

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Certain local authority councillors who receive invalidity benefit, sickness benefit or severe disablement allowance, lose their entitlement to that benefit if the allowances paid to them for carrying out their local authority duties exceed a specified amount in any week. Hitherto, when benefit has been lost in these circumstances, entitlement to a contribution credit has been lost as well.

These Regulations amend the Social Security (Credits) Regulations 1975, to provide that in the circumstances described above, the entitlement to a contribution credit is to remain (regulation 2, paragraphs (a) and (b)).

The Regulations also provide that the credit so awarded may be taken into account when determining whether the second contribution condition for unemployment benefit or sickness benefit has been satisfied (regulation 2, paragraphs (c) and (d)).