### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2006 No. 215

## The Council Tax Benefit Regulations 2006

## PART 1

#### General

#### Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

"the Act" means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;

"the Administration Act" means the Social Security Administration Act 1992 MI;

"the 1973 Act" means the Employment and Training Act 1973 M2;

"the 1992 Act" means the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

[<sup>F1</sup>"the 2000 Act" means the Electronic Communications Act 2000;]

"Abbeyfield Home" means an establishment run by the Abbeyfield Society including all bodies corporate or incorporate which are affiliated to that Society;

"adoption leave" means a period of absence from work on ordinary or additional adoption leave by virtue of section 75A or 75B of the Employment Rights Act 1996<sup>M3</sup>;

"alternative maximum council tax benefit" means the amount determined in accordance with regulation 62 and Schedule 2;

"appropriate DWP office" means an office of the Department for Work and Pensions dealing with state pension credit or claim office which is normally open to the public for the receipt of claims for income support[<sup>F2</sup>, a jobseeker's allowance or an employment and support allowance];

"assessment period" means such period as is prescribed in regulations 19 to 21 over which income falls to be calculated;

"attendance allowance" means-

- (a) an attendance allowance under Part 3 of the Act;
- (b) an increase of disablement pension under section 104 or 105 of the Act;
- (c) a payment under regulations made in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 7(2)
  (b) of Part 2 of Schedule 8 to the Act <sup>M4</sup>;
- (d) an increase of an allowance which is payable in respect of constant attendance under paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 8 to the Act;
- (e) a payment by virtue of article 14, 15, 16, 43 or 44 of the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983 <sup>M5</sup> or any analogous payment; or
- (f) any payment based on need for attendance which is paid as part of a war disablement pension;

[<sup>F3</sup>"basic rate", where it relates to the rate of tax, has the same meaning as in the Income Tax Act 2007 (see section 989 of that Act).]

"the benefit Acts" means the Act[<sup>F4</sup>, the Jobseekers Act and the Welfare Reform Act]<sup>M6</sup>;

"benefit week" means a period of 7 consecutive days commencing upon a Monday and ending on a Sunday;

"care home" in England and Wales has the meaning assigned to it by section 3 of the Care Standards Act 2000<sup>M7</sup> and in Scotland means a care home service within the meaning assigned to it by [<sup>F5</sup>paragraph 2 of schedule 12 to the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010]<sup>M8</sup>;

[<sup>F6</sup>"the Caxton Foundation" means the charitable trust of that name established on 28th March 2011 out of funds provided by the Secretary of State for the benefit of certain persons suffering from hepatitis C and other persons eligible for payment in accordance with its provisions;]

"child" means a person under the age of 16;

"child tax credit" means a child tax credit under section 8 of the Tax Credits Act;

"the Children Order" means the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 <sup>M9</sup>;

"claim" means a claim for council tax benefit;

"claimant" means a person claiming council tax benefit;

"close relative" means a parent, parent-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, stepparent, step-son, step-daughter, brother, sister, or if any of the preceding persons is one member of a couple, the other member of that couple;

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"concessionary payment" means a payment made under arrangements made by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury which is charged either to the National Insurance Fund or to a Departmental Expenditure Vote to which payments of benefit [<sup>F8</sup> or tax credits under the benefit Acts or the Tax Credits Act] are charged;

"the Consequential Provisions Regulations" means the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2006<sup>M10</sup>;

[<sup>F9</sup>"contributory employment and support allowance" means a contributory allowance under Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act;]

[<sup>F10</sup>"converted employment and support allowance" means an employment and support allowance which is not income-related and to which a person is entitled as a result of a conversion decision within the meaning of the Employment and Support Allowance (Existing Awards) Regulations;]

"council tax benefit" means council tax benefit under Part 7 of the Act;

"couple" means-

- (a) a man and a woman who are married to each other and are members of the same household;
- (b) a man and a 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 sub-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;

"date of claim" means the date on which the claim is made, or treated as made, for the purposes of regulation 69 (time and manner in which claims are to be made);

"the Decisions and Appeals Regulations" means the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2001<sup>MII</sup>;

