
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the:

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

Regulation 2 amends the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006. Paragraph (2) amends regulation 83 so that where a claim for housing benefit is made through the Department for Work and Pensions, the Secretary of State may request that the claimant provides the relevant authority with the necessary information to properly complete the claim.

Paragraph (3) amends regulation 86 to allow the Secretary of State to request that where a claimant receiving income support or jobseeker's allowance notifies a change of circumstances relating to the starting of employment, the claimant provides the local authority with any information or evidence that the Secretary of State considers that the local authority will require to determine the claim.

Paragraph (4) amends regulation 88 to allow a claimant who is receiving income support or jobseeker's allowance to notify the Secretary of State about a change of circumstances relating to the starting of employment where a telephone number has been provided for that purpose.

Regulations 3, 4 and 5 make similar amendments to the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006, the Council Tax Benefit Regulations 2006 and the Council Tax Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006.

A full impact assessment has not been published for this instrument as it has no impact on the private or voluntary sectors.