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The Child Support (Collection and Enforcement) Regulations 1992

I^{F1} PART 3A

Deduction Orders

Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. 3A inserted (3.8.2009) by Child Support Collection and Enforcement (Deduction Orders) Amendment Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/1815), regs. 1(1), 2

CHAPTER 1

Interpretation

Interpretation of this Part

25A.—(1) In this Part—

"assessable income" means the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Act as it applies to a 1993 scheme case and regulations made for the purposes of that paragraph;

[F2"current income" has the meaning given in regulation 37 of the Child Support Maintenance Calculation Regulations 2012 (current income – general);]

"deduction period" means the period of a week, a month or other period at which deductions are to be made from the amount (if any) standing to the credit of the account specified in a regular deduction order;

"garnishee order" means an order made in accordance with the provisions of order 30 of the County Court Rules 1981 or order 49 of the Rules of the Supreme Court 1965;

[F3":gross weekly income" means income calculated under Chapter 1 of Part 4 of the Child Support Maintenance Calculation Regulations 2012;]

[F4"net weekly income" has the meaning given in the Schedule to the Child Support (Maintenance Calculations and Special Cases) Regulations 2000;]

"lump sum deduction order" means an order under section 32E(1) or, as the case may be, 32F(1) of the Act;

"regular deduction order" means an order under section 32A(1) of the Act;

"third party debt order" means an order made in accordance with the provisions of Part 72 of the Civil Procedure Rules 1998;

"working day" means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday within the meaning of the Banking and Financial Dealings Act

- 1971 in the part of the United Kingdom where a copy of a regular deduction order or a lump sum deduction order is served or a notification sent by the [F5Secretary of State] is received.
- (2) Any person against whom an order under section 32A(1) of the Act may be made by the [F6Secretary of State] is referred to in this Chapter and Chapters 2 and 4 as "the liable person".
- (3) Where a copy of a regular deduction order or a lump sum deduction order is served by the [F6Secretary of State] in accordance with section 32A(7), 32E(6) or 32F(6) of the Act—
 - (a) on a deposit-taker—
 - (i) where that copy of the order is sent by electronic communication or fax to the deposit-taker's last notified address for electronic communication or, as the case may be, fax number, it is to be treated as having been served at the end of the first working day after the day it was sent by the I^{F6}Secretary of Statel, or
 - (ii) where that copy of the order is sent by post to the deposit-taker's last notified address, it is to be treated as having been served at the end of the second working day after the day it was posted by the [F6Secretary of State]; or
 - (b) on a liable person, where that copy of the order is sent by post to that person's last known or notified address, it is to be treated as having been served at the end of the day on which the copy of the order is posted.
- (4) Any notification sent by the [F7Secretary of State] in accordance with this Part to a deposit-taker or a liable person is to be treated as having been received at the same time as an order is treated as having been served in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3).
- (5) Where a copy of a regular deduction order or a lump sum deduction order or any notification has been sent by electronic communication in accordance with paragraph (3)(a)(i) the record held on an official computer system is conclusive (or in Scotland, sufficient) evidence—
 - (a) that a copy of that order has been sent; and
 - (b) of the content of that order.
- (6) This Part applies to a 1993 scheme case in the same way as it applies to a 2003 scheme case and—
 - (a) any references to expressions in the Act (including "maintenance calculation") or to regulations made under the Act are to be read, in relation to a 1993 scheme case, with the necessary modifications; and
 - (b) [F8any reference in this Part to "net weekly income" is to be read as if it were a reference to "assessable income" where these Regulations apply to a 1993 scheme case.]
 - (7) In this regulation—
 - (a) "electronic communication" has the meaning given in section 15(1) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000;
 - (b) "an official computer system" means a computer system maintained by or on behalf of the [F9]Secretary of State] for sending an order or any notification;
 - (c) "1993 scheme case" means a case in respect of which the provisions of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 have not been brought into force in accordance with article 3 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (Commencement No. 12) Order 2003; and
 - (d) "2003 scheme case" means a case in respect of which those provisions have been brought into force.

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Textual Amendments

- F2 Words in reg. 25A(1) inserted (30.9.2013 for specified purposes) by The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1517), regs. 1(3), 4(2)(a)
- Words in reg. 25A(1) inserted (30.9.2013 for specified purposes) by The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1517), regs. 1(3), 4(2)(b)
- F4 Words in reg. 25A(1) omitted (30.9.2013 for specified purposes) by virtue of The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1517), regs. 1(3), 4(2)(c)
- Words in reg. 25A(1) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), Sch. para. 111(2)(a)
- **F6** Words in reg. 25A(2)(3) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(2)(b)**
- F7 Words in reg. 25A(4) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), Sch. para. 111(2)(b)
- F8 Reg. 25A(6)(b) omitted (30.9.2013 for specified purposes) by virtue of The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1517), regs. 1(3), 4(3)
- F9 Words in reg. 25A(7) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), Sch. para. 111(2)(b)

CHAPTER 2

Regular Deduction Orders

Regular deduction orders

- **25B.**—(1) A regular deduction order must specify—
 - (a) the amount of the regular deduction; and
 - (b) the dates on which regular deductions (referred to in this Chapter as "deduction dates") are due to be made.
- (2) Where the date on which the regular deduction is due to be made is not a working day, the deduction must be made on the first working day after the date specified in the order.