"designated authority" means any of the following-

- (a) the Secretary of State;
- (b) a person providing services to the Secretary of State;
- (c) a local authority;
- (d) a person providing services to, or authorised to exercise any function of, any such authority;

"designated office" means the office designated by the relevant authority for the receipt of claims to council tax benefit—

- (a) by notice upon or with a form approved by it for the purpose of claiming council tax benefit; or
- (b) by reference upon or with such a form to some other document available from it and sent by electronic means or otherwise on application and without charge; or
- (c) by any combination of the provisions set out in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above;

"disability living allowance" means a disability living allowance under section 71 of the Act;

"dwelling" has the same meaning in section 3 or 72 of the 1992 Act;

"earnings" has the meaning prescribed in regulation 25 or, as the case may be, 27;

"the Eileen Trust" means the charitable trust of that name established on 29th March 1993 out of funds provided by the Secretary of State for the benefit of persons eligible for payment in accordance with its provisions;

[<sup>F11</sup>"electronic communication" has the same meaning as in section 15(1) of the 2000 Act;]

"employed earner" is to be construed in accordance with section 2(1)(a) of the Act and also includes a person who is in receipt of a payment which is payable under any enactment having effect in Northern Ireland and which corresponds to statutory sick pay or statutory maternity pay;

[<sup>F12</sup>"the Employment, Skills and Enterprise Scheme" means a scheme under section 17A (schemes for assisting persons to obtain employment: "work for your benefit" schemes etc.) of the Jobseekers Act 1995 known by that name and provided pursuant to arrangements made by the Secretary of State that is designed to assist claimants to obtain employment, including self-employment, and which may include for any individual work-related activity (including work experience or job search);]

[<sup>F13</sup>"Employment and Support Allowance Regulations" means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008;]

[<sup>F14</sup>"Employment and Support Allowance (Existing Awards) Regulations" means the Employment and Support Allowance (Transitional Provisions, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit) (Existing Awards) (No. 2) Regulations 2010;]

"employment zone" means an area within Great Britain designated for the purposes of section 60 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999<sup>M12</sup> and an "employment zone

programme" means a programme established for such an area or areas designed to assist claimants for a jobseeker's allowance to obtain sustainable employment;

"employment zone contractor" means a person who is undertaking the provision of facilities in respect of an employment zone programme on behalf of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions;

[<sup>F15</sup>"enactment" includes an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament;]

[<sup>F16</sup>"extended payment" means a payment of council tax benefit payable pursuant to regulation 60;

"extended payment period" means the period for which an extended payment is payable in accordance with regulation 60A or 61A;]

[<sup>F17</sup>"extended payment (qualifying contributory benefits)" means a payment of council tax benefit payable pursuant to regulation 61;]

"family" has the meaning assigned to it by section 137(1) of the Act;

"the Fund" means moneys made available from time to time by the Secretary of State for the benefit of persons eligible for payment in accordance with the provisions of a scheme established by him on 24th April 1992 or, in Scotland, on 10th April 1992;

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"a guaranteed income payment" means a payment made under article 14(1)(b) or article 21(1) (a) of the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) Order 2005 <sup>M13</sup>;

"housing benefit" means housing benefit under Part 7 of the Act;

"the Housing Benefit Regulations" means the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 M14;

"Immigration and Asylum Act" means the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 MIS;

"an income-based jobseeker's allowance" and "a joint-claim jobseeker's allowance" have the same meaning as they have in the Jobseekers Act by virtue of section 1(4) of that Act;

[<sup>F19</sup>"income-related employment and support allowance" means an income-related allowance under Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act;]

"Income Support Regulations" means the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 MI6;

[<sup>F20</sup>"independent hospital"—

- (a) in England, means a hospital as defined by section 275 of the National Health Service Act 2006 that is not a health service hospital as defined by that section;
- (b) in Wales, has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000; and]
- (c) [<sup>F21</sup>in Scotland, means an independent health care service as defined in section 10F(1)(a) and (b) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978;]

[<sup>F22</sup>"the Independent Living Fund (2006)" means the Trust of that name established by a deed dated 10th April 2006 and made between the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions of the one part and Margaret Rosemary Cooper, Michael Beresford Boyall and Marie Theresa Martin of the other part;]

