



Child Poverty Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 9

PART 3

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

General

[^{F1}27] **General interpretation**

(1) In this Act—

“ child ” means—

- (a) a person under the age of 16, or
- (b) a person who is a qualifying young person for the purposes of Part 9 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 or Part 9 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (child benefit);

“ parent ” means—

- (a) any individual who has parental responsibility for a child, or
- (b) any other individual with whom a child resides and who has care of the child;

“ prescribed ” means prescribed by regulations;

“ regulations ” means regulations made by the Secretary of State under this Act.

(2) In paragraph (a) of the definition of “parent” in subsection (1), the reference to “parental responsibility”—

- (a) in relation to England and Wales, is to be read in accordance with the Children Act 1989,
- (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, is to be read in accordance with the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, and
- (c) in relation to Scotland, is to be read as a reference to parental responsibilities within the meaning of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 18(1) inserted (8.5.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\)](#) , s. 150(2)(j) , [Sch. 13 para. 11\(3\)](#)

28 Regulations and orders

- (1) Any power to make regulations or an order under this Act is exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (2) Any regulations or order under this Act may—
 - (a) make different provision for different cases,
 - (b) include supplementary, incidental and consequential provision, and
 - (c) make transitional provisions and savings.
- (3) A power conferred by any provision of this Act to make regulations or an order includes power to provide for a person to exercise a discretion in dealing with any matter.
- (4) A statutory instrument containing—
 - (a) regulations under any provision of this Act, other than regulations made only under section 5(3) or 22(2), or
 - (b) an order under section 8(4),
 may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing—
 - (a) regulations made only under section 5(3) or 22(2), or
 - (b) an order under section 20(6),
 is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

29 Financial provisions

There is to be paid out of money provided by Parliament—

- (a) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of this Act by a Minister of the Crown, and
- (b) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 18(1) inserted (8.5.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\)](#) , s. 150(2)(j) , [Sch. 13 para. 11\(3\)](#)

30 Extent

- (1) Except as provided by subsections (2) to (4), the provisions of this Act extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) Section 11 extends to Scotland only.

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(3) Section 12 extends to Northern Ireland only.

(4) Part 2 and section 26 extend to England and Wales only.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 18(1) inserted (8.5.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\)](#), s. 150(2)(j), [Sch. 13 para. 11\(3\)](#)

31 Commencement

(1) This Act, except Part 2 and section 26, comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

(2) Part 2 and section 26 come into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 18(1) inserted (8.5.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\)](#), s. 150(2)(j), [Sch. 13 para. 11\(3\)](#)

32 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Child Poverty Act 2010.]

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