Maximum deduction rate

- **25**C.—(1) The deduction rate under a regular deduction order in respect of any deduction period—
 - (a) is not to exceed 40% of the liable person's [F10 gross] weekly income F11... as calculated—
 - (i) at the date of the current maintenance calculation, or
 - (ii) where a maintenance calculation has been in force and there are arrears of child support maintenance, at the date of the most recent previous maintenance calculation; or
 - (b) where a default maintenance decision has been made, is not to exceed £80 per week.
- (2) In this Chapter "previous maintenance calculation" means a maintenance calculation which is no longer in force.

- **F10** Word in reg. 25C(1)(a) substituted (10.12.2012 coming into force in accordance with reg. 1(4)) by The Child Support (Meaning of Child and New Calculation Rules) (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2785), regs. 1(4), **4(7)**
- F11 Words in reg. 25C(1)(a) omitted (30.9.2013 for specified purposes) by virtue of The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1517), regs. 1(3), 4(4)

Minimum amount

- **25D.**—(1) A deduction must not be made where the amount standing to the credit of the account specified in the regular deduction order is below the minimum amount on the date a deduction is due to be made.
 - (2) The minimum amount (for the purposes of this Chapter) is, where the deduction period is—
 - (a) monthly, £40;
 - (b) weekly, £10; or
 - (c) for any other period, £10 for each whole week in that period plus £1 for each additional day in that period,

plus the amount of administrative costs authorised by regulation 25Z(a) (administrative costs).

Notification by the deposit-taker to the [F12Secretary of State]

- **25E.**—(1) A deposit-taker at which a regular deduction order is directed must notify the [F13Secretary of State] in writing, within 7 days—
 - (a) of a copy of the order or the order as varied being served; or
- (b) of notification being received by the deposit-taker that an order has been revived, of the matters set out in paragraph (2).
 - (2) The matters are—
 - (a) if the account specified in the order does not exist; and
 - (b) where the name of the liable person specified in the order is different to the name in which the account specified in the order is held—
 - (i) whether the account was previously held in the name of the liable person specified in the order, and
 - (ii) if so, the new name in which the account is held,
 - only where the liable person named in the order is the same person as the person in whose name the account specified in the order is held.
- (3) A deposit-taker at which a regular deduction order is directed must notify the [F14Secretary of State] within 7 days of notification being received that an order has lapsed or has been discharged—
 - (a) if the account specified in the order does not exist; and
 - (b) where the name of the liable person specified in the order is different to the name in which the account specified in the order is held—
 - (i) whether the account was previously held in the name of the liable person specified in the order, and
 - (ii) if so, the new name in which the account is held,

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only where the liable person named in the order is the same person as the person in whose name the account specified in the order is held.

- (4) The deposit-taker at which a regular deduction order is directed must notify the [F14]Secretary of State] within 7 days starting on the date on which a deduction is due to be made—
 - (a) if the account specified in the order has been closed;
 - (b) if the amount standing to the credit of the account specified in the order is less than the minimum amount; and
 - (c) where the name of the liable person specified in the order is different to the name in which the account specified in the order is held—
 - (i) whether the account was previously held in the name of the liable person specified in the order, and
 - (ii) if so, the new name in which the account is held,
 - only where the liable person named in the order is the same person as the person in whose name the account specified in the order is held.
- (5) The deposit-taker at which a regular deduction order is directed must notify the [F15Secretary of State] within 7 days of receipt of a request made by the [F15Secretary of State] of the details of any other account held by the liable person with that deposit-taker and the details of that account, including—
 - (a) the number and sort code of that account; and
 - (b) the type of account.
- (6) The requirements of this regulation apply only in so far as the deposit-taker has the information or can reasonably be expected to acquire it.

Textual Amendments

- F12 Words in reg. 25E(heading) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), Sch. para. 111(3)
- **F13** Words in reg. 25E(1) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(3)**
- F14 Words in reg. 25E(3)(4) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), Sch. para. 111(3)
- F15 Words in reg. 25E(5) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), Sch. para. 111(3)

Notification by the [F16Secretary of State] to the deposit-taker

- **25F.** The [F17]Secretary of State] must notify the deposit-taker within 7 days of making a decision that a regular deduction order has—
 - (a) been varied by virtue of regulation 25I (variation of a regular deduction order);
 - (b) lapsed under regulation 25J (lapse of a regular deduction order);
 - (c) been revived under regulation 25K (revival of a regular deduction order); or
 - (d) ceased to have effect by virtue of regulation 25L (discharge of a regular deduction order).

