
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is a further stage in the replacement of six existing benefits by universal credit.

Article 3 brings into operation provisions of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015, as listed in Schedule 1 to the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (Commencement No.8 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2017, in so far as they are not already in operation. Existing awards of the benefits which universal credit replaces are not affected.

Article 4 removes the restriction on universal credit claims by frontier workers (e.g. a person who does not reside in Great Britain or Northern Ireland but who works in Great Britain or Northern Ireland) and, accordingly, subject to any other exception that may apply, a person may not make a claim for a tax credit.

Article 5 and the Schedule contain amendments consequential on article 4.