

**2020 No. 25**

**COUNCIL TAX**

**The Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations  
2020**

*Made* - - - - *6th February 2020*

*Laid before the Scottish Parliament* *10th February 2020*

*Coming into force* - - *1st April 2020*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 80 and 113(1) and paragraph 1 of schedule 2 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992(a) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

**PART 1**

**General**

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 and come into force on 1 April 2020.

**PART 2**

**Amendment of the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Regulations 2012**

2. The Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Regulations 2012(b) are amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 10.

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(a) 1992 c.14. Section 80 and paragraph 1 of schedule 2 were amended by paragraph 176 of schedule 13 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39). There are other amendments to section 80 and amendments to section 113(1) that are not relevant to these Regulations. The functions of the Secretary of State, in so far as within devolved competence, were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).

(b) S.S.I. 2012/303, relevantly amended by S.S.I. 2013/48, S.S.I. 2013/142, S.S.I. 2013/287, S.S.I. 2014/35, S.S.I. 2015/46, S.S.I. 2016/81, S.S.I. 2016/253, S.S.I. 2017/41, S.S.I. 2018/69, S.S.I. 2018/295, S.S.I. 2019/29 and S.S.I. 2019/325.

## Uprating

3. In regulation 21 (applicable amount)(a), in paragraph (f) after “any” insert “transitional family premium determined in accordance with regulation 23A (transitional family premium) and of any”.

4. In regulation 22 (applicable amount: polygamous marriages)(b), in paragraph (g) after “any” insert “transitional family premium determined in accordance with regulation 23A (transitional family premium) and of any”.

5. After regulation 22 insert—

### “Transitional family premium

22A. Where an applicant is entitled to an amount by virtue of regulation 2 (transitional provision) of the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (“a transitional family premium”)(c), that amount is—

- (a) £22.20 if that is the amount the applicant was entitled to on 31 March 2020, and
- (b) in all other cases, £17.60.”.

6. In regulation 23 (applicable amount: persons who have an award of universal credit), in paragraph (2A)(d)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£16.73” substitute “£17.07”, and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (c) for “£53.47” substitute “£54.32”.

7. In regulation 67 (non-dependant deductions)(e)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)—
  - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£12.55” substitute “£12.80”, and
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£4.15” substitute “£4.25”, and
- (b) in paragraph (2)—
  - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£209.00” substitute “£213.00”,
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for—
    - (aa) “£209.00” substitute “£213.00”,
    - (bb) “£363.00” substitute “£370.00”, and
    - (cc) “£8.30” substitute “£8.45”, and
  - (iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for—
    - (aa) “£363.00” substitute “£370.00”,
    - (bb) “£451.00” substitute “£458.00”, and
    - (cc) “£10.50” substitute “£10.70”.

8. In schedule 1 (applicable amount)(f)—

- (a) in the table in paragraph 1 (applicable amount for the purposes of regulations 21(a) and 22(a) and (b)), for—

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(a) Regulation 21 was amended by S.S.I. 2016/81.  
(b) Regulation 22 was amended by S.S.I. 2016/81.  
(c) S.S.I. 2016/81.  
(d) Regulation 23 was amended by S.S.I. 2013/48, S.S.I. 2013/287, S.S.I. 2017/41 and S.S.I. 2019/325.  
(e) Regulation 67 was relevantly amended by S.S.I. 2013/48, S.S.I. 2013/142, S.S.I. 2014/35, S.S.I. 2015/46, S.S.I. 2016/81, S.S.I. 2017/41, S.S.I. 2018/69 and S.S.I. 2019/29.  
(f) Schedule 1 was relevantly amended by S.S.I. 2013/48, S.S.I. 2014/35, S.S.I. 2015/46, S.S.I. 2016/81, S.S.I. 2016/253, S.S.I. 2017/41, S.S.I. 2018/69 and S.S.I. 2019/29.

- (i) “£73.10” in each place where it occurs substitute “£74.35”,
- (ii) “£57.90” substitute “£58.90”, and
- (iii) “£114.85” substitute “£116.80”,
- (b) in paragraph 3 (applicable amount for the purposes of regulations 21(b) and 22(c)), for “£83.63” in both places where it occurs substitute “£85.34”,
- (c) in the table in paragraph 17 (amounts of disability premiums), in the entry—
  - (i) “Disability premium” for—
    - (aa) “£34.35” substitute “£34.95”, and
    - (bb) “£48.95” substitute “£49.80”,
  - (ii) “Severe disability premium” for—
    - (aa) “£65.85” in both places where it occurs substitute “£66.95”, and
    - (bb) “£131.70” substitute “£133.90”,
  - (iii) “Disabled child premium” for “£64.19” substitute “£65.52”,
  - (iv) “Carer premium” for “£36.85” substitute “£37.50”, and
  - (v) “Enhanced disability premium” for—
    - (aa) “£26.04” substitute “£26.60”,
    - (bb) “£16.80” substitute “£17.10”, and
    - (cc) “£24.10” substitute “£24.50”,
- (d) in paragraph 23 (amount of work-related activity component), for “£29.05” substitute “£29.55”, and
- (e) in paragraph 24 (amount of support component), for “£38.55” substitute “£39.20”.

**9.** In schedule 2 (amount of alternative maximum council tax reduction), in the table in paragraph 1(a)—

- (a) in entry (b)(i) for “£205.00” substitute “£209.00”, and
- (b) in entry (b)(ii) for—
  - (i) “£205.00” substitute “£209.00”, and
  - (ii) “£268.00” substitute “£273.00”.

### **Disregard of historical child abuse in care discretionary payments**

**10.** In schedule 5 (capital to be disregarded), after paragraph 70(b) insert—

“**71.** Any ex gratia payment made at the discretion of the Scottish Ministers from the Advance Payment Scheme which the Scottish Ministers set up in respect of cases of historical child abuse in care.”.