- **F16** Words in reg. 25F(heading) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(4)**
- F17 Words in reg. 25F substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), Sch. para. 111(4)

Review of a regular deduction order

- **25G.**—(1) A deposit-taker at which a regular deduction order is directed or the liable person against whom the order is made may apply to the [F18Secretary of State] for a review of the order.
 - (2) The circumstances in which an application may be made under paragraph (1) are that—
 - (a) the liable person or the deposit-taker satisfies the [F19Secretary of State] that some or all of the amount standing to the credit of the account specified in the order is not an amount in which the liable person has a beneficial interest;
 - (b) there has been a change in the amount of the maintenance calculation in question;
 - (c) any amounts payable under the order have been paid;
 - (d) the maximum deduction rate has been calculated in accordance with regulation 25C(1)(a) (ii) (maximum deduction rate) and there has been a change in the liable persons [F20 current] income since the date of the most recent previous maintenance calculation;
 - (e) due to an official error, an incorrect amount has been specified in the order; or
 - (f) the order does not comply with the requirements of section 32A(5) of the Act or regulation 25B(1) or 25C.
 - (3) Following a review of an order under this regulation—
 - (a) where the [F21]Secretary of State] changes the amount to be deducted by the deposit-taker under the order, [F21] the Secretary of State] may vary the order; or
 - (b) where the [F21]Secretary of State] extinguishes the amount to be deducted by the deposit-taker under the order, [F21] the Secretary of State] must discharge the order.
- (4) In paragraph (2)(e) "official error" has the same meaning as in regulation 1(3) of the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 1999 (interpretation).

Textual Amendments

- F18 Words in reg. 25G(1) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), Sch. para. 111(5)(a)
- F19 Words in reg. 25G(2)(a) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), Sch. para. 111(5)(a)
- **F20** Word in reg. 25G(2)(d) substituted (30.9.2013 for specified purposes) by The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1517), regs. 1(3), 4(5)
- **F21** Words in reg. 25G(3) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(5)(b)**

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Priority as between orders – regular deduction orders

- **25H.**—(1) Paragraphs (2) to (5) apply where one or more third party debt orders or garnishee orders provide for deductions to be made from the same account as that specified in a regular deduction order.
 - (2) Where—
 - (a) one or more third party debt orders or garnishee orders are served on a deposit-taker before or on the day a payment is due to be made under a regular deduction order; and
- (b) the regular deduction order was served on the same deposit-taker before those orders, the deposit-taker must make that payment except where the deposit-taker has taken action to comply with the obligations under any third party debt order or garnishee order.
- (3) Where a regular deduction order is served after an interim third party debt order or a garnishee order nisi the deposit-taker must take action to comply with any of those orders before making a deduction under the regular deduction order.
- (4) Where paragraph (2) or (3) applies, the deposit-taker must take action to comply with any third party debt orders or garnishee orders before making further deductions under the regular deduction order.
- (5) Where a decision to revive a regular deduction order takes effect on the same day as or any day after a third party debt order or garnishee order has been served, the deposit-taker must take action to comply with any of those orders before making a deduction under the regular deduction order.
 - (6) Paragraphs (1) to (5) do not apply to Scotland.
- (7) In Scotland, paragraphs (8) to (10) apply where a deposit-taker receives one or more arrestment schedules ("arrestments") and a regular deduction order which apply to the same account.
 - (8) Where—
 - (a) one or more arrestments are served on a deposit-taker before or on the day a payment is due to be made under a regular deduction order; and
 - (b) the regular deduction order was served on the same deposit-taker before any of those arrestments,

the deposit-taker must make that payment except where the deposit-taker has taken action to comply with the obligations under any of the arrestments.

- (9) Where paragraph (8) applies, the deposit-taker must take action to comply with any of those arrestments before making further deductions under the regular deduction order.
- (10) Where a decision to revive a regular deduction order takes effect on the same day as or any day after any arrestments have been served, the deposit-taker must take action to comply with any of those arrestments before making a deduction under the regular deduction order.

Variation of a regular deduction order

- **25I.**—(1) The [F²²Secretary of State] may vary a regular deduction order by changing the amount to be deducted in the circumstances set out in paragraph (2).
 - (2) The circumstances are that—
 - (a) the [F22 Secretary of State] has accepted—
 - (i) that a payment of arrears has been made by the liable person, and
 - (ii) no alternative method of payment of child support maintenance has been arranged;
 - (b) a decision has been made under section 11, 12, 16 or 17 of the Act or there has been an appeal against a maintenance calculation;

- (c) the [F22Secretary of State] has reviewed the order under regulation 25G (review of a regular deduction order); or
- (d) there has been an appeal under regulation 25AB(1)(a) or (b) (appeals).
- (3) The [F23Secretary of State] may from time to time vary the deduction period.
- (4) Where—
 - (a) a regular deduction order has been varied under this regulation; and
- (b) a copy of the order as varied has been served on the deposit-taker at which it is directed, that deposit-taker must comply with the order; but the deposit-taker is not to be under any liability for non-compliance before the end of the period of 7 days beginning on the day on which the copy of the order as varied is served on the deposit-taker.

