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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 1489**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment  
(Temporary Increase) Regulations 2009**

*Made* - - - - - *12th June 2009*  
*Laid before Parliament* *18th June 2009*  
*Coming into force* - - - *21st September 2009*

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 138(2) and (4) and 175(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(1).

The Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(2).

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Temporary Increase) Regulations 2009.

(2) They come into force on 21st September 2009.

**Modification of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2000**

2.—(1) For the purpose of making social fund winter fuel payments in respect of the 2009–10 winter, regulation 2 of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2000(3) (social fund winter fuel payments) is applied as if—

- (a) the references to £100 (in both places) were to £125;
- (b) in paragraphs (1)(i), (2)(a) and (3), the reference to £200 were to £250;
- (c) in paragraph (2)(b), the reference to £200 were to £275;
- (d) in paragraph (2)(b), the reference to £150 were to £200; and

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(1) 1992 c.4. Section 138 contains amendments not relevant to these Regulations. Section 175(1) and (4) was amended by the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2), Schedule 3, paragraph 29.  
(2) See sections 170, 172 and 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c.5). Amendments not relevant to these Regulations have been made to section 170.  
(3) S.I. 2000/729. Regulation 2 was inserted by S.I. 2003/1737 and has been amended by S.I. 2003/2192, 2004/2154 and 2008/1554. Other amendments have been made which are not relevant to these Regulations.

(e) the references to £300 (in both places) were to £400.

(2) In this regulation, “the 2009–10 winter” means the winter which follows the qualifying week beginning on 21st September 2009.

**Revocation**

3. The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Temporary Increase) Regulations 2008<sup>(4)</sup> are revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

12th June 2009

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<sup>(4)</sup> S.I. 2008/1778.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations modify the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2000 to provide for an increase in winter fuel payments for winter 2009/2010.

They also revoke the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Temporary Increase) Regulations 2008 which provided for an increase in payments for winter 2008/2009.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the private or voluntary sectors.