

SCHEDULES

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USE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

*Exchange of information between Board and authorities
administering certain benefits: powers and duties*

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies to information which is held for the purposes of functions relating to tax credit—
- (a) by the Board; or
 - (b) by a person providing services to the Board, in connection with the provision of those services.
- (2) Information to which this paragraph applies may be supplied by or under the authority of the Board—
- (a) to an authority administering housing benefit or council tax benefit; or
 - (b) to a person authorised to exercise any function of such an authority relating to such a benefit,
- for use in the administration of such a benefit.
- (3) Information supplied under sub-paragraph (2) above shall not be supplied by the recipient to any other person or body unless—
- (a) it is supplied—
 - (i) by an authority to a person authorised to exercise any function of the authority relating to housing benefit or council tax benefit; or
 - (ii) by a person authorised to exercise any function of an authority relating to such a benefit to the authority;
 - (b) it is supplied for the purposes of any civil or criminal proceedings relating to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, the Social Security Administration Act 1992 or the Jobseekers Act 1995 or to any provision of Northern Ireland legislation corresponding to any of them; or
 - (c) it is supplied under paragraph 5 below.
- 5 (1) The Board may require—
- (a) an authority administering housing benefit or council tax benefit; or
 - (b) a person authorised to exercise any function of such an authority relating to such a benefit,
- to supply benefit administration information held by the authority or other person to, or to a person providing services to, the Board for use for any purpose relating to tax credit.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1) above “benefit administration information”, in relation to an authority or other person, means any information which is relevant to the exercise of any function relating to housing benefit or council tax benefit by the authority or other person.