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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 48**

**The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit  
(General) Amendment Regulations 2003**

**Amendments to the Council Tax Benefit Regulations**

**3.—**(1) Regulation 62 of the Council Tax Benefit Regulations (time and manner in which claims are to be made) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation.

(2) In paragraph (4)(a) after the words “income support” there shall be inserted the words “, incapacity benefit”.

(3) For paragraph (4)(c) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(c) sent or delivered to the appropriate social security office, other than one sent on the same form as a claim being made to income support, incapacity benefit or a jobseeker’s allowance and as approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose of the benefits being claimed, shall be forwarded to the relevant authority within two working days of the date of the receipt of the claim at the appropriate social security office or as soon as practicable thereafter;”.

(4) After paragraph (5)(a), there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—

“(aa) in a case where the claimant or his partner claimed council tax benefit on the same form as a claim being made to incapacity benefit or a contribution-based jobseeker’s allowance and as approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose of the benefits being claimed, the date on which the claim is received at the appropriate social security office;”.

(5) In paragraph (5)(b), for the words “a jobseeker’s allowance” there shall be substituted the words “an income-based jobseeker’s allowance”.