the Independent Living Fund (2006), the Skipton Fund, the Caxton Foundation, or the London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund;

(b) pursuant to section 2 of the Employment and Training Act 1973 in respect of a person's participation—

- (i) in an employment programme specified in regulation 75(1)(a)(ii) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996;
- (ii) in a training scheme specified in regulation 75(1)(b)(ii) of those Regulations;
- (iii) in the Intense Activity Period specified in regulation 75(1)(a)(iv) of those Regulations;
- (iv) in a qualifying course within the meaning specified in regulation 17A(7) of those Regulations; or
- (v) in the Flexible New Deal specified in regulation 75(1)(a)(v) of those Regulations;

(c) in respect of a person's participation in the Work for Your Benefit Pilot Scheme;

(d) in respect of a person's participation in the Mandatory Work Activity Scheme;

(e) in respect of an applicant's participation in the Employment, Skills and Enterprise Scheme;

(f) under an occupational pension scheme, in respect of a pension or other periodical payment made under a personal pension scheme or a payment made by the Board of the Pension Protection Fund where—

- (i) a bankruptcy order has been made in respect of the person in respect of whom the payment has been made or, in Scotland, the estate of that person is subject to sequestration or a judicial factor has been appointed on that person's estate under section 41 of the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980;
- (ii) the payment is made to the trustee in bankruptcy or any other person acting on behalf of the creditors; and
- (iii) the person referred to in sub-paragraph (i) and any member of his family does not possess, or is not treated as possessing, any other income apart from that payment.

(5) Where an applicant stands in relation to a company in a position analogous to that of a sole owner or partner in the business of that company, he may be treated as if he were such sole owner or partner and in such a case—

(a) the value of his holding in that company must, notwithstanding Part 3 paragraph 17 (calculation of capital) be disregarded; and

(b) he must, subject to sub-paragraph (6), be treated as possessing an amount of capital equal to the value or, as the case may be, his share of the value of the capital of that company and the foregoing provisions of this Chapter apply for the purposes of calculating that amount as if it were actual capital which he does possess.

(6) For so long as the applicant undertakes activities in the course of the business of the company, the amount which he is treated as possessing under sub-paragraph (5) is to be disregarded.

18. Disregard of change in tax, contributions etc.

In calculating the applicant's income the authority may disregard any legislative change—

- (a) in the basic or other rates of income tax;
- (b) in the amount of any personal tax relief;

for a period not exceeding 30 reduction weeks beginning with the reduction week immediately following the date from which the change is effective.

Appendix 4: Capital disregards

1. Capital disregards

(1) Any payment made to the applicant in respect of any child care, travel or other expenses incurred, or to be incurred, by him in respect of his participation in the Work for Your Benefit Scheme but only for 52 weeks beginning with the date of receipt of the payment.

(2) Any payment made to the applicant in respect of any travel or other expenses incurred, or to be incurred, by him in respect of his participation in the Mandatory Work Activity Scheme but only for 52 weeks beginning with the date of receipt of the payment.

(3) Any payment made to the applicant in respect of any travel or other expenses incurred, or to be incurred, by him in respect of his participation in the Employment, Skills and Enterprise Scheme but only for 52 weeks beginning with the date of receipt of the payment.

(4) The dwelling together with any garage, garden and outbuildings, normally occupied by the applicant as his home including any premises not so occupied which it is impracticable or unreasonable to sell separately, but only one dwelling is to be disregarded under this paragraph.

(5) Any premises acquired for occupation by the applicant which he intends to occupy as his home within 26 weeks of the date of acquisition or such longer period as is reasonable in the circumstances to enable the applicant to obtain possession and commence occupation of the premises.

(6) Any sum directly attributable to the proceeds of sale of any premises formerly occupied by the applicant as his home which is to be used for the purchase of other premises intended for such occupation within 26 weeks of the date of sale or such longer period as is reasonable in the circumstances to enable the applicant to complete the purchase.

