



# Welfare Reform Act 2012

## 2012 CHAPTER 5

### PART 1

#### UNIVERSAL CREDIT

#### CHAPTER 1

#### ENTITLEMENT AND AWARDS

#### *Elements of an award*

### 11 Housing costs

- (1) The calculation of an award of universal credit is to include an amount in respect of any liability of a claimant to make payments in respect of the accommodation they occupy as their home.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
  - (a) the accommodation must be in Great Britain;
  - (b) the accommodation must be residential accommodation;
  - (c) it is immaterial whether the accommodation consists of the whole or part of a building and whether or not it comprises separate and self-contained premises.
- (3) Regulations may make provision as to—
  - (a) what is meant by payments in respect of accommodation for the purposes of this section (and, in particular, the extent to which such payments include mortgage payments);
  - (b) circumstances in which a claimant is to be treated as liable or not liable to make such payments;
  - (c) circumstances in which a claimant is to be treated as occupying or not occupying accommodation as their home (and, in particular, for temporary absences to be disregarded);

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- (d) circumstances in which land used for the purposes of any accommodation is to be treated as included in the accommodation.
- (4) Regulations are to provide for the determination or calculation of any amount to be included under this section.
- (5) Regulations may—
- (a) provide for exceptions to subsection (1);
  - (b) provide for inclusion of an amount under this section in the calculation of an award of universal credit—
    - (i) to end at a prescribed time, or
    - (ii) not to start until a prescribed time.

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 1 modified by 1995 c. 18, Sch. 1 para. 2(3) (as inserted (29.4.2013) by [The Universal Credit \(Consequential, Supplementary, Incidental and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/630\)](#), regs. 1(2), **10(b)**)
- C2** S. 11(1) excluded (29.4.2013) by [The Universal Credit Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/376\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 4**
- C3** S. 11(1) excluded (29.4.2013) by [The Universal Credit Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/376\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 4**

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 11(1)(2) in force at 29.4.2013 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/983](#), art. 3(2)-(6), **Sch. 1, Sch. 2** (as amended: (1.7.2013) by S.I. 2013/1511; (29.10.2013) by S.I. 2013/2657; (16.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1452; (30.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1661; (28.7.2014) by S.I. 2014/1923; (15.9.2014) by S.I. 2014/2321; (17.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3067; (21.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3094; (19.1.2015) by S.I. 2015/32 (as amended (10.2.2015) by S.I. 2015/101); (10.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/634; (20.7.2015) by S.I. 2015/1537; (23.11.2015) by S.I. 2015/1930; (6.4.2017) by S.I. 2017/483; (2.2.2018) by S.I. 2018/138; (16.1.2019) by S.I. 2019/10; and (31.1.2019) by S.I. 2019/167)
- I2** S. 11(1)(2) in force at 1.7.2013 and 29.7.2013 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/1511](#), art. 3, **Sch.** (as amended or modified: (29.10.2013) by S.I. 2013/2657; (16.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1452; (30.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1661; (28.7.2014) by S.I. 2014/1923; (17.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3067; (19.1.2015) by S.I. 2015/32; (10.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/634; (20.7.2015) by S.I. 2015/1537; (25.1.2017) by S.I. 2017/57; and (2.2.2018) by S.I. 2018/138)
- I3** S. 11(1)(2) in force at 28.10.2013 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/2657](#), art. 3, **Sch.** (as amended or modified: (16.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1452; (30.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1661; (28.7.2014) by S.I. 2014/1923; (17.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3067; (19.1.2015) by S.I. 2015/32; (10.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/634; (20.7.2015) by S.I. 2015/1537; (23.5.2016) by S.I. 2016/596; (25.1.2017) by S.I. 2017/57; and (2.2.2018) by S.I. 2018/138)
- I4** S. 11(1)(2) in force at 25.11.2013 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/2846](#), art. 3, **Sch.** (as amended or modified: (16.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1452; (30.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1661; (28.7.2014) by S.I. 2014/1923; (17.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3067; (19.1.2015) by S.I. 2015/32; (10.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/634; (20.7.2015) by S.I. 2015/1537; and (23.5.2016) by S.I. 2016/596)
- I5** S. 11(1)(2) in force at 24.2.2014 and 7.4.2014 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2014/209](#), art. 3, **Sch.** (as amended or modified: (16.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1452; (30.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1661; (28.7.2014) by S.I. 2014/1923; (17.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3067; (19.1.2015) by S.I. 2015/32; (10.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/634; (20.7.2015) by S.I. 2015/1537; (23.5.2016) by S.I. 2016/596; and (25.1.2017) by S.I. 2017/57)
- I6** S. 11(3)-(5) in force at 25.2.2013 by [S.I. 2013/358](#), art. 2(2), **Sch. 2 para. 6**

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