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"invalid carriage or other vehicle" means a vehicle propelled by a petrol engine or by electric power supplied for use on the road and to be controlled by the occupant;

"Jobseekers Act" means the Jobseekers Act 1995 MI7;

"Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations" means the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 MI8;

[<sup>F28</sup>"limited capability for work" has the meaning given in section 1(4) of the Welfare Reform Act;

"limited capability for work-related activity" has the meaning given in section 2(5) of the Welfare Reform Act;]

"the London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund" means the company limited by guarantee (number 5505072), and registered charity of that name established on 11th July 2005 for the purpose of (amongst other things) relieving sickness, disability or financial need of victims (including families or dependants of victims) of the terrorist attacks carried out in London on 7th July 2005;

"lone parent" means a person who has no partner and who is responsible for and a member of the same household as a child or young person;

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[<sup>F30</sup>"MFET Limited" means the company limited by guarantee (number 7121661) of that name, established for the purpose in particular of making payments in accordance with arrangements made with the Secretary of State to persons who have acquired HIV as a result of treatment by the NHS with blood or blood products ;]

"the Macfarlane (Special Payments) Trust" means the trust of that name, established on 29th January 1990 partly out of funds provided by the Secretary of State, for the benefit of certain persons suffering from haemophilia;

"the Macfarlane (Special Payments) (No. 2) Trust" means the trust of that name, established on 3rd May 1991 partly out of funds provided by the Secretary of State, for the benefit of certain persons suffering from haemophilia and other beneficiaries;

"the Macfarlane Trust" means the charitable trust, established partly out of funds provided by the Secretary of State to the Haemophilia Society, for the relief of poverty or distress among those suffering from haemophilia;

[<sup>F31</sup>"main phase employment and support allowance" means an employment and support allowance where the calculation of the amount payable in respect of the claimant includes a component under section 2(1)(b) or 4(2)(b) of the Welfare Reform Act [<sup>F32</sup>except in Part 1 of Schedule 1];]

[<sup>F33</sup>"the Mandatory Work Activity Scheme" means a scheme within section 17A (schemes for assisting persons to obtain employment: "work for your benefit" schemes etc.) of the Jobseekers Act 1995 known by that name and provided pursuant to arrangements made by the Secretary of State that is designed to provide work or work-related activity for up to 30 hours per week over a period of four consecutive weeks with a view to assisting claimants to improve their prospects of obtaining employment;]

"maternity leave" means a period during which a woman is absent from work because she is pregnant or has given birth to a child, and at the end of which she has a right to return to work either under the terms of her contract of employment or under Part 8 of the Employment Rights Act 1996<sup>M19</sup>;

"member of a couple" means a member of a married or unmarried couple;

"mobility supplement" means a supplement to which paragraph 9 of Schedule 4 refers;

[<sup>F34</sup>"mover" means a claimant who changes the dwelling in which the claimant is resident and in respect of which the claimant liable to pay council tax from a dwelling in the area of the appropriate authority to a dwelling in the area of the second authority;]

"net earnings" means such earnings as are calculated in accordance with regulation 26;

"net profit" means such profit as is calculated in accordance with regulation 28;

"the New Deal options" means the employment programmes specified in regulation 75(1) (a)(ii) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations and the training scheme specified in regulation 75(1)(b)(ii) of those Regulations;

[<sup>F35</sup>"new dwelling" means, for the purposes of the definition of "second authority" and regulations 60C, 61C, 96 and 97, the dwelling to which a claimant has moved, or is about to move, in which the claimant is or will be resident;]

"non-dependant" has the meaning prescribed in regulation 3;

"non-dependant deduction" means a deduction that is to be made under regulation 58;

"occupational pension" means any pension or other periodical payment under an occupational pension scheme but does not include any discretionary payment out of a fund established for relieving hardship in particular cases;

"ordinary clothing or footwear" means clothing or footwear for normal daily use, but does not include school uniforms, or clothing or footwear used solely for sporting activities;

