
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No. 444

The Social Security (Notification of Changes of Circumstances) Regulations 2010

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

6. After regulation 69(1) (duty to notify changes of circumstances) of the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006(2) insert—

“Alternative means of notifying changes of circumstances

69ZA.—(1) In such cases and subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State may specify, the duty in regulation 69(1) to notify a change of circumstances may be discharged by notifying the Secretary of State—

- (a) where the change of circumstances is a birth or death, through a relevant authority, or a county council in England, by personal attendance at an office specified by that authority or county council, provided the Secretary of State has agreed with that authority or county council for it to facilitate such notification; or
- (b) where the change of circumstances is a death, by telephone to a telephone number specified for that purpose by the Secretary of State.

(2) Paragraph (1) only applies if the authority administering the claimant’s housing benefit agrees with the Secretary of State that notifications may be made in accordance with that paragraph.

(3) The Secretary of State must forward information received in accordance with paragraph (1) to the authority administering the claimant’s housing benefit.”

(1) The relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 2006/2967](#), [2008/2299](#) and [2008/2987](#).
(2) [S.I. 2006/214](#).