(7) Any premises occupied in whole or in part—

- (a) by a partner or relative of a single applicant or any member of the family as his home where that person has attained the qualifying age for state pension credit or is incapacitated;
- (b) by the former partner of the applicant as his home; but this provision does not apply where the former partner is a person from whom the applicant is estranged or divorced or with whom he had formed a civil partnership that has

been dissolved.

(8) Any future interest in property of any kind, other than land or premises in respect of which the applicant has granted a subsisting lease or tenancy, including sub-leases or sub-tenancies.

(9)—(1) The assets of any business owned in whole or in part by the applicant and for the purposes of which he is engaged as a self-employed earner, or if he has ceased to be so engaged, for such period as may be reasonable in the circumstances to allow for disposal of any such asset.

(2) The assets of any business owned in whole or in part by the applicant where—

(a) he is not engaged as a self-employed earner in that business by reason of some disease or bodily or mental disablement; but

(b) he intends to become engaged or, as the case may be, re-engaged as a self-employed earner in that business as soon as he recovers or is able to become engaged or re-engaged in that business,

for a period of 26 weeks from the date on which the application for a reduction under this scheme is made, or is treated as made, or, if it is unreasonable to expect him to become engaged or re-engaged in that business within that period, for such longer period as is reasonable in the circumstances to enable him to become so engaged or re-engaged.

(3) In the case of a person who is receiving assistance under the self-employment route, the assets acquired by that person for the purpose of establishing or carrying on the commercial activity in respect of which such assistance is being received.

(4) In the case of a person who has ceased carrying on the commercial activity in respect of which assistance was received as specified in sub-paragraph (3), the assets relating to that activity for such period as may be reasonable in the circumstances to allow for disposal of any such asset.

(10)—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), any arrears of, or any concessionary payment made to compensate for arrears due to the non-payment of—

(a) any payment for disability living allowance, personal independence payment, AFIP, any attendance allowance or Any mobility supplement under article 20 of the Naval, Military and Air Forces Etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Order 2006 (including such a supplement by virtue of any other scheme or order) or under article 25A of the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983 or any payment intended to compensate for the non-payment of such a supplement.

(b) an income-related benefit under Part 7 of the SSCBA;

(c) an income-based jobseeker's allowance;

(d) any discretionary housing payment paid pursuant to regulation 2(1) of the Discretionary Financial Assistance Regulations 2001;

(e) working tax credit and child tax credit;

(f) an income-related employment and support allowance,

but only for a period of 52 weeks from the date of the receipt of arrears or of the concessionary payment.

(2) In a case where the total of any arrears and, if appropriate, any concessionary payment referred to in sub-paragraph (1) relating to one of the specified payments,

benefits or allowances amounts to £5,000 or more (referred to in this sub-paragraph and in sub-paragraph (3) as “the relevant sum”) and is—

- (a) paid in order to rectify or to compensate for, an official error as defined in regulation 1(2) of the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2001; and
- (b) received by the applicant in full on or after 14th October 2001, sub-paragraph (1) has effect in relation to such arrears or concessionary payment either for a period of 52 weeks from the date of receipt, or, if the relevant sum is received in its entirety during the period of an award of a reduction under this scheme, for the remainder of that period if that is a longer period.

(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2), “the period of an award of a reduction under this scheme” means—

- (a) the award in which the relevant sum is first received (or the first part thereof where it is paid in more than one installment); and
- (b) where that award is followed by one or more further awards which, or each of which, begins immediately after the end of the previous award, such further award provided that for that further award the applicant—
 - (i) is the person who received the relevant sum; or
 - (ii) is the partner of the person who received the relevant sum, or was that person’s partner at the date of his death.

