

SCHEDULE 3

Amendments of subordinate legislation relating to social security

Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2000

32. In regulation 1 of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2000⁽¹⁾ (citation, commencement and interpretation), in paragraph (2)—

(a) before the definition of “free in-patient treatment” insert the following definition—

““couple” means—

- (a) a man and woman who are married to each other and are members of the same household;
- (b) a man and woman who are not married to each other but are living together as husband and wife;
- (c) two people of the same sex who are civil partners of each other and are members of the same household; or
- (d) two people of the same sex who are not civil partners of each other but are living together as if they were civil partners,

and for the purposes of paragraph (d), two people of the same sex are to be regarded as living together as if they were civil partners if, but only if, they would be regarded as living together as husband and wife were they instead two people of the opposite sex;”;

(b) in the definition of “partner”, in paragraph (a) for “a married or unmarried couple” substitute “a couple”.

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 2000/729.