



Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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PART 5

DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENTS

89 **Restrictions on power to make payments**

- (1) Financial assistance may not be given under section 88 by way of a loan.
- (2) Financial assistance may not be given under section 88 where the need for the assistance arises solely from reduction, non-payability or suspension of a reserved benefit as a result of an individual's conduct (for example, non-compliance with work-related requirements relating to the benefit).
- (3) But subsection (2) does not prevent assistance from being given where the need for the assistance in question—
 - (a) also arises from some exceptional event or exceptional circumstances, and
 - (b) is immediate.
- (4) In subsection (2), “reserved benefit” means a benefit which is to any extent a reserved matter within the meaning of schedule 5 of the Scotland Act 1998.

Commencement Information

II **S. 89** in force at 1.4.2024 by **S.S.I. 2024/57**, **reg. 2(b)** (with **reg. 3**)

Changes to legislation:

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018, Section 89 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 02 August 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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. 81(4C) inserted by [2021 asp 20 s. 2\(a\)](#)
- s. 85D inserted by [2020 asp 18 s. 2\(6\)](#)