(11) Any sum—

- (a) paid to the applicant in consequence of damage to, or loss of the home or any personal possession and intended for its repair or replacement; or
- (b) acquired by the applicant (whether as a loan or otherwise) on the express condition that it is to be used for effecting essential repairs or improvement to the home,

which is to be used for the intended purpose, for a period of 26 weeks from the date on which it was so paid or acquired or such longer period as is reasonable in the circumstances to effect the repairs, replacement or improvement.

(12) Any sum—

- (a) deposited with a housing association as defined in section 1(1) of the Housing Associations Act 1985 as a condition of occupying the home;
- (b) which was so deposited and which is to be used for the purchase of another home,

for the period of 26 weeks or such longer period as may be reasonable in the circumstances to enable the applicant to complete the purchase.

(13) Any personal possessions except those which have been acquired by the applicant with the intention of reducing his capital in order to secure entitlement to a reduction under this scheme or to increase the amount of that reduction.

(14) The value of the right to receive any income under an annuity or the surrender value (if any) of such an annuity.

(15) Where the funds of a trust are derived from a payment made in consequence of any personal injury to the applicant or applicant’s partner, the value of the trust fund

and the value of the right to receive any payment under that trust.

(16)—(1) Any payment made to the applicant or the applicant's partner in consequence of any personal injury to the applicant or, as the case may be, the applicant's partner.

(2) But sub-paragraph (1)—

(a) applies only for the period of 52 weeks beginning with the day on which the applicant first receives any payment in consequence of that personal injury;

(b) does not apply to any subsequent payment made to him in consequence of that injury (whether it is made by the same person or another);

(c) ceases to apply to the payment or any part of the payment from the day on which the applicant no longer possesses it;

(d) does not apply to any payment from a trust where the funds of the trust are derived from a payment made in consequence of any personal injury to the applicant.

(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(c), the circumstances in which an applicant no longer possesses a payment or a part of it include where the applicant has used a payment or part of it to purchase an asset.

(4) References in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) to the applicant are to be construed as including references to his partner (where applicable).

(17) The value of the right to receive any income under a life interest or from a life rent.

(18) Any earnings derived from employment which are payable in a country outside the United Kingdom for such period during which there is a prohibition against the transfer to the United Kingdom of those earnings.

(19) The surrender value of any policy of life insurance.

(20) Where any payment of capital falls to be made by installments, the value of the right to receive any outstanding installments.

(21) Any payment made by a local authority in accordance with section 17, 23B, 23C or 24A of the Children Act 1989 or, as the case may be, section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 or sections 22, 29 or 30 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (provision of services for children and their families and advice and assistance to certain children).

(22)—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), any payment (or part of a payment) made by a local authority in accordance with section 23C of the Children Act 1989 or section 29 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (local authorities' duty to promote welfare of children and powers to grant financial assistance to persons in, or formerly in, their care) to a person ("A") which A passes on to the applicant.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies only where A— (a) was formerly in the applicant's care, and (b) is aged 18 or over, and (c) continues to live with the applicant.

(23) Any—

(a) social fund payment made pursuant to Part 8 of the SSCBA (the social fund); or

(b) occasional assistance.

(24) Any refund of tax which falls to be deducted under section 369 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (deduction of tax from certain loan interest) on a payment of relevant loan interest for the purpose of acquiring an interest in the home or carrying out repairs or improvements to the home.

(25) Any capital which is to be treated as income.

(26) Where any payment of capital is made in a currency other than sterling, any banking charge or commission payable in converting that payment into sterling.

(27)—(1) Any payment made under or by the Trusts, the Fund, the Eileen Trust, MFET Limited, the Independent Living Fund (2006), the Skipton Fund, the Caxton Foundation or the London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund.

(2) Any payment by or on behalf of a person who is suffering or who suffered from haemophilia or who is or was a qualifying person, which derives from a payment made under or by any of the Trusts to which sub-paragraph (1) refers and which is made to or for the benefit of—

(a) that person's partner or former partner from whom he is not, or where that person has died was not, estranged or divorced or with whom he has formed a civil partnership that has not been dissolved or, where that person has died, had not been dissolved at the time of that person's death;

(b) any child who is a member of that person's family or who was such a member and who is a member of the applicant's family; or

(c) any young person who is a member of that person's family or who was such a member and who is a member of the applicant's family.

