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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 2544**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Social Fund Cold Weather Payments  
(General) Amendment Regulations 1996**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>7th October 1996</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>11th October 1996</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>4th November 1996</i>

The Secretary of State for Social Security, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 138(2) and (4) and 175(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it<sup>(2)</sup> hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Amendment Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 4th November 1996.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Regulations 1988<sup>(3)</sup>.

**Amendment of regulation 1 of the principal Regulations**

2.—(1) Regulation 1(2) of the principal Regulations<sup>(4)</sup> (interpretation) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) The words “Schedule 2 to these Regulations (meaning of references to Post Office postcode areas and sectors) shall have effect and” shall be omitted.

(3) After the definition of “the General Regulations” there shall be inserted the following definition—

““the Meteorological Office” means the Meteorological Office of the Ministry of Defence;”

(4) In the definition of “forecast”—

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(1) 1992 c. 4; section 138(4) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning ascribed to the word “prescribed”.  
(2) See section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5).  
(3) S.I.1988/1724.  
(4) Regulation 1(2) was amended by S.I. 1990/580, 1991/2238 and 1992/2448.

- (a) the words “of the Ministry of Defence” shall be omitted;
- (b) after the words “on a daily basis” there shall be inserted the words “between 1st November in any year and 31st March in the following year.”.
- (5) After the definition of “home” there shall be inserted the following definition—  
““income-based jobseeker’s allowance” has the same meaning in these Regulations as it has in the Jobseekers Act 1995(5) by virtue of section 1(4) of that Act;”
- (6) For the definition of “postcode” there shall be substituted the following definition—  
““postcode district” means a Post Office postcode district;”
- (7) The definition of “sector” shall be omitted.
- (8) For the definition of “station” there shall be substituted the following definition—  
““station” means a station accredited by the Meteorological Office at which a period of cold weather may be forecasted or recorded for the purposes of these Regulations;”

#### **Amendment of regulation 1A of the principal Regulations**

- 3. In regulation 1A of the principal Regulations(6) (prescribed description of persons)—
  - (a) after the words “income support” there shall be inserted the words “or income-based jobseeker’s allowance”;
  - (b) after paragraph (i) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
    - “(ia) whose applicable amount includes one or more of the premiums specified in paragraphs 10 to 16 of Part III of Schedule 1 to the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996(7) but does not include the allowance specified in paragraph 3 of that Schedule (residential allowances); or.”

#### **Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal Regulations**

- 4.—(1) Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations(8) (prescribed circumstances) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.
  - (2) In paragraph (1)(a)—
    - (a) in head (i), the words from “or, if that station” to “for that period” shall be omitted;
    - (b) in head (ii), for the word “and” there shall be substituted the word “or”;
    - (c) after head (ii) there shall be inserted the following head—
      - “(iii) if a station referred to in (i) or (ii) (“the primary station”) is unable to provide temperature information for the period in question, there is, as the case may be, a recorded period of cold weather or a forecasted period of cold weather at the specified alternative station for the primary station in column (2) of Schedule 2 to these Regulations or, where there is no such alternative station specified, at the nearest such station to the primary station able to provide temperature information for that period; and.”
  - (3) For paragraph (1)(b) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—
    - “(b) the home of the claimant is, or by virtue of paragraph (2)(b) is treated as, situated in a postcode district in respect of which the station mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)(i) or, as the case may be, (a)(ii) is the designated station.”

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(5) 1995 c. 18.

(6) Regulation 1A was inserted by S.I.1991/2448.

(7) S.I.1996/207.

(8) Regulation 2 was substituted by S.I.1991/2238 and amended by S.I.1991/2448 and 1992/2448.

- (4) In paragraph (2)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for the words “Post Office postcode areas or parts thereof” there shall be substituted the words “postcode districts”;
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (b)—
    - (i) for the words “Post Office postcode area”, in both places where those words occur, there shall be substituted the words “postcode district”;
    - (ii) the words “or part of such an area”, in both places where those words occur, shall be omitted.

#### **Substitution of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations**

5. For Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations<sup>(9)</sup> (identification of weather stations and postcode districts), there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

#### **Substitution of Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations**

6. For Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations<sup>(10)</sup> (Post Office postcode areas and sectors), there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Security.

Department of Social Security  
7th October 1996

*Roger Evans*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,

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<sup>(9)</sup> Schedule 1 was inserted by S.I.1991/2238 and amended by S.I.1992/2448, 1993/2450, 1994/2593 and 1995/2620.

<sup>(10)</sup> Schedule 2 was substituted by S.I.1992/2448 and amended by S.I.1993/2450 and 1994/2593.

