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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 563**

**The Social Security (Miscellaneous  
Amendments) Regulations 1998**

**PART I  
GENERAL**

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1998 and this regulation and regulation 16 shall come into force on 1st April 1998.

(2) Except in the case of regulation 16, in so far as they amend provisions relating to income support or jobseeker's allowance, these Regulations shall come into force on 6th April 1998 and in relation to a claimant for either income support or jobseeker's allowance, these Regulations shall have effect from the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that claimant on or after that date and, in a case to which regulation 8(2)(c) and (3) applies, immediately after article 18(8) of, and Schedule 7 to, the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1998(1) come into force.

(3) In paragraph (2) above, the expressions "benefit week" and "claimant" with respect to income support shall have the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Income Support Regulations(2) and with respect to jobseeker's allowance "benefit week" shall have the same meaning as in regulation 1(3) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations(3).

(4) In so far as these Regulations amend provisions relating to council tax benefit they shall come into force on 1st April 1998.

(5) In so far as these Regulations amend provisions relating to disability working allowance or family credit, they shall come into force on 7th April 1998 and, in relation to any particular claimant for either of those benefits, these Regulations shall have effect where a claimant has an award of disability working allowance or family credit which is current on 7th April 1998, on the day following the expiration of that award.

(6) In so far as these Regulations amend provisions relating to housing benefit, they shall come into force—

- (a) in any case where rent is payable at intervals of a whole number of weeks, on 6th April 1998;
- (b) in any other case, on 1st April 1998.

(7) In these Regulations—

"the Child Maintenance Bonus Regulations" means the Social Security (Child Maintenance Bonus) Regulations 1996(4);

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(1) [S.I.1998/470](#).

(2) The definition of "benefit week" was amended by [S.I.1988/1445](#).

(3) The definition of "benefit week" was amended by [S.I.1996/1517](#) and [2538](#).

(4) [S.I.1996/3195](#); relevant amending instrument [S.I.1997/454](#).

“the Council Tax Benefit Regulations” means the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992**(5)**;

“the Disability Working Allowance Regulations” means the Disability Working Allowance (General) Regulations 1991**(6)**;

“the Family Credit Regulations” means the Family Credit (General) Regulations 1987**(7)**;

“the Housing Benefit Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987**(8)**;

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987**(9)**;

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996**(10)**.

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**(5)** S.I.1992/1814; relevant amending instruments S.I.1994/470, 1807, 1995/560, 1996/1944, 2303, 2432 and 1997/2197.

**(6)** S.I.1991/2887; relevant amending instruments S.I.1995/2303, 1996/30, and 1997/2197.

**(7)** S.I.1987/1973; relevant amending instruments S.I.1992/573, 1995/2303, 1996/30 and 1997/2197.

**(8)** S.I.1987/1971; relevant amending instruments S.I.1989/1446, 1990/396 (S.45), 546, 1775, 1991/235, 1992/50, 432, 1993/1249, 1994/470, 1003, 1807, 1995/560, 1644, 2868, 1996/965, 1994, 2432, 1997/852, 1974 and 2197.

**(9)** S.I.1987/1967; relevant amending instruments S.I.1988/999, 1445, 2022, 1989/1323, 1990/127, 547, 1549, 1991/235, 1175, 2742, 1992/468, 1101, 1993/963, 1249, 1994/527, 1804, 1995/516, 1996/965, 1944, 2431, 1997/65 and 2197.

**(10)** S.I.1996/207; relevant amending instruments S.I.1996/1517, 2538 and 1997/65.