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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I.1987/1967).

In particular, they provide that in relation to a claimant who is engaged in work experience whilst participating in the New Deal for Lone Parents or in a scheme which has been approved by the Secretary of State as supporting the objectives of the New Deal for Lone Parents, for the purposes of determining entitlement to income support of that claimant—

- notional earnings shall not be attributed except where the claimant has been engaged in such work experience with the same employer for more than 26 weeks or 150 hours, whichever shall first occur (regulation 2(2));
- travelling expenses and childcare expenses reimbursed to the claimant shall be disregarded (regulation 2(3)).

These Regulations also make consequential changes to the Social Security (New Deal Pilot) Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/2825).

These Regulations do not impose any charge on business.