STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2008 No. 3051

The Social Security (Lone Parents and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008

Savings and transitional provisions applicable to certain full-time students and full-time participants in New Deal for Lone Parents

13.—(1) This regulation applies to a lone parent if the following two conditions are met.

- (2) The first condition is that
 - (a) immediately before the specified day the person was entitled to income support as a lone parent;
 - (b) paragraph 1 is the only paragraph of Schedule 1B to the Income Support Regulations (prescribed categories of person) that applies to him or her; and
 - (c) on and after the specified day the person is responsible for-
 - (i) a single child aged 6 or over, or
 - (ii) more than one child where the youngest child is aged 6 or over,
 - who is a member of that person's household.

(3) The second condition is that immediately before the specified day applicable in that person's case, and on and after that day, he or she is also—

- (a) a full-time student attending or undertaking a full-time course of advanced education or a full-time course of study or on a sandwich course, or
- (b) following a full-time course of training or instruction provided pursuant to arrangements made by the Secretary of State known as the New Deal for Lone Parents or pursuant to a scheme which has been approved by the Secretary of State as supporting the objectives of those arrangements.

(4) This regulation does not apply to a person or (as the case may be) it ceases to apply to a person if he or she makes a further claim to income support on or after the specified day applicable in that person's case.

(5) Notwithstanding regulation 2, 3 or 4 (as the case may be), where this regulation applies to a lone parent—

- (a) paragraph 1 of Schedule 1B to the Income Support Regulations as in force in relation to that person at the beginning of the period of study referred to in paragraph (3)(a) shall continue to have effect in relation to that person during that period for so long as he or she remains a full-time student;
- (b) paragraph 1 of Schedule 1B to the Income Support Regulations as in force at the beginning of the particular course of training or instruction referred to in paragraph (3)(b) shall continue to have effect in relation to that person for so long as the person is following that full-time course; and
- (c) any requirement to take part in a work-focused interview every 13 weeks in accordance with the Lone Parents Regulations or the Jobcentre Plus Regulations (as amended by regulations 5 to 10) shall continue to apply in relation to that person after a time when,

apart from this paragraph, the requirement would cease to apply because of an increase in the age of that person's child or youngest child.

(6) Where a lone parent ceases to be a full-time student or to follow a full-time course of training or instruction for the purpose of this regulation, the application of this regulation in relation to that person shall not prejudice the application in relation to him or her of the provisions specified in the Schedule.

(7) For the purposes of this regulation—

"full-time course of advanced education", "full-time course of study" and "sandwich course" have the same meaning as in regulation 61of those Regulations;

"full-time student" and "period of study" have the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Income Support Regulations;

"specified day" means-

- (a) the day after the day on which these Regulations are made, in relation to a lone parent who, on the day after the day on which they are made, is responsible for—
 - (i) a single child aged 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15, or

(ii) more than one child where the youngest child is aged 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15,

who is a member of that person's household;

- (b) 26th October 2009, in relation to a lone parent who, on that day, is responsible for-
 - (i) a single child aged 9, 10 or 11, or
 - (ii) more than one child where the youngest child is aged 9, 10 or 11,

who is a member of that person's household;

- (c) 25th October 2010, in relation to a lone parent who, on that day, is responsible for-
 - (i) a single child aged 6, 7, 8 or 9, or
 - (ii) more than one child where the youngest child is aged 6, 7, 8 or 9,

who is a member of that person's household.