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Regulation 2(1)(a) and (2)

IDENTIFICATION OF STATIONS AND POSTCODE DISTRICTS

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Postcode districts</i>
1. ABBOTSINCH (Glasgow Airport)	G1-5, G11-15, G20-23, G31-34, G40-46, G51-53, G60-62, G64, G66, G69, G71-78, G81-84. KA1-26, KA28-30. ML1, ML3-6, ML9-11. PA1-27, PA30, PA32.
2. ABERPORTH	SA35-48, SA64-65. SY20, SY23-25.
3. AULTBEA	IV21-22, IV26, IV40, IV52-54.
4. AVIEMORE	AB31, AB33, AB34, AB36-37. PH18-26.
5. BEDFORD	LU1-7. MK1-19, MK40-46. NN1-16, NN29. PE19. SG3-7, SG15-19.
6. BINGLEY (Wilsden)	BB4, BB8-12. BD1-24. DE4, DE45. HD1-8. HX1-7. LS21, LS29. OL3, OL12-15. S30. SK12, SK17. ST13.
7. BOLTSHOPE PARK	DH8. DL8, DL11-13. NE19, NE44, NE47-48.
8. BOSCOMBE DOWN	BA12.

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9. BOULMER	SP1-5, SP7, SP9. NE22, NE24, NE61-71. TD15.
10. BRACKNELL, BEAUFORT PARK	GU1-4, GU9-25. HP1-16, HP23. RG1-2, RG4-10, RG12, RG14, RG17-31, RG40-42, RG45. SL0-9. SP10-11.
11. BRAEMAR	AB35.
12. BRIZE NORTON	CV36. GL54-56. HP17-22, HP27. OX1-18, OX20, OX33, OX44. SN7.
13. CAPEL CURIG	LL20-21, LL23-25, LL41.
14. CARDINHAM (Bodmin)	PL13-17, PL22-35. TR2, TR9.
15. CARLISLE	CA1-11, CA15-17. LA6-10, LA22-23. NE49.
16. CHIVENOR	EX22-23, EX31-34, EX39.
17. COLTISHALL	NR1-35.
18. CROSBY	BB1-3, BB5-7. CH1-8. FY1-8. L1-49, L60-66. LL11-14. PR1-9. SY14. WA1-6, WA10-12. WN1-8.
19. CULDROSE	TR1, TR3-6, TR10-20, TR26-27.
20. DUMFRIES, DRUNGANS	DG1-2, DG5-7, DG11-12, DG16.

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21. DUNKESWELL AERODROME	DT6-8. EX1-15. TA21. TQ1-6, TQ9-14.
22. DYCE (Aberdeen Airport)	AB10-16, AB21-25, AB30, AB32, AB39, AB41-43, AB51-54. DD8-11.
23. ELMDON (Birmingham Airport)	B1-21, B23-38, B40, B42-50, B60-80, B90-98. CV1-12, CV21-23, CV31-37. DY1-14. LE10. WS1-15. WV1-16.
24. ESKDALEMUIR	DG3-4, DG10, DG13-14. EH43, EH45-46. ML12. TD1-4, TD6-10.
25. ESKMEALS	CA12-14, CA18-28. LA1-5, LA11-21.
26. FLYINGDALES	TS13. YO11-18, YO21-22, YO25.
27. GATWICK	BN5-6, BN44. GU5-8, GU26-33, GU35. ME14-20. RH1-20. TN1-20, TN22, TN27.
28. GREAT MALVERN	GL1-6, GL10-20, GL50-53. HR1-9. NP5. SY8, WR1-15.
29. HEATHROW	BR1-8. CR0, CR2-8. DA1-2, DA4-8, DA14-18. E1-18.

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Postcode districts</i>
	EC1-4.
	EN1-11.
	HA0-9.
	IG1-11.
	KT1-24.
	N1-22.
	NW1-11.
	RM1-13.
	SE1-28.
	SM1-7.
	SW1-20.
	TW1-20.
	UB1-10.
	W1-14.
	WC1-2.
	WD1-7.
30. HERSTMONCEUX, WEST END	BN7-8, BN20-24, BN26-27.
	TN21, TN31-40.
31. HURN (Bournemouth Airport)	BH1-25, BH31.
	DT1-2, DT11.
	SP6.
32. KINLOSS	AB38, AB44, AB45, AB55, AB56.
	IV1-2, IV5, IV7-20, IV30-32, IV36.
33. KIRKWALL	KW15-17.
34. LEEDS	HG1-5.
	LS1-20, LS22-28.
	S1-14, S17-19, S60-66, S70-75.
	WF1-17.
35. LERWICK	ZE1-3.
36. LEUCHARS	DD1-7.
	KY1-2, KY4-10, KY14-16.
	PH1-2, PH7, PH12-14.
37. LINTON ON OUSE	DL1-7, DL9-10.
	TS1-12, TS14-26.

