
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit
(Electronic Communications) Order 2006**

Amendment of the Council Tax Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006

5.—(1) The Council Tax Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006⁽¹⁾ are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of “the 1992 Act” insert—

““the 2000 Act” means the Electronic Communications Act 2000;” and

(b) after the definition of “the Eileen Trust” insert—

““electronic communication” has the same meaning as in section 15(1) of the 2000 Act;”.

(3) After regulation 53 (time and manner in which claims are to be made) insert—

“Electronic claims for benefit

53A. A claim for council tax benefit may be made by means of an electronic communication in accordance with Schedule 8.”.

(4) After regulation 59 (duty to notify changes of circumstances) insert—

“Notice of changes of circumstances given electronically

59A. A person may give notice of a change of circumstances required to be notified under regulation 59 by means of an electronic communication in accordance with Schedule 8.”.

(5) After Schedule 7 (prescribed authorities) insert as Schedule 8 the Schedule set out in the Schedule to this Order.