"partner" means-

- (a) where a claimant is a member of a couple, the other member of that couple; or
- (b) where a claimant is polygamously married to two or more members of his household, any such member to whom he is married;

"paternity leave" means a period of absence from work on leave by virtue of section 80A or 80B of the Employment Rights Act 1996;

"payment" includes part of a payment;

"pension fund holder" means with respect to a personal pension scheme or [<sup>F36</sup>an occupational pension scheme], the trustees, managers or scheme administrators, as the case may be, of the scheme <sup>F37</sup>... concerned;

"person affected" shall be construed in accordance with regulation 3 of the Decisions and Appeals Regulations;

"person on income support" means a person in receipt of income support; F38

[<sup>F39</sup>"personal pension scheme" means—

- (a) a personal pension scheme as defined by section 1 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993;
- (b) an annuity contract or trust scheme approved under section 620 or 621 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 or a substituted contract within the meaning of section 622(3) of that Act which is treated as having become a registered pension scheme by virtue of paragraph 1(1)(f) of Schedule 36 to the Finance Act 2004;
- (c) a personal pension scheme approved under Chapter 4 of Part 14 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 which is treated as having become a registered pension scheme by virtue of paragraph 1(1)(g) of Schedule 36 to the Finance Act 2004;]

"policy of life insurance" means any instrument by which the payment of money is assured on death (except death by accident only) or the happening of any contingency dependent on human life, or any instrument evidencing a contract which is subject to payment of premiums for a term dependent on human life; "polygamous marriage" means a marriage to which section 133(1) of the Act refers;

[<sup>F15</sup>"public authority" includes any person certain of whose functions are functions of a public nature;]

"qualifying age for state pension credit" means (in accordance with section 1(2)(b) and (6) of the State Pension Credit Act)—

- (a) in the case of a woman, pensionable age; or
- (b) in the case of a man, the age which is pensionable age in the case of a woman born on the same day as the man;

[<sup>F40</sup>"qualifying contributory benefit" means—

- (a) severe disablement allowance;
- (b) incapacity benefit;
- (c) [<sup>F41</sup>contributory employment and support allowance;]

"qualifying income-related benefit" means-

- (a) income support;
- (b) income-based jobseeker's allowance;]
- (c) [<sup>F42</sup>income-related employment and support allowance;]

"qualifying person" means a person in respect of whom payment has been made from the Fund, the Eileen Trust[<sup>F43</sup>, MFET Limited, ] the Skipton Fund[<sup>F44</sup>, the Caxton Foundation] or the London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund;

"relative" means a close relative, grandparent, grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece;

"relevant authority" means an authority administering council tax benefit;

"remunerative work" has the meaning prescribed in regulation 6;

"rent" means "eligible rent" to which regulation 12 of the Housing Benefit Regulations refers less any deductions in respect of non-dependants which fall to be made under regulation 74 (non-dependant deductions) of those Regulations;

"resident" has the meaning it has in Part 1 or 2 of the 1992 Act;

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"second adult" has the meaning given to it in Schedule 2;

 $[{}^{F46} ``second authority'' means the authority to which a mover is liable to make payments for the new dwelling;]$ 

"self-employed earner" is to be construed in accordance with section 2(1)(b) of the Act;

"self-employment route" means assistance in pursuing self-employed earner's employment whilst participating in-

- (a) an employment zone programme; <sup>F47</sup>...
- (b) a programme provided or other arrangements made pursuant to section 2 of the 1973 Act (functions of the Secretary of State) or section 2 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990 <sup>M20</sup> (functions in relation to training for employment, etc.); [<sup>F48</sup>or
- (c) the Employment, Skills and Enterprise Scheme;]

[<sup>F15</sup>"service user group" means a group of individuals that is consulted by or on behalf of—

(a) a Health Board, Special Health Board or the Agency in consequence of a function under section 2B of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978,

