
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which come into force on 30th April 2010, amend the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987 (“the Claims and Payments Regulations”) (S.I. 1987/1968).

Regulation 2(2)(b) inserts a new paragraph 7E into Schedule 9 to the Claims and Payments Regulations (which sets out the circumstances in which the Secretary of State may make deductions from benefits for the purpose of paying the amount deducted direct to a third party). The new paragraph 7E will enable the Secretary of State to make deductions from a specified benefit and instead pay the sum deducted direct to Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, towards the discharge of any tax credits overpayment debt or self-assessment debt owed by the beneficiary. “Specified benefit” is defined in paragraph 1(1) of the Schedule to the Claims and Payