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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

[^{F1}SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROVIDED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 2 heading substituted (6.4.2016) by [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), **121**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 2 modified (temp.) (12.2.2009 for E. and 31.3.2010 for W.) by [Children and Young Persons Act 2008 \(c. 23\)](#), ss. 8(3), 44, **Sch. 2 para. 2**; S.I. 2009/268, **art. 3(1)(b)**; S.I. 2010/749, **art. 2(a)**

Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 2 wholly in force at 14.10.1991 see s. 108(2)(3) and [S.I. 1991/828](#), **art. 3(2)**

PART III

CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS MAINTENANCE OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES [^{F1}IN ENGLAND]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Sch. 2 Pt. 3 heading inserted (6.4.2016) by [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), **118**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 2 Pt. III modified (30.12.2005) by [2002 c. 38](#), ss. **53(4)-(6)**, 148 (with [Sch. 4 paras. 1, 6-8](#)); S.I. 2005/2213, {art. 2(c)}

Agreed contributions

- 22 (1) Contributions towards a child's maintenance may only be recovered if the local authority have served a notice ("a contribution notice") on the contributor specifying—
- (a) the weekly sum which they consider that he should contribute; and
 - (b) arrangements for payment.
- (2) The contribution notice must be in writing and dated.
- (3) Arrangements for payment shall, in particular, include—

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- (a) the date on which liability to contribute begins (which must not be earlier than the date of the notice);
 - (b) the date on which liability under the notice will end (if the child has not before that date ceased to be looked after by the authority); and
 - (c) the date on which the first payment is to be made.
- (4) The authority may specify in a contribution notice a weekly sum which is a standard contribution determined by them for all children looked after by them.
- (5) The authority may not specify in a contribution notice a weekly sum greater than that which they consider—
- (a) they would normally be prepared to pay if they had placed a similar child with local authority foster parents; and
 - (b) it is reasonably practicable for the contributor to pay (having regard to his means).
- (6) An authority may at any time withdraw a contribution notice (without prejudice to their power to serve another).
- (7) Where the authority and the contributor agree—
- (a) the sum which the contributor is to contribute; and
 - (b) arrangements for payment,
- (whether as specified in the contribution notice or otherwise) and the contributor notifies the authority in writing that he so agrees, the authority may recover summarily as a civil debt any contribution which is overdue and unpaid.
- (8) A contributor may, by serving a notice in writing on the authority, withdraw his agreement in relation to any period of liability falling after the date of service of the notice.
- (9) Sub-paragraph (7) is without prejudice to any other method of recovery.

Commencement Information

II Sch. 2 Pt. III para. 22 wholly in force at 14.10.1991 see s. 108(2)(3) and [S.I. 1991/828, art. 3\(2\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(1A)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 21(3)
- s. 4(1C) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 21(4)
- s. 4ZA(2)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 22(3)
- s. 4ZA(3A) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 22(4)
- s. 8(4)(k) inserted by 2021 c. 17 s. 52(1)
- s. 31A(4A) inserted by 2014 c. 6 s. 15(2)(b)