(3) Any payment by or on behalf of the partner or former partner of a person who is suffering or who suffered from haemophilia or who is or was a qualifying person which derives from a payment made under or by any of the Trusts to which sub-paragraph (1) refers and which is made to or for the benefit of—

(a) the person who is suffering from haemophilia or who is a qualifying person;

(b) any child who is a member of that person's family or who was such a member and who is a member of the applicant's family; or

(c) any young person who is a member of that person's family or who was such a member and who is a member of the applicant's family.

(4) Sub-paragraph (3) does not apply if—

(a) the partner or former partner and that person are not, or if either of them has died were not, estranged or divorced, or

(b) where the partner or former partner and that person have formed a civil partnership, the civil partnership has not been dissolved or, if either of them has died, had not been dissolved at the time of the death.

(5) Any payment by a person who is suffering from haemophilia or who is a qualifying person, which derives from a payment under or by any of the Trusts to which sub-paragraph (1) refers, where—

(a) that person has no partner or former partner from whom he is not estranged or divorced or with whom he has formed a civil partnership that has not been dissolved, nor any child or young person who is or had been a member of that person's family; and

(b) the payment is made either—

(i) to that person's parent or step-parent; or

(ii) where that person at the date of the payment is a child, a young person or a student who has not completed his full-time education and has no parent or step-parent, to his guardian, but only for a period from the date of the payment until the end of two years from that person's death.

(6) Any payment out of the estate of a person who suffered from haemophilia or who was a qualifying person, which derives from a payment under or by any of the Trusts to which sub-paragraph (1) refers, where—

(a) that person at the date of his death (the relevant date) had no partner or former partner from whom he was not estranged or divorced or with whom he had formed a civil partnership that had not been dissolved, nor any child or young person who was or had been a member of his family; and

(b) the payment is made either—

- (i) to that person's parent or step-parent; or
- (ii) where that person at the relevant date was a child, a young person or a student who had not completed his full-time education and had no parent or step-parent, to his guardian, but only for a period of two years from the relevant date.

(7) In the case of a person to whom or for whose benefit a payment referred to in this paragraph is made, any capital resource which derives from any payment of income or capital made under or deriving from any of the Trusts.

(8) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (2) to (6), any reference to the Trusts is to be construed as including a reference to the Fund, the Eileen Trust, MFET Limited, the Skipton Fund, the Caxton Foundation, and the London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund.

(28)—(1) Where an applicant has ceased to occupy what was formerly the dwelling occupied as the home following his estrangement or divorce from, or dissolution of his civil partnership with, his former partner, that dwelling for a period of 26 weeks from the date on which he ceased to occupy that dwelling or, where the dwelling is occupied as the home by the former partner who is a lone parent, for so long as it is so occupied.

(2) In this paragraph "dwelling" includes any garage, garden and outbuildings, which were formerly occupied by the applicant as his home and any premises not so occupied which it is impracticable or unreasonable to sell separately, in particular, in Scotland, any croft land on which the dwelling is situated.

(29) Any premises where the applicant is taking reasonable steps to dispose of those premises, for a period of 26 weeks from the date on which he first took such steps, or such longer period as is reasonable in the circumstances to enable him to dispose of those premises.

(30) Any premises which the applicant intends to occupy as his home, and in respect of which he is taking steps to obtain possession and has sought legal advice, or has commenced legal proceedings, with a view to obtaining possession, for a period of 26 weeks from the date on which the first sought such advice or first commenced such proceedings whichever is the earlier, or such longer period as is reasonable in the circumstances to enable him to obtain possession and commence occupation of those premises.

