

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the transitional arrangements that apply to flexibilities to the operation of the claims and payments system for universal credit in relation to Scotland. Those flexibilities allow a person to request twice-monthly payments, rather than monthly payments, and to have some payments made directly to persons to whom rent and service charges are due.

Regulation 6 of the Universal Credit (Claims and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 ([S.S.I. 2017/227](#)) provides that the flexibilities given effect to by those Regulations only apply where the person's application for an award of universal credit award is made on or after the date that those Regulations come into force and where that award will be administered on the Secretary of State's digital service computer system. That system is currently being rolled out across Scotland.

These Regulations amend regulation 6 to enable some of these excluded persons to request that one or both of the flexibilities be applied to their universal credit payments. The effect is to extend the flexibilities to all persons whose awards are being, or will be, administered on the digital service computer system.