- (b) a landlord authority in consequence of a function under section 105 of the Housing Act 1985,
- (c) a public authority in consequence of a function under section 49A of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995,
- (d) a best value authority in consequence of a function under section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999,
- (e) a local authority landlord or registered social landlord in consequence of a function under section 53 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001,
- (f) a relevant English body or a relevant Welsh body in consequence of a function under section 242 of the National Health Service Act 2006,
- (g) a Local Health Board in consequence of a function under section 183 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006,
- (h) the Commission or the Office of the Health Professions Adjudicator in consequence of a function under sections 4, 5, or 108 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008,
- (i) the regulator or a [<sup>F49</sup> registered provider] [<sup>F49</sup> private registered provider of social housing] in consequence of a function under sections 98, 193 or 196 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008, or
- (j) a public or local authority in Great Britain in consequence of a function conferred under any other enactment,

for the purposes of monitoring and advising on a policy of that body or authority which affects or may affect persons in the group, or of monitoring or advising on services provided by that body or authority which are used (or may potentially be used) by those persons;]

"single claimant" means a claimant who neither has a partner nor is a lone parent;

"the Skipton Fund" means the ex-gratia payment scheme administered by the Skipton Fund Limited, incorporated on 25th March 2004, for the benefit of certain persons suffering from hepatitis C and other persons eligible for payment in accordance with the scheme's provisions;

[<sup>F30</sup> "special account" means an account as defined for the purposes of Chapter 4A of Part 8 of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations or Chapter 5 of Part 10 of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations;]

"sports award" means an award made by one of the Sports Councils named in section 23(2) of the National Lottery etc Act 1993 <sup>M21</sup> out of sums allocated to it for distribution under that section;

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"State Pension Credit Act" means the State Pension Credit Act 2002 M22;

"student" has the meaning prescribed in regulation 43;

"subsistence allowance" means an allowance which an employment zone contractor has agreed to pay to a person who is participating in an employment zone programme;

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"the Tax Credits Act" means the Tax Credits Act 2002 M23;

"training allowance" means an allowance (whether by way of periodical grants or otherwise) payable—

(a) out of public funds by a Government department or by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, [<sup>F51</sup>Skills Development Scotland,] Scottish Enterprise or Highlands and Islands

Enterprise, the [<sup>F52</sup>Young People's Learning Agency for England, the Chief Executive of Skills Funding] or the [<sup>F53</sup>Welsh Ministers];

- (b) to a person for his maintenance or in respect of a member of his family; and
- (c) for the period, or part of the period, during which he is following a course of training or instruction provided by, or in pursuance of arrangements made with, that department or approved by that department in relation to him or so provided or approved by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, [<sup>F51</sup>Skills Development Scotland,] Scottish Enterprise or Highlands and Islands Enterprise or the [<sup>F53</sup>Welsh Ministers],

but it does not include an allowance paid by any Government department to or in respect of a person by reason of the fact that he is following a course of full-time education, other than under arrangements made under section 2 of the 1973 Act <sup>M24</sup> or is training as a teacher;

"the Trusts" means the Macfarlane Trust, the Macfarlane (Special Payments) Trust and the Macfarlane (Special Payments) (No. 2) Trust;

"voluntary organisation" means a body, other than a public or local authority, the activities of which are carried on otherwise than for profit;

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[<sup>F55</sup>" war disablement pension" means any retired pay or pension or allowance payable in respect of disablement under an instrument specified in section 639(2) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003;]

[<sup>F55</sup>" war pension" means a war disablement pension, a war widow's pension or a war widower's pension;]

[<sup>F55</sup>"war widow's pension" means any pension or allowance payable to a woman as a widow under an instrument specified in section 639(2) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 in respect of the death or disablement of any person;]

[<sup>F55</sup>" war widower's pension" means any pension or allowance payable to a man as a widower or to a surviving civil partner under an instrument specified in section 639(2) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 in respect of the death or disablement of any person;]

"water charges" means-

- (a) as respects England and Wales, any water and sewerage charges under Chapter 1 of Part 5 of the Water Industry Act 1991<sup>M25</sup>,
- (b) as respects Scotland, any water and sewerage charges established by Scottish Water under a charges scheme made under section 29A of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 <sup>M26</sup>,

in so far as such charges are in respect of the dwelling which a person occupies as his home;

[<sup>F56</sup>"Welfare Reform Act" means the Welfare Reform Act 2007;]

"working tax credit" means a working tax credit under section 10 of the Tax Credits Act;

"Working Tax Credit Regulations" means the Working Tax Credit (Entitlement and Maximum Rate) Regulations 2002 <sup>M27</sup>; and

"young person" has the meaning prescribed in regulation 9(1).

