
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make miscellaneous amendments to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979, the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987, the Community Charges (Deductions from Income Support) (Scotland) Regulations 1989, the Community Charges (Deductions from Income Support) (No. 2) Regulations 1990 and the Council Tax (Deductions from Income Support) Regulations 1993.

Regulation 25 of the 1979 Regulations is amended so as to permit the record of industrial accidents which employers are required to keep to be kept by electronic means (regulation 2).

The principal amendments to the 1987 Regulations are—

- an amendment to regulation 6 to deal with the case where it is not possible to determine the date on which a request for a claim form for disability living allowance or attendance allowance was received (regulation 3(2)).
- an amendment to regulation 19(3) dealing with extensions of time for claiming benefit (regulation 3(3)).
- an amendment to regulation 27 to permit amounts of family credit or disability working allowance of not more than £4.00 a week to be paid in a lump sum (regulation 3(4)).
- an amendment to regulation 30 to permit the time allowed for applying for someone to be appointed to make a claim for benefit to which a deceased person was entitled, and for making the claim, to be extended (regulation 3(5)).
- amendments to regulations 37 and 37A dealing with the suspension of benefit pending an appeal (regulation 3(6) and (7)).
- an amendment to regulation 38 relating to the extinguishment of the right to payment of benefit (regulation 3(8)).
- an amendment to Schedule 9 to permit benefit to be paid direct to the proprietor of a residential home (regulation 3(10)).

The Community Charges and Council Tax Regulations are amended to deal with the priority to be given when more than one application for deductions from income support in respect of council tax or community charge is received (regulations 4, 5 and 6).

It is estimated that the cost to business of complying with these Regulations will be nil.