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38. LISCOMBE	YO1-8. EX16-21, EX35-38. PL19-20. TA22, TA24.
39. LOCH GLASCARNOCH	IV3-4, IV6, IV23-24.
40. LYNEHAM	BA1-3, BA11, BA13-15. GL7-9. SN1-6, SN8-16.
41. MACHRIHANISH	KA27. PA28-29, PA31, PA34, PA37, PA41-49, PA60-76. PH36, PH38-41.
42. MANSTON	CT1-21. CM0. DA3, DA9-13. ME1-13. SS0-17. TN23-26, TN28-30.
43. MARHAM	IP24-28. PE12-14, PE30-38.
44. MUMBLES HEAD (Swansea)	SA1-18, SA31-34, SA61-63, SA66-73.
45. NEWCASTLE	DH1-7, DH9. DL14-17. NE1-13, NE15-18, NE20-21, NE23, NE25-43, NE45-46. SR1-8. TS27-29.
46. NOTTINGHAM	CV13. DE1-3, DE5-7, DE11-15, DE21-24, DE55-56, DE65, DE72-75. LE1-9, LE11-14, LE16-18, LE65, LE67. NG1-25, NG31-34. S31, S40-45, S80-81. ST10, ST14.
47. PLYMOUTH	PL1-12, PL18, PL21.



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	TQ7-8.
48. PORTLAND	DT3-5.
49. RHOOSE (Cardiff Airport)	BS1-24. CF1-5, CF31-36, CF61-64, CF71-72, CF83. NP1, NP6, NP9, NP44.
50. RHYL	LL15-19, LL22, LL26-32.
51. RINGWAY (Manchester Airport)	BL0-9. CW1-12. M1-35, M38, M40-41, M43-46, M90. OL1-2, OL4-11, OL16. SK1-11, SK13-16. WA7-9, WA13-16.
52. SCILLY, ST MARY'S	TR21-25.
53. SENNYBRIDGE	CF37-48, CF81-82. LD1-8. NP2-4, NP7-8. SA19-20. SY7, SY9-11, SY15-19, SY21-22.
54. SHAWBURY	ST1-9, ST11-12, ST15-21. SY1-6, SY12-13. TF1-13.
55. SOUTHAMPTON	GU34. SO14-24, SO30-32, SO40-43, SO45, SO50-53.
56. ST. MAWGAN	TR7-8.
57. ST. CATHERINE'S POINT	PO30, PO38-41.
58. STANSTED	AL1-10. CB10-11. CM1-9, CM11-24. CO9. RM14-20. SG1-2, SG9-14.
59. STORNOWAY AIRPORT	HS1-9.
60. THORNEY ISLAND	BN1-3, BN9-18, BN25, BN41-43, BN45. PO1-22, PO31-37.

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61. TIREE	IV41-49, IV51, IV55-56. PA77-78. PH42-44.
62. TULLOCH BRIDGE	PA33, PA35-36, PA38-40. PH8-11, PH15-17, PH30-35, PH37.
63. TURNHOUSE (Edinburgh Airport)	EH1-42, EH44, EH47-49, EH51-55. FK1-21. G63, G65, G67-68. KY3, KY11-13. ML2, ML7-8. PH3-6. TD5, TD11-14.
64. VALLEY	LL33-40, LL42-49, LL51-78.
65. WADDINGTON	DN1-22, DN31-40. HU1-20. LN1-13. NG23-24. PE10-11, PE20-25.
66. WATTISHAM	CB9. CO1-8, CO10-16. IP1-23, IP29-33.
67. WEST FREUGH	DG8-9.
68. WICK AIRPORT	IV25, IV27, IV28. KW1-3, KW5-14.
69. WITTERING	CB1-8. LE15. NN17-18. PE1-9, PE15-18. SG8.
70. YEOVILTON	BA4-10, BA16, BA20-22. BS25-28. DT9-10. SP8. TA1-20, TA23.”

“SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 6

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Regulation 2(1)(a) (iii)

### SPECIFIED ALTERNATIVE STATIONS

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Meteorological Office Station</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Specified Alternative Station</i>
Abbotsinch (Glasgow Airport)	Salsburgh
Elmdon (Birmingham Airport)	Church Lawford
Gatwick	Kenley Airfield
Kinloss	Lossiemouth
Rhoose (Cardiff Airport)	Cardiff
Stansted	Wattisham
Turnhouse	Salsburgh”.”

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Regulations 1988 (S.I.1988/1724 as amended) (“the principal Regulations”) by—

- providing that income-based jobseeker’s allowance is to be a qualifying benefit for the purpose of obtaining a cold weather payment and providing a definition of income-based jobseeker’s allowance (regulations 2(5) and 3);
- providing a definition of the Meteorological Office, making a consequential amendment and also providing that only weather stations accredited by the Meteorological Office may provide forecasts for the purposes of these Regulations (regulation 2(3), (4)(a) and (8));
- specifying the period during which forecasts are supplied by the Meteorological Office (regulation 2(4) (b));
- clarifying the identification of the area of the claimant’s home to the postcode district in which the home is (regulations 2(2), (6) and (7), 4(3) and (4) and 6);
- allowing forecasted periods of cold weather to be provided from the specified or nearest alternative weather station where the primary weather station is not available (regulation 4(2)).

These Regulations also replace Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations by providing a new list of weather stations and postcode districts for the purposes of these Regulations (regulation 5 and Schedule 1). They also insert a new Schedule 2 to those Regulations which identifies specified alternative weather stations to be used where certain primary weather stations are not available (regulations 4(2)(c) and 6 and Schedule 2).

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