

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Home Energy Efficiency Scheme Regulations 1997 (S.I. [1997/790](#), as amended) provide for the making of grants for the improvement of energy efficiency in dwellings occupied by persons on low income or elderly persons. These Regulations amend those 1997 Regulations as regards Scotland only.

Regulation 2 alters the list of persons eligible to apply for a grant to include (i) any person who is in receipt of child tax credit or working tax credit (provided for by the Tax Credits Act [2002, c. 21](#)) and has a relevant income of less than £14,200 and (ii) women who are pregnant at the time that the application for grant is made and are in receipt of a maternity certificate in relation to that pregnancy, and their spouses where one of the spouses is in receipt of certain benefits.