(2) In these Regulations, references to a claimant occupying a dwelling or premises as his home shall be construed in accordance with regulation 7 of the Housing Benefit Regulations.

(3) In these Regulations, where an amount is to be rounded to the nearest penny, a fraction of a penny shall be disregarded if it is less than half a penny and shall otherwise be treated as a whole penny.

(4) For the purpose of these Regulations, a person is on an income-based jobseeker's allowance on any day in respect of which an income-based jobseeker's allowance is payable to him and on any day—

- (a) in respect of which he satisfies the conditions for entitlement to an income-based jobseeker's allowance but where the allowance is not paid in accordance with [<sup>F57</sup>regulation 27A of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations or] section 19 or 20A[<sup>F58</sup> or regulations made under section 17A] of the Jobseekers Act (circumstances in which a jobseeker's allowance is not payable); or
- (b) which is a waiting day for the purposes of paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to that Act and which falls immediately before a day in respect of which an income-based jobseeker's allowance is payable to him or would be payable to him but for [<sup>F59</sup>regulation 27A of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations or] section 19 or 20A[<sup>F60</sup> or regulations made under section 17A] of that Act;
- (c) in respect of which he is a member of a joint-claim couple for the purposes of the Jobseekers Act and no joint-claim jobseeker's allowance is payable in respect of that couple as a consequence of either member of that couple being subject to sanctions for the purposes of section 20A of that Act;
- (d) in respect of which an income-based jobseeker's allowance or a joint-claim jobseeker's allowance would be payable but for a restriction imposed pursuant to <sup>F61</sup>... section [<sup>F62</sup>6B,]
  7, 8 or 9 of the Social Security Fraud Act 2001 <sup>M28</sup> (loss of benefit provisions).

[<sup>F63</sup>(4A) For the purposes of these Regulations, a person is on an income-related employment and support allowance on any day in respect of which an income-related employment and support allowance is payable to him and on any day—

- (a) in respect of which he satisfies the conditions for entitlement to an income-related employment and support allowance but where the allowance is not paid in accordance with section 18 of the Welfare Reform Act (disqualification); or
- (b) which is a waiting day for the purposes of paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to that Act and which falls immediately before a day in respect of which an income-related employment and support allowance is payable to him or would be payable to him but for section 18 of that Act.]

(5) For the purposes of these Regulations, two persons shall be taken to be estranged only if their estrangement constitutes a breakdown of the relationship between them.

(6) In these Regulations, references to any person in receipt of state pension credit includes a person who would be in receipt of state pension credit but for regulation 13 of the State Pension Credit Regulations 2002<sup>M29</sup> (small amounts of state pension credit).

Textual Amendments	
F1	Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (20.12.2006) by Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Electronic
	Communications) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2968), art. 1reg. 4(2)(a)
F2	Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance
	(Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, 43(2)(a)
F3	Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (6.4.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments)
	Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/583), regs. 1(2), 8(2)(a)

- F4 Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, 43(2)(b)
- F5 Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (28.10.2011) by The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential Modifications of Enactments) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2581), art. 1(2)(b), Sch. 2 para. 53(a)(i)