(31) Any premises which the applicant intends to occupy as his home to which essential repairs or alterations are required in order to render them fit for such occupation, for a period of 26 weeks from the date on which the applicant first takes steps to effect those repairs or alterations, or such longer period as is necessary to enable those repairs or alterations to be carried out.

(32) Any payment made by the Secretary of State to compensate for the loss (in whole or in part) of entitlement to housing benefit.

(33) The value of the right to receive an occupational or personal pension.

(34) The value of any funds held under a personal pension scheme.

(35) The value of the right to receive any rent except where the applicant has a reversionary interest in the property in respect of which rent is due.

(39) Any payment in kind made by a charity or under or by the Trusts, the Fund, MFET Limited, the Skipton Fund, the Caxton Foundation or the Independent Living Fund (2006).

(37) Any payment made pursuant to section 2 of the Employment and Training Act 1973 or section 2 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990, but only for

the period of 52 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the payment.

(38) Any payment in consequence of a reduction of council tax under section 13 of the 1992 Act (reduction of liability for council tax), but only for a period of 52 weeks from the date of the receipt of the payment.

(39) Any grant made in accordance with a scheme made under section 129 of the Housing Act 1988 or section 66 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 (schemes for payments to assist local housing authority and local authority tenants to obtain other accommodation) which is to be used—

- (a) to purchase premises intended for occupation as his home; or
- (b) to carry out repairs or alterations which are required to render premises fit for occupation as his home,

for a period of 26 weeks from the date on which he received such a grant or such longer period as is reasonable in the circumstances to enable the purchase, repairs or alterations to be completed and the applicant to commence occupation of those premises as his home.

(40) Any arrears of supplementary pension which is disregarded but only for a period of 52 weeks from the date of receipt of the arrears.

(41)—(1) Any payment or repayment made—

- (a) as respects England, under regulation 5, 6 or 12 of the National Health Service (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 2003 (travelling expenses and health service supplies);
- (b) as respects Wales, under regulation 5, 6 or 11 of the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2007 (travelling expenses and health service supplies);
- (c) as respects Scotland, under regulation 3, 5 or 11 of the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (travelling expenses and health service supplies), but only for a period of 52 weeks from the date of receipt of the payment or repayment.

(2) Any payment or repayment made by the Secretary of State for Health, the Scottish Ministers or the Welsh Ministers which is analogous to a payment or repayment mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), but only for a period of 52 weeks from the date of receipt of the payment or repayment.

(42) Any payment made to such persons entitled to receive benefits as may be determined by or under a scheme made pursuant to section 13 of the Social Security Act 1988 in lieu of vouchers or similar arrangements in connection with the provision of those benefits (including payments made in place of healthy start vouchers, milk tokens or the supply of vitamins), but only for a period of 52 weeks from the date of receipt of the payment.

(43) Any payment made under Part 8A of the SSCBA (entitlement to health in pregnancy grant).

(44) Any payment made either by the Secretary of State for Justice or by Scottish Ministers under a scheme established to assist relatives and other persons to visit persons in custody, but only for a period of 52 weeks from the date of the receipt of the payment.

(45) Any payment (other than a training allowance) made, whether by the Secretary of State or any other person, under the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1944 to assist disabled persons to obtain or retain employment despite their disability.

(46) Any payment made by a local authority under section 3 of the Disabled

Persons (Employment) Act 1944 to homeworkers assisted under the Blind Homeworkers' Scheme.

- (47)—(1) Any sum of capital to which sub-paragraph (2) applies and—
 (a) which is administered on behalf of a person by the High Court or the County Court under Rule 21.11(1) of the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 or by the Court of Protection;
 (b) which can only be disposed of by order or direction of any such court; or
 (c) where the person concerned is under the age of 18, which can only be disposed of by order or direction prior to that person attaining age 18.
- (2) This sub-paragraph applies to a sum of capital which is derived from—
 (a) an award of damages for a personal injury to that person; or
 (b) compensation for the death of one or both parents where the person concerned is under the age of 18.