- **F22** Words in reg. 25I(1)(2) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(6)**
- **F23** Words in reg. 25I(3) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(6)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Reg. 25I(2) modified (temp in part until 22.5.2021) (23.5.2016) by The Child Support (Deduction Orders and Fees) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/439), reg. 1(1)(2), 2(2)

Lapse of a regular deduction order

- 25J.—(1) A regular deduction order is to lapse in the circumstances set out in paragraph (2).
- (2) The circumstances are where—
 - (a) the [F24]Secretary of State] has agreed with the liable person an alternative method of payment of the child support maintenance due under the maintenance calculation; or
 - (b) there is an insufficient amount standing to the credit of the account specified in the order to enable a deduction to be made on two consecutive deduction dates, unless the [F24] Secretary of State] has decided that the order is to continue for a greater number of deduction dates,

and the [F24Secretary of State] considers it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the order is to lapse.

- (3) A regular deduction order lapses on the day on which the deposit-taker receives notification that the order has lapsed from the [F24Secretary of State].
- (4) A regular deduction order which has lapsed under this regulation is to be treated as remaining in force for the purposes of regulations 25E (notification by the deposit-taker to the [F25] Secretary of State]), 25G (review of a regular deduction order) and 25AB (appeals).

Textual Amendments

F24 Words in reg. 25J(2)(3) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(7)**

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F25 Words in reg. 25J(4) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), Sch. para. 111(7)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 Reg. 25J(2)(a) modified (23.5.2016) by The Child Support (Deduction Orders and Fees) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/439), regs. 1(1), 2(3)

Revival of a regular deduction order

- **25K.**—(1) Where a regular deduction order has lapsed it may be revived by the [F26Secretary of State] where—
 - (a) the liable person has failed to comply with any agreement reached under regulation 25J(2) (a) (lapse of a regular deduction order); or
 - (b) the [F26Secretary of State] has reason to believe that following the lapse of an order under regulation 25J(2)(b) there is sufficient amount standing to the credit of the account specified in the order to enable a deduction to be made.
- (2) Where the [F26Secretary of State] decides to revive a regular deduction order that decision is to take effect on the day notification that the order has been revived is received by the deposit-taker.

Textual Amendments

F26 Words in reg. 25K substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para.** 111(8)

Discharge of a regular deduction order

- 25L.—(1) A regular deduction order must be discharged by the [F27]Secretary of State] where—
 - (a) the account specified in the order has been closed;
 - (b) the maintenance calculation in question is no longer in force and the amount of child support maintenance due under that calculation has been paid in full in accordance with regulation 2 (payment of child support maintenance);
 - (c) the liable person has complied with any agreement reached under regulation 25J(2)(a) for such period as the [F27Secretary of State] considers appropriate in the circumstances of the case;
 - (d) the [F27]Secretary of State] has reviewed the order under regulation 25G and [F27]the Secretary of State] has extinguished the amount to be deducted by the deposit-taker under the order:
 - (e) on an appeal under regulation 25AB(1)(a) (appeals) the court has set aside the order;
 - (f) unless sub-paragraph (g) applies, a regular deduction order has lapsed under regulation 25J(2) and 6 months have passed beginning on the day the lapse took effect;
 - (g) an appeal is brought by virtue of regulation 25AB(1)(a) or (b), against a regular deduction order which has lapsed under regulation 25J(2) and 1 month has passed beginning on—
 - (i) the day proceedings on the appeal (including any further appeal) concluded, or
 - (ii) the end of any period during which a further appeal may ordinarily be brought, whichever is the later; or

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- (h) the liable person has died.
- (2) A regular deduction order may be discharged where the [F28 Secretary of State] considers it is appropriate to do so in the circumstances of the case.
- (3) Where a regular deduction order is discharged that discharge takes effect immediately after the payment of the last regular deduction prior to discharge.

Textual Amendments

- **F27** Words in reg. 25L(1) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(9)(a)**
- **F28** Words in reg. 25L(2) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(9)(b)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 Reg. 25L(1)(b) modified (23.5.2016) by The Child Support (Deduction Orders and Fees) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/439), regs. 1(1), 2(4)

CHAPTER 3

Lump Sum Deduction Orders

Period in which representations may be made

25M. Where a lump sum deduction order has been made under section 32E(1) of the Act the period for making representations to the [F29 Secretary of State] in respect of the proposal specified in that order is 14 days beginning on the day a copy of the order was served.