## **PART 3**

### **Amendment of the Council Tax Reduction (State Pension Credit) (Scotland) Regulations 2012**

**11.** The Council Tax Reduction (State Pension Credit) (Scotland) Regulations 2012(c) are amended in accordance with regulations 12 to 15.

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(a) The table in paragraph 1 of schedule 2 was amended by S.S.I. 2013/48, S.S.I. 2013/287, S.S.I. 2014/35, S.S.I. 2015/46, S.S.I. 2016/81, S.S.I. 2017/41, S.S.I. 2018/69 and 2019/29.

(b) Paragraph 70 was inserted by S.S.I. 2019/325.

(c) S.S.I. 2012/319, relevantly amended by S.S.I. 2013/49, S.S.I. 2013/142, S.S.I. 2014/35, S.S.I. 2015/46, S.S.I. 2016/81, S.S.I. 2016/253, S.S.I. 2017/41, S.S.I. 2018/69 and S.S.I. 2019/29.

## Uprating

**12.** In regulation 20 (applicable amount)(a), omit the “and” after paragraph (b) and after paragraph (d) insert—

“, and

- (e) the amount of £17.60 if the applicant is entitled to an amount (“a transitional family premium”) by virtue of regulation 2 (transitional provision) of the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016**(b)**.”.

**13.** In regulation 48 (non-dependant deductions)(c)—

(a) in paragraph 1—

- (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£12.55” substitute “£12.80”, and
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£4.15” substitute “£4.25”, and

(b) in paragraph 2—

- (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£209.00” substitute “£213.00”,
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for—
  - (aa) “£209.00” substitute “£213.00”,
  - (bb) “£363.00” substitute “£370.00”, and
  - (cc) “£8.30” substitute “£8.45”, and
- (iii) in sub-paragraph (c) for—
  - (aa) “£363.00” substitute “£370.00”,
  - (bb) “£451.00” substitute “£458.00”, and
  - (cc) “£10.50” substitute “£10.70”.

**14.** In schedule 1 (applicable amount)(d)—

(a) in the table in paragraph 2 (personal allowances)—

- (i) in entry (1)(b) for “£181.00” substitute “£187.75”,
- (ii) in entry (2)(b) for “£270.60” substitute “£280.85”,
- (iii) in entry (4)(a) for “£270.60” substitute “£280.85”, and
- (iv) in entry (4)(b) for “£89.60” substitute “£93.10”,

(b) in the table in paragraph 3 (applicable amount for the purposes of regulation 20(b)), for “£83.63” in both places where it occurs substitute “£85.34”, and

(c) in the table in paragraph 13 (amount of disability premium)—

- (i) in entries (1)(a) and (1)(b)(i) for “£65.85” substitute “£66.95”,
- (ii) in entry (1)(b)(ii) for “£131.70” substitute “£133.90”,
- (iii) in entry (2) for “£26.04” substitute “£26.60”,
- (iv) in entry (3) for “£64.19” substitute “£65.52”, and
- (v) in entry (4) for “£36.85” substitute “£37.50”.

**15.** In schedule 5 (amount of alternative maximum council tax reduction), in the table in paragraph 1—

(a) in entry (b)(i) for “£205.00” substitute “£209.00”, and

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(a) Regulation 20 was amended by S.S.I. 2016/81.

(b) S.S.I. 2016/81,

(c) Regulation 48 was relevantly amended by S.S.I. 2013/49, S.S.I. 2013/142, S.S.I. 2014/35, S.S.I. 2015/46, S.S.I. 2016/81, S.S.I. 2017/41, S.S.I. 2018/69 and S.S.I. 2019/29.

(d) Schedule 1 was relevantly amended by S.S.I. 2013/49, S.S.I. 2014/35, S.S.I. 2015/46, S.S.I. 2016/81, S.S.I. 2016/253, S.S.I. 2017/41, S.S.I. 2018/69 and 2019/29.

- (b) in entry (b)(ii)—
- (i) for “£205.00” substitute “£209.00”, and
  - (ii) for “£268.00” substitute “£273.00”.

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6th February 2020

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Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (“the Working Age Regulations”) and the Council Tax Reduction (State Pension Credit) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (“the Pension Age Regulations”). Regulations 3 to 10 amend the Working Age Regulations and regulations 12 to 15 amend the Pension Age Regulations.

Regulations 3 to 9 uprate figures in the Working Age Regulations.

Regulations 3 to 5 uprate a “transitional family premium” that was ended for new applicants by the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/81), but has continued to be paid to some persons as a result of a transitional provision in those Regulations. The amount is uprated from £17.45 to £17.60. Some persons are entitled to be paid that premium at a higher rate of £22.20; that amount is not uprated.

Regulations 6 to 9 uprate other figures used to calculate the amount of council tax reduction that an applicant is entitled to receive under the Working Age Regulations.

The Scottish Ministers have set up a discretionary payment scheme to make ex gratia payments to survivors of historical child abuse in care. Regulation 10 amends schedule 5 of the Working Age Regulations so that such payments are disregarded in the calculation of capital for the purposes of council tax reduction under those Regulations.

Regulations 12 to 15 uprate in a similar way figures used to calculate the amount of council tax reduction that an applicant is entitled to receive under the Pension Age Regulations. Those Regulations provide for a transitional family premium to be paid only at a single rate.

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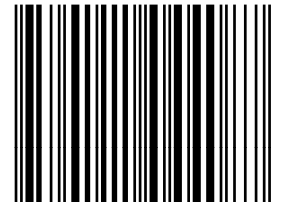


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