(48) Any sum of capital administered on behalf of a person in accordance with an order made under section 13 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995, or under Rule 36.14 of the Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 or under Rule 128 of those Rules, where such sum derives from—
 (a) award of damages for a personal injury to that person; or
 (b) compensation for the death of one or both parents where the person concerned is under the age of 18.

(49) Any payment to the applicant as holder of the Victoria Cross or George Cross.

(50) In the case of a person who is receiving, or who has received, assistance under the self-employment route, any sum of capital which is acquired by that person for the purpose of establishing or carrying on the commercial activity in respect of which such assistance is or was received but only for a period of 52 weeks from the date on which that sum was acquired.

(51)—(1) Any payment of a sports award for a period of 26 weeks from the date of receipt of that payment except to the extent that it has been made in respect of any one or more of the items specified in sub-paragraph (2).

(2) The items specified for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) are food, ordinary clothing or footwear, household fuel or rent of the applicant or, where the applicant is a member of a family, any other member of his family, or any council tax or water charges for which that applicant or member is liable.

(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2) "food" does not include vitamins, minerals or other special dietary supplements intended to enhance the performance of the person in the sport in respect of which the award was made.

(52)—(1) Any payment—
 (a) by way of an education maintenance allowance made pursuant to—
 (i) regulations made under section 518 of the Education Act 1996;
 (ii) regulations made under section 49 or 73(f) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980;
 (iii) directions made under section 73ZA of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and paid under section 12(2)(c) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992;
 (b) corresponding to such an education maintenance allowance, made pursuant to—
 (i) section 14 or section 181 of the Education Act 2002 (power of Secretary of State and the Welsh Ministers to give financial assistance for purposes related to education or childcare, and allowances in respect of education or training); or
 (ii) regulations made under section 181 of that Act; or
 (c) in England, by way of financial assistance made pursuant to section 14 of

the Education Act 2002.

(2) Any payment, other than a payment to which sub-paragraph (1) applies, made pursuant to—

- (a) regulations made under section 518 of the Education Act 1996;
 - (b) regulations made under section 49 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980; or
 - (c) directions made under section 73ZA of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and paid under section 12(2)(c) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992,
- in respect of a course of study attended by a child or a young person or a person who is in receipt of an education maintenance allowance or other payment made pursuant to any provision specified in sub-paragraph (1).

(53) In the case of an applicant participating in an employment zone programme, any discretionary payment made by an employment zone contractor to the applicant, being a fee, grant, loan or otherwise, but only for the period of 52 weeks from the date of receipt of the payment.

(54) Any arrears of subsistence allowance paid as a lump sum but only for the period of 52 weeks from the date of receipt of the payment.

(55) Where an ex-gratia payment of £10,000 has been made by the Secretary of State on or after 1st February 2001 in consequence of the imprisonment or internment of—

- (a) the applicant;
 - (b) the applicant's partner;
 - (c) the applicant's deceased spouse or deceased civil partner; or
 - (d) the applicant's partner's deceased spouse or deceased civil partner,
- by the Japanese during the Second World War, £10,000.

(56)—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the amount of any trust payment made to an applicant or a member of an applicant's family who is—

- (a) a diagnosed person;
- (b) the diagnosed person's partner or the person who was the diagnosed person's partner at the date of the diagnosed person's death;
- (c) a parent of a diagnosed person, a person acting in place of the diagnosed person's parents or a person who was so acting at the date of the diagnosed person's death; or
- (d) a member of the diagnosed person's family (other than his partner) or a person who was a member of the diagnosed person's family (other than his partner) at the date of the diagnosed person's death.