Textual Amendments

F29 Words in reg. 25M substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para.** 111(10)

Disapplication of sections 32G(1) and 32H(2)(b) of the Act

- **25N.**—(1) Something that would otherwise be in breach of sections 32G(1) and 32H(2)(b) of the Act may, with the consent of the [F30]Secretary of State], be done in the following circumstances—
 - (a) the liable person, the liable person's partner or any relevant other child is suffering hardship in meeting ordinary living expenses;
 - (b) the liable person is under a written contractual obligation, agreed before the lump sum deduction order was made, to make a payment;
 - (c) the deposit-taker has a right of set off and satisfies the [F30]Secretary of State] that an intention to exercise that right was formed within 30 days before the date the lump sum deduction order under section 32E of the Act was served;
 - (d) the deposit-taker and the liable person have made a written agreement in which the availability of an amount standing to the credit of the account specified in the lump sum deduction order was required as security for that agreement; or

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- (e) any other circumstances the [F30]Secretary of State] considers appropriate in the particular case.
- (2) The liable person or the deposit-taker at which a lump sum deduction order is directed may apply to the [F30]Secretary of State] for consent.
 - (3) When deciding whether to give consent, the [F31Secretary of State] must take into account—
 - (a) any adverse impact the decision may have on the liable person or any other person; and
 - (b) any alternative arrangements which may be made by the liable person or the deposit-taker.
- (4) Where the [F31]Secretary of State] gives consent it is to take effect on the day on which the deposit-taker receives notification from the [F31]Secretary of State] to disapply section 32G(1) or 32H(2)(b) of the Act.
- (5) Something that would otherwise be in breach of section 32G(1) and 32H(2)(b) of the Act may be done where—
 - (a) the amount standing to the credit of the account specified in the lump sum deduction order is less than the amount specified in that order, except in respect of any amount dealt with in compliance with section 32G(1) of the Act; or
 - (b) the deposit-taker has made a payment in accordance with section 32H(1)(a) of the Act .
- (6) Paragraph (5) has effect until the [F32]Secretary of State] gives notice to the deposit-taker that paragraph (5) has ceased to have effect in a particular case and that notification is to take effect on the day on which the deposit-taker receives notification from the [F32]Secretary of State].
 - (7) In this regulation—

"partner" has the same meaning as in regulation 3(9) (method of payment) and the definition of "couple" in that regulation is to apply accordingly; and

"relevant other child" is to be interpreted in accordance with paragraph 10C(2) of Schedule 1 to the Act and regulations made for the purposes of that paragraph.

Textual Amendments

- **F30** Words in reg. 25N(1)(2) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(11)**
- Words in reg. 25N(3)(4) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), Sch. para. 111(11)
- **F32** Words in reg. 25N(6) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(11)**

Information

- **250.**—(1) A deposit-taker at which a lump sum deduction order is directed must supply to the [F33]Secretary of State] in writing, within 7 days—
 - (a) of a copy of the order or order as varied being served; or
- (b) of notification being received by the deposit-taker that an order has been revived, the information set out in paragraph (2).
 - (2) The information is—

- (a) if the account specified in the order—
 - (i) does not exist,
 - (ii) cannot be traced, or
 - (iii) has been closed;
- (b) whether the amount standing to the credit of the account specified in the order—
 - (i) on the day the order is served, or
 - (ii) where an order is revived, on the day the decision to revive the order takes effect, is at least the same or less than the amount specified in the order and where it is less, that amount; and
- (c) where the name of the liable person specified in the order is different to the name in which the account specified in the order is held—
 - (i) whether the account was previously held in the name of the liable person specified in the order, and
 - (ii) if so, the new name in which the account is held,

only where the liable person named in the order is the same person as the person in whose name the account specified in the order is held.

- (3) A deposit-taker at which a lump sum deduction order is directed must notify the [F34Secretary of State] within 7 days of notification being received that an order has lapsed or has been discharged
 - (a) if the account specified in the order cannot be traced; or
 - (b) where the name of the liable person specified in the order is different to the name in which the account specified in the order is held—
 - (i) whether the account was previously held in the name of the liable person specified in the order, and
 - (ii) if so, the new name in which the account is held,

only where the liable person named in the order is the same person as the person in whose name the account specified in the order is held.

- (4) A deposit-taker at which a lump sum deduction order is directed, must supply to the [F34Secretary of State] within 7 days of receipt of a request being made by the [F34Secretary of State], the following information—
 - (a) whether the liable person holds another account or has opened an account with that deposit-taker or with another deposit-taker and, if so, the details of that account, including—
 - (i) the number and sort code of that account, and
 - (ii) the type of account; and
 - (b) whether the amount standing to the credit of the account specified in the order on the day the request is received is at least the same or less than the amount specified in the order or the remaining amount and where it is less, that amount.
- (5) In so far as a deposit-taker at which a lump sum deduction order is directed ("A") has the information, the details of an account held with another deposit-taker ("B") must be supplied to the [F35]Secretary of State] in accordance with paragraph (4) only if—
 - (a) the liable person has—
 - (i) closed the account specified in the order and held with A,
 - (ii) opened an account with B, and