- F6 Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (31.10.2011) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/2425), regs. 1(2), 21(2)(a)
- **F7** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (17.11.2008) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.6) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2767), regs. 1(2), **8(2)(a)**
- **F8** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (5.1.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 7) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/3157), regs. 1(1), **7(2)(a)**
- **F9** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(2)(c)**
- **F10** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (1.10.2010) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Transitional Provisions, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit) (Existing Awards) (No. 2) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1907), reg. 1(2), Sch. 5 para. 70(2)(a) (with reg. 3)
- F11 Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (20.12.2006) by Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Electronic Communications) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2968), art. 1reg. 4(2)(b)
- **F12** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (20.5.2011) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Employment, Skills and Enterprise Scheme) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/917), regs. 1, **11(1)(a)**, (2)
- **F13** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(2)(d)**
- F14 Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (1.10.2010) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Transitional Provisions, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit) (Existing Awards) (No. 2) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1907), reg. 1(2), Sch. 5 para. 70(2)(b) (with reg. 3)
- F15 Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (2.11.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/2655), regs. 1(3)(c), 8(2)
- **F16** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (6.10.2008) by The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Extended Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/959), regs. 1(1), **9(2)(a)**
- **F17** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (6.10.2008) by The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Extended Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/959), regs. 1(1), **9(2)(b)**
- **F18** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (1.10.2008) by virtue of The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2299), regs. 1, **4(2)**
- **F19** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(2)(e)**
- **F20** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (1.10.2010) by The Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Miscellaneous Consequential Amendments) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1881), arts. 1(1), **22**
- F21 Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (28.10.2011) by The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential Modifications of Enactments) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2581), art. 1(2)(b), Sch. 2 para. 53(a)(ii)
- F22 Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (1.10.2007) by Independent Living Fund (2006) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/2538), arts. 1, 10(2)(a)
- **F23** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (17.11.2008) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.6) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2767), regs. 1(2), **8(2)(b)**
- F24 Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (17.11.2008) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.6) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2767), regs. 1(2), 8(2)(c)
- F25 Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (17.11.2008) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.6) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2767), regs. 1(2), 8(2)(d)
- **F26** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (17.11.2008) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.6) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2767), regs. 1(2), **8(2)(e)**
- F27 Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (14.4.2008) by virtue of Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/698), regs. 1(1), 7(2)
- F28 Words in reg. 2(1) inserted by SI 2008/1082 reg. 43(2) (as amended) (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2428), regs. 1(2), 36(a)
- F29 Words in reg. 2(1) revoked (1.10.2007) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 5) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/2618), reg. 1(1), Sch.

- **F30** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (1.4.2010 for specified purposes, 5.4.2010 in so far as not already in force) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/641), regs. 1(3)(c), **10(2**)
- **F31** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted by SI 2008/1082 reg. 43(2) (as substituted) (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2428), regs. 1(2), **36(b)**
- **F32** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (1.4.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/583), regs. 1(3), **8(2)(b)**
- **F33** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (25.4.2011) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Mandatory Work Activity Scheme) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/688), regs. 1, **11(1)(a)**, (2)
- **F34** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (6.10.2008) by The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Extended Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/959), regs. 1(1), **9(2)(c)**
- **F35** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (6.10.2008) by The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Extended Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/959), regs. 1(1), **9(2)(d)**
- **F36** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (16.7.2007) by Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.3) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1749), regs. 1, **6(2)(a)(i)**
- **F37** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (16.7.2007) by virtue of Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.3) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1749), regs. 1, **6(2)(a)(ii)**
- **F38** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (19.5.2008) by virtue of Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.2) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1042), regs. 1(2), **5(2)**
- **F39** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (16.7.2007) by Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.3) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1749), regs. 1, 6(2)(b)
- **F40** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (6.10.2008) by The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Extended Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/959), regs. 1(1), **9(2)(e)**
- F41 Words in reg. 2(1)(c) added (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, 43(2)(g)
- **F42** Words in reg. 2(1)(c) added (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(2)(h)**
- F43 Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (1.4.2010 for specified purposes, 5.4.2010 in so far as not already in force) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/641), regs. 1(3)(c), 10(3)(a)
- F44 Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (31.10.2011) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/2425), regs. 1(2), 21(2)(b)
- F45 Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (16.7.2007) by virtue of Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.3) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1749), regs. 1, 6(2)(c)
- **F46** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (6.10.2008) by The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Extended Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/959), regs. 1(1), **9(2)(f)**
- **F47** Word in reg. 2(1)(a) omitted (20.5.2011) by virtue of The Jobseekers Allowance (Employment, Skills and Enterprise Scheme) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/917), regs. 1, **11(1)(a)**, (3)(a)
- **F48** Reg. 2(1)(c) and word inserted (20.5.2011) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Employment, Skills and Enterprise Scheme) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/917), regs. 1, **11(1)(a)**, (3)(b)
- F49 Words in reg. 2(1)(i) substituted (1.4.2010) by The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/671), art. 1(2), Sch. 1 para. 62 (with Sch. 2); S.I. 2010/862, art. 2
- **F50** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (6.4.2009) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/583), regs. 1(2), **8(2)(c)**
- **F51** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (6.4.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/583), regs. 1(2), **8(3)(a)**
- F52 Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (1.9.2010) by The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) (England) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1941), art. 16(2)reg. 1
- **F53** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (5.1.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 7) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/3157), regs. 1(1), **7(2)(b)**