(2) Where a trust payment is made to—

- (a) a person referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (b), that sub-paragraph applies for the period beginning on the date on which the trust payment is made and ending on the date on which that person dies;
- (b) a person referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(c), that sub-paragraph applies for the period beginning on the date on which the trust payment is made and ending two years after that date;
- (c) a person referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(d), that sub-paragraph applies for the period beginning on the date on which the trust payment is made and ending—
 - (i) two years after that date; or
 - (ii) on the day before the day on which that person—
 - (aa) ceases receiving full-time education; or
 - (bb) attains the age of 20, whichever is the latest.

(3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), the amount of any payment by a person to whom a trust payment has been made or of any payment out of the estate of a person to whom a trust payment has been made, which is made to an applicant or a member of an applicant's family who is—

- (a) the diagnosed person's partner or the person who was the diagnosed person's partner at the date of the diagnosed person's death;
 - (b) a parent of a diagnosed person, a person acting in place of the diagnosed person's parents or a person who was so acting at the date of the diagnosed person's death; or
 - (c) a member of the diagnosed person's family (other than his partner) or a person who was a member of the diagnosed person's family (other than his partner) at the date of the diagnosed person's death, but only to the extent that such payments do not exceed the total amount of any trust payments made to that person.
- (4) Where a payment as referred to in sub-paragraph (3) is made to—
- (a) a person referred to in sub-paragraph (3)(a), that sub-paragraph applies for the period beginning on the date on which that payment is made and ending on the date on which that person dies;
 - (b) a person referred to in sub-paragraph (3)(b), that sub-paragraph applies for the period beginning on the date on which that payment is made and ending two years after that date; or
 - (c) person referred to in sub-paragraph (3)(c), that sub-paragraph applies for the period beginning on the date on which that payment is made and ending—
 - (i) two years after that date; or
 - (ii) on the day before the day on which that person— (aa) ceases receiving full-time education; or (bb) attains the age of 20, whichever is the latest.
- (5) In this paragraph, a reference to a person—
- (a) being the diagnosed person's partner;
 - (b) being a member of a diagnosed person's family;
 - (c) acting in place of the diagnosed person's parents,
- at the date of the diagnosed person's death includes a person who would have been such a person or a person who would have been so acting, but for the diagnosed person residing in a care home, an Abbeyfield Home or an independent hospital on that date.
- (6) In this paragraph—
- “diagnosed person” means a person who has been diagnosed as suffering from, or who, after his death, has been diagnosed as having suffered from, variant Creutzfeld-Jakob disease;
- “relevant trust” means a trust established out of funds provided by the Secretary of State in respect of persons who suffered, or who are suffering, from variant Creutzfeld-Jakob disease for the benefit of persons eligible for payments in accordance with its provisions;
- “trust payment” means a payment under a relevant trust.
- (57) The amount of any payment, other than a war pension, to compensate for the fact that the applicant, the applicant's partner, the applicant's deceased spouse or deceased civil partner or the applicant's partner's deceased spouse or deceased civil partner—
- (a) was a slave labourer or a forced labourer;
 - (b) had suffered property loss or had suffered personal injury; or
 - (c) was a parent of a child who had died, during the Second World War.
- (58)—(1) Any payment made by a local authority, or by the Welsh Ministers, to or on behalf of the applicant or his partner relating to a service which is provided to develop or sustain the capacity of the applicant or his partner to live independently in his accommodation.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) “local authority” includes in England a county council.
- (59) Any payment made under regulations made under section 57 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 or under section 12B of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, or under sections 12A to 12D of the National Health Service Act 2006 (direct payments

for health care).

(60) Any payment made to the applicant pursuant to regulations under section 2(6)(b), 3 or 4 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

(61) Any payment made to the applicant in accordance with regulations made pursuant to section 14F of the Children Act 1989 (special guardianship support services).

(62) Any payment made to an applicant or their partner under a government or local government compensation scheme including the Windrush Compensation Scheme, the Grenfell Tower Discretionary fund and the Energy Rebate Scheme 2022.