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- (iii) transferred the amount standing to the credit of the account held with A to the account held with B;
- (b) either—
 - (i) a lump sum deduction order has lapsed, or
 - (ii) A has notified the [F35]Secretary of State] in accordance with paragraph (2)(a)(iii), that the account specified in the order has been closed; and
- (c) the [F35]Secretary of State] has made a request for the information within 1 month of the order lapsing or, as the case may be, notification being received by the [F35]Secretary of State] that the account has been closed.
- (6) The requirements of paragraphs (1) to (3) and paragraph (4) as it applies to a deposit-taker at which a lump sum deduction order is directed, apply only in so far as the deposit-taker has the information or can reasonably be expected to acquire it.
- (7) In paragraph (4)(b) and regulation 25T(1)(b) and (c) "remaining amount" has the same meaning as in section 32H(6) of the Act.

Textual Amendments

- **F33** Words in reg. 25O(1) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(12)**
- **F34** Words in reg. 25O(3)(4) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(12)**
- **F35** Words in reg. 25O(5) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(12)**

Priority as between orders - lump sum deduction orders

- **25P.**—(1) Where a deposit-taker would, but for this paragraph, be obliged to comply with an order under section 32F of the Act , and one or more interim third party debt orders or garnishee orders nisi, it must take action to comply with the orders according to the order in which they were served on the deposit-taker.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply where an order under section 32E of the Act was served after an interim third party debt order or a garnishee order nisi except where there remains an amount standing to the credit of the account specified in the order under section 32F of the Act after any third party debt orders or garnishee orders have been complied with by the deposit-taker (referred to in this regulation as "an outstanding amount").
- (3) Where there is an outstanding amount section 32G(1) of the Act applies in respect of that amount.
- (4) Where a decision to revive a lump sum deduction order takes effect on the same day as or any day after a third party debt order or garnishee order has been served, the deposit-taker must take action to comply with any of those orders before making a deduction under the lump sum deduction order.
 - (5) Paragraphs (1) to (4) do not apply to Scotland.
- (6) In Scotland, where a deposit-taker would, but for this paragraph, be obliged to comply with an order under section 32F of the Act, and one or more arrestment schedules ("arrestments") it must

give preference to that order and those arrestments according to the order in which they were served on the deposit-taker.

- (7) Where there remains an amount standing to the credit of the account specified in the order under section 32F of the Act after any arrestments have been complied with by the deposit-taker, section 32G(1) of the Act applies in respect of that amount.
- (8) Where a decision to revive a lump sum deduction order takes effect on the same day as or any day after any arrestments have been served, the deposit-taker must take action to comply with any of those arrestments before making a deduction under the lump sum deduction order.

Minimum amount

- **25Q.**—(1) A deduction must not be made where the amount standing to the credit of the account specified in the lump sum deduction order is below the minimum amount on the date the deduction is due to be made.
- (2) The minimum amount is £55 plus the amount of administrative costs authorised by regulation 25Z(b) (administrative costs).

Variation of a lump sum deduction order

- **25R.**—(1) The [F36Secretary of State] may, in the circumstances set out in paragraph (2), vary a lump sum deduction order by reducing the amount specified in that order.
 - (2) The circumstances are that—
 - (a) the [F36]Secretary of State] accepts the liable person's agreement to make a payment;
 - (b) a decision has been made under section 11, 12, 16 or 17 of the Act or there has been an appeal against a maintenance calculation;
 - (c) the [F36 Secretary of State] has consented to the doing of things that would otherwise be in breach of sections 32G(1) and 32H(2)(b) of the Act;
 - (d) there has been an appeal made under regulation 25AB(1)(c) or (d) (appeals); or
 - (e) representations made in respect of the proposals specified in the order made under section 32E of the Act have been accepted by the I^{F36} Secretary of State I.
 - (3) Where—
 - (a) a lump sum deduction order has been varied under this regulation; and
- (b) a copy of the order as varied has been served on the deposit-taker at which it is directed, that deposit-taker must comply with the order when that order is served.

Textual Amendments

F36 Words in reg. 25R(1)(2) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(13)**

Lapse of a lump sum deduction order

- 25S.—(1) A lump sum deduction order is to lapse in the circumstances set out in paragraph (2).
- (2) The circumstances are where—
 - (a) the amount in the account specified in the order under section 32E of the Act is nil;

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- (b) in consequence of the consent given by the [F37Secretary of State] under regulation 25N(1) (disapplication of section 32G(1) and 32H(2)(b) of the Act) the amount in the account specified in the lump sum deduction order is reduced to nil; or
- (c) the [F37]Secretary of State] has agreed with the liable person an alternative method of payment of the child support maintenance due under the maintenance calculation,

and the [F37Secretary of State] considers it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the order is to lapse.