- **F54** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (3.7.2007) by virtue of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (War Pension Disregards) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1619), reg. 5(a)
- F55 Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (5.1.2009) by The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 7) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/3157), regs. 1(1), 7(2)(c)
- **F56** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(2)(i)**
- **F57** Words in reg. 2(4)(a) inserted (6.4.2010) by The Jobseeker's Allowance (Sanctions for Failure to Attend) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/509), regs. 1(2), 4(1)(c), (2)
- **F58** Words in reg. 2(4)(a) inserted (25.4.2011) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Mandatory Work Activity Scheme) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/688), regs. 1, 17(1)(a), (2)
- **F59** Words in reg. 2(4)(b) inserted (6.4.2010) by The Jobseeker's Allowance (Sanctions for Failure to Attend) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/509), regs. 1(2), 4(1)(c), (2)
- **F60** Words in reg. 2(4)(b) inserted (25.4.2011) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Mandatory Work Activity Scheme) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/688), regs. 1, 17(1)(a), (2)
- F61 Words in reg. 2(4)(d) omitted (2.4.2010) by virtue of The Welfare Reform Act 2009 (Section 26) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/424), regs. 1(4), 10
- **F62** Word in reg. 2(4)(d) inserted (1.4.2010) by The Social Security (Loss of Benefit) Amendment Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1160), regs. 1, **6(2)**
- **F63** Reg. 2(4A) inserted (27.10.2008) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1082), regs. 1, **43(3)**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Reg. 2(1) modified (22.11.2010) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Work for Your Benefit Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1222), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C2 Reg. 2(4)(a) modified (22.11.2010) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Work for Your Benefit Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1222), regs. 1(2), **19**
- C3 Reg. 2(4)(b) modified (22.11.2010) by The Jobseekers Allowance (Work for Your Benefit Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1222), regs. 1(2), 19

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- M1 1992 c. 5.
- M2 1973 c. 50; amended by the Employment Act 1988 (c. 19), the Employment Act 1989 (c. 38) and the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993 (c. 19).
- M3 1996 c. 18; sections 75A and 75B were inserted by section 3 of the Employment Act 2002 (c. 22).
- M4 See in particular paragraph 7(2)(b) of Schedule 8.
- M5 S.I. 1983/686; the relevant amending Instruments are S.I. 1983/1164, 1984/1675.
- M6 1995 c. 18; the Jobseekers Act is amended by the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30) section 59 and Schedule 7.
- M7 2000 c. 14.
- M8 2001 asp 8.
- M9 S.I. 1995/755 (N.1. 2).
- **M10** S.I. 2006/217.
- M11 S.I. 2001/1002.
- M12 1999 c. 30.
- M13 S.I. 2005/439.
- M14 S.I. 2006/213.
- **M15** 1999 c. 33.
- M16 S.I. 1987/1967.
- M17 1995 c. 18.
- M18 S.I. 1996/207.
- **M19** 1996 c. 18.
- M20 1990 c. 35.
- M21 1993 c. 39.

M22 2002 c. 16.

- M23 2002 c. 21.
- M24 1973 c. 50; section 2 was amended by section 25(1) of the Employment Act 1988 (c. 19), by Part I of Schedule 7 to the Employment Act 1989 (c. 38) and by section 47(1) of the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993(c. 19).

M25 1991 c. 56.

M26 2002 Asp. 3.

M27 S.I. 2002/2005.

M28 2001 c. 11.

**M29** S.I. 2002/1792.

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### Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Council Tax Benefit Regulations 2006, Section 2.