
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1992 No. 1814

The Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992

PART VII

**Benefit periods, changes of circumstances
and increases for exceptional circumstances**

Date on which change of circumstances is to take effect

59.—(1) Except in cases where regulation 18 (disregard of changes in tax, contributions, etc) applies and subject to paragraphs (2) to (7), a change of circumstances which affects entitlement to, or the amount of, council tax benefit (“change of circumstances”), shall take effect from the first day of the benefit week following the date on which the change actually occurs, and where that change is cessation of entitlement to any benefit under the Contribution and Benefits Act 1992, the date on which the change actually occurs shall be the day immediately following the last day of entitlement to that benefit.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), where the change of circumstances is a change in the amount of council tax payable, it shall take effect from the day on which it actually occurs.

(3) Where the change of circumstances is a change in the amount a person is liable to pay in respect of council tax in consequence of regulations under section 13 or 80 of the 1992 Act (reduced amounts of council tax) or changes in the discount to which a dwelling may be subject under sections 11, 12 or 79 of that Act, it shall take effect from the day on which the change in amount has effect.

(4) Where the change of circumstances is an amendment to these Regulations, it shall take effect from the date on which the amendment to these Regulations comes into force.

(5) Where the change of circumstances is the claimant’s acquisition of a partner, the change shall have effect on the day on which the acquisition takes place.

(6) Where the change of circumstances is the death of a claimant’s partner or their separation, it shall have effect on the day the death or separation occurs.

(7) If two or more changes of circumstances occurring in the same benefit week would, but for this paragraph, take effect in different benefit weeks in accordance with paragraphs (1) to (6) they shall take effect from the day to which paragraph (2), (3), (5) or (6) above refers, or, where more than one day is concerned, from the earlier day.