- (3) A lump sum deduction order lapses on the day on which the deposit-taker receives notification that the order has lapsed from the [F37]Secretary of State].
- (4) A lump sum deduction order which has lapsed under this regulation is to be treated as remaining in force for the purposes of regulations 25M (period in which representations may be made), 25O (information) and 25AB (appeals).

Textual Amendments

F37 Words in reg. 25S(2)(3) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(14)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 Reg. 25S(2)(c) modified (23.5.2016) by The Child Support (Deduction Orders and Fees) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/439), regs. 1(1), 2(5)

Revival of a lump sum deduction order

- **25T.**—(1) Where a lump sum deduction order has lapsed it may be revived by the [F38]Secretary of State] where—
 - (a) in the case of an order under section 32E of the Act, the amount standing to the credit of the account specified in that order was nil and the [F38Secretary of State] is informed in accordance with the requirement in regulation 25O(4)(b) that there is an amount at least the same as or less than the amount specified in the order standing to the credit of the account specified in the order;
 - (b) a lump sum deduction order has lapsed under regulation 25S(2)(b) (lapse of a lump sum deduction order) and the [F38Secretary of State] is informed in accordance with the requirement in regulation 25O(4)(b) that there is an amount at least the same as or less than the amount specified in the order, or the remaining amount, standing to the credit of the account specified in the order; or
 - (c) in the case of an order under section 32F of the Act, there is a remaining amount and the liable person has failed to comply with the agreement referred to in regulation 25S(2)(c).
- (2) Where the [F38]Secretary of State] decides to revive a lump sum deduction order that decision is to take effect on the day notification that the order has been revived is received by the deposit-taker.

Textual Amendments

F38 Words in reg. 25T substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para.** 111(15)

Discharge of a lump sum deduction order

- **25**U.—(1) A lump sum deduction order must be discharged where—
 - (a) the account specified in the order has been closed;
 - (b) the amount of arrears of child support maintenance specified in the order has been paid in full in accordance with regulation 2 (payment of child support maintenance);
 - (c) the liable person has paid the total amount of arrears of child support maintenance specified in the order by an alternative method agreed between the [F39Secretary of State] and the liable person;
 - (d) the [F39 Secretary of State] has considered representations made in respect of an order under section 32E of the Act and [F40 the Secretary of State] has decided not to make an order under section 32F of the Act;
 - (e) unless sub-paragraph (f) applies—
 - (i) an order under section 32F of the Act has lapsed under regulation 25S(2) and 6 months have passed beginning on the day on which the deposit-taker received notification that the order had lapsed from the [F39]Secretary of State], or
 - (ii) regulation 25N(5) applies and 6 months have passed beginning on the day on which payment was made under section 32H(1)(a) of the Act;
 - (f) an appeal is brought by virtue of regulation 25AB(1)(d) and 1 month has passed beginning on—
 - (i) the day proceedings on the appeal (including any further appeal) concluded, or
 - (ii) the end of any period during which a further appeal may ordinarily be brought, whichever is the later; or
 - (g) the liable person has died.
- (2) A lump sum deduction order may be discharged where the [F39]Secretary of State] considers it is appropriate to do so in the circumstances of the case.
- (3) A lump sum deduction order is discharged on the day notification that the order has been discharged is received by the deposit-taker.

Textual Amendments

- **F39** Words in reg. 25U(1)(2) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(16)(a)**
- **F40** Words in reg. 25U(1)(d) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(16)(b)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C5 Reg. 25U(1) modified (23.5.2016) by The Child Support (Deduction Orders and Fees) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/439), regs. 1(1), 2(6)

Time at which a lump sum deduction order under section 32E of the Act ceases to be in force

- 25V. For the purposes of section 32E(8)(a) of the Act the prescribed period is—
 - (a) unless paragraph (b) applies, 6 months beginning on—
 - (i) the day the order under section 32E of the Act was served on the deposit-taker, or

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- (ii) where that order has lapsed under regulation 25S, the day on which the deposit-taker received notification that the order had lapsed from the [F41]Secretary of State]; or
- (b) where an appeal is brought by virtue of regulation 25AB(1)(c) (appeal against the withholding of consent), 1 month beginning on—
 - (i) the day proceedings on the appeal (including any further appeal) concluded, or
 - (ii) the end of any period during which a further appeal may ordinarily be brought, whichever is the later.

Textual Amendments

F41 Words in reg. 25V(a)(ii) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(17)**

Meaning of "the relevant time"

- **25W.** For the purposes of the meaning of "the relevant time" in section 32H(6) of the Act the prescribed circumstances are that—
 - (a) unless to paragraph (b) applies, 6 months have passed beginning on the day the order under section 32F of the Act was served on the deposit-taker; or
 - (b) where an appeal is brought by virtue of regulation 25AB(1)(d), 1 month has passed beginning on—
 - (i) the day proceedings on the appeal (including any further appeal) concluded, or
 - (ii) the end of any period during which a further appeal may ordinarily be brought, whichever is the later.

