



Tax Credits Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 21

PART 1

TAX CREDITS

Supplementary

40 Annual reports

- (1) The Board must make to the Treasury an annual report about—
 - (a) the matters required by section 2(5) to be set forth in the accounts mentioned in section 13 of the Inland Revenue Regulation Act 1890 (c. 21),
 - (b) the number of awards of child tax credit and of working tax credit,
 - (c) the number of enquiries conducted under section 19,
 - (d) the number of penalties imposed under this Part, and
 - (e) the number of prosecutions and convictions for offences connected with tax credits.
- (2) The Treasury must publish each annual report made to it under subsection (1) and lay a copy before each House of Parliament.

41 Annual review

- (1) The Treasury must, in each tax year, review the amounts specified in subsection (2) in order to determine whether they have retained their value in relation to the general level of prices in the United Kingdom as estimated by the Treasury in such manner as it considers appropriate.
- (2) The amounts are monetary amounts prescribed—
 - (a) under subsection (1)(a) of section 7,
 - (b) for the purposes of any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of subsection (3) of that section,
 - (c) under section 9,
 - (d) under section 11, otherwise than by virtue of section 12, or

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(e) under subsection (2) of section 13, otherwise than by virtue of subsection (3) of that section.

- (3) The Treasury must prepare a report of each review.
- (4) The report must include a statement of what each amount would be if it had fully retained its value.
- (5) The Treasury must publish the report and lay a copy of it before each House of Parliament.

42 Persons subject to immigration control

- (1) Regulations may make provision in relation to persons subject to immigration control or in relation to prescribed descriptions of such persons—
- (a) for excluding entitlement to, or to a prescribed element of, child tax credit or working tax credit (or both), or
 - (b) for this Part to apply subject to other prescribed modifications.
- (2) “Person subject to immigration control” has the same meaning as in section 115 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33).

43 Polygamous marriages

- (1) Regulations may make provision for this Part to apply in relation to persons who are parties to polygamous marriages subject to prescribed modifications.
- (2) A person is a party to a polygamous marriage if—
- (a) he is a party to a marriage entered into under a law which permits polygamy, and
 - (b) either party to the marriage has a spouse additional to the other party.

44 Crown employment

This Part applies in relation to persons employed by or under the Crown (as in relation to other employees).

45 Inalienability

- (1) Every assignment of or charge on a tax credit, and every agreement to assign or charge a tax credit, is void; and, on the bankruptcy of a person entitled to a tax credit, the entitlement to the tax credit does not pass to any trustee or other person acting on behalf of his creditors.
- (2) In the application of subsection (1) to Scotland—
- (a) the reference to assignment is to assignation (“assign” being construed accordingly), and
 - (b) the reference to the bankruptcy of a person is to the sequestration of his estate or the appointment on his estate of a judicial factor under section 41 of the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 46).

46 Giving of notices by Board

The Board may give any notice which they are required or permitted to give under this Part in any manner and form which the Board consider appropriate in the circumstances.

47 Consequential amendments

Schedule 3 (consequential amendments) has effect.

48 Interpretation

In this Part—

“child” has the meaning given by section 8(3),

“the current year income” has the meaning given by section 7(4),

“employee” and “employer” have the meaning given by section 25(5),

“the General Commissioners” means the Commissioners for the general purposes of the income tax appointed under section 2 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 (c. 9),

“the income threshold” has the meaning given by section 7(1)(a),

“joint claim” has the meaning given by section 3(8),

“married couple” has the meaning given by section 3(5),

“overpayment” has the meaning given by section 28(2) and (6),

“the previous year income” has the meaning given by section 7(5),

“qualifying remunerative work”, and being engaged in it, have the meaning given by regulations under section 10(2),

“qualifying young person” has the meaning given by section 8(4),

“the relevant income” has the meaning given by section 7(3),

“responsible”, in relation to a child or qualifying young person, has the meaning given by regulations under section 8(2) (for the purposes of child tax credit) or by regulations under section 10(4) (for the purposes of working tax credit),

“single claim” has the meaning given by section 3(8),

“the Special Commissioners” means the Commissioners for the special purposes of the Income Tax Acts appointed under section 4 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 (c. 9),

“tax year” means a period beginning with 6th April in one year and ending with 5th April in the next, and

“unmarried couple” has the meaning given by section 3(6).