CHAPTER 4

General Matters for Deduction Orders

Accounts of a prescribed description

- **25X.**—(1) A regular deduction order or a lump sum deduction order may not be made in respect of an account which—
 - (a) the liable person operates solely for the purposes of exercising the function of a trustee or office holder and the account is one in which all the funds are held on behalf of other persons or for the purposes of that office; or
 - (b) is used wholly or in part for business purposes.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b), whether an account is used wholly or in part for business purposes is to be decided by the [^{F42}Secretary of State].
- (3) Paragraph (1)(b) does not apply where a regular deduction order is made in respect of an account which is used by the liable person as a sole trader.

F42 Words in reg. 25X(2) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(18)**

Circumstances in which amounts standing to the credit of an account are to be disregarded

25Y. The circumstances in which amounts standing to the credit of an account are to be disregarded for the purposes of sections 32A, 32E, 32G and 32H of the Act are where the liable person has no beneficial interest in the amount.

Administrative costs

- **25Z.** A deposit-taker at which an order under section 32A or 32F of the Act is directed may deduct from the amount standing to the credit of the account specified in the order an amount towards its administrative costs for each deduction made, not exceeding—
 - (a) in the case of a regular deduction order, £10; or
 - (b) in the case of a lump sum deduction order under section 32F of the Act, £55,

before making any payment to the [F43Secretary of State] required by section 32A or, as the case may be, section 32H of the Act.

Textual Amendments

F43 Words in reg. 25Z substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para.** 111(19)

Payment by deposit-taker to the [F44Secretary of State]

- **25AA.**—(1) Amounts deducted by a deposit-taker at which a regular deduction order or a lump sum deduction order under section 32F of the Act is directed must be paid to the [F45Secretary of State] within—
 - (a) in the case of a regular deduction order, 10 days of the date the regular deduction is due to be made; or
 - (b) in the case of a lump sum deduction order under section 32F of the Act, 10 days of the end of the relevant period.
- (2) The payment to the [F45Secretary of State] of amounts deducted under that order may be made by—
 - (a) cheque;
 - (b) automated credit transfer; or
 - (c) such other method as the [F45Secretary of State] may specify.
- (3) In this regulation "the relevant period" has the same meaning as in section 32G(5) and (6) of the Act .

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Textual Amendments

- **F44** Words in reg. 25AA(heading) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(20)**
- **F45** Words in reg. 25AA(1)(2) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(20)**

Appeals

- **25AB.**—(1) A qualifying person has a right of appeal to [^{F46}the family court] or in Scotland the sheriff of the sheriffdom in which that person resides, against—
 - (a) the making of a regular deduction order;
 - (b) any decision made by the [F47Secretary of State] on an application made under regulation 25G (review of a regular deduction order);
 - (c) the withholding of the consent to be obtained in accordance with regulation 25N (disapplication of sections 32G(1) and 32H(2)(b) of the Act);
 - (d) the making of an order under section 32F of the Act.
 - (2) In this regulation a "qualifying person" means—
 - (a) in relation to paragraph (1)(a) and (b), any person affected by—
 - (i) a regular deduction order, or, as the case may be,
 - (ii) the decision referred to in paragraph (1)(b);
 - (b) in relation to paragraph (1)(c), the persons prescribed in regulation 25N(2); and
 - (c) in relation to paragraph (1)(d), any person affected by an order under section 32F of the Act.

Textual Amendments

- F46 Words in reg. 25AB(1) substituted (22.4.2014) by The Crime and Courts Act 2013 (Family Court: Consequential Provision) (No.2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/879), arts. 1(1), 25
- **F47** Words in reg. 25AB(1)(b) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(21)**

Offences

- **25AC.** The following regulations are designated for the purposes of sections 32D(1)(b) and 32K(1)(b) of the Act
 - (a) regulation 25E(1) to (5) (notification by the deposit-taker to the [F48Secretary of State]);
 - (b) regulation 25I(4) (variation of a regular deduction order);
 - (c) regulation 25O(1) to (5) (information);
 - (d) regulation 25R(3) (variation of a lump sum deduction order); and
 - (e) regulation 25AA(1) (payment by deposit-taker to the [F49Secretary of State]).

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Textual Amendments

- **F48** Words in reg. 25AC(a) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), Sch. para. 111(22)
- **F49** Words in reg. 25AC(e) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(22)**

[F50]Secretary of State] to warn of consequences of failing to comply with an order or to provide information

- **25AD.** Where information is required by virtue of regulation 25E or 25O, the [F51]Secretary of State] must set out in writing the possible consequences of failure to—
 - (a) comply with a regular deduction order or lump sum deduction order; and
 - (b) provide the information required under the regulations designated by regulation 25AC(a) and (b) (offences),

including details of the offences provided for by virtue of sections 32D and 32K of the Act, as the case may be.]

Textual Amendments

- **F50** Words in reg. 25AD heading substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 111(23)**
- F51 Words in reg. 25AD substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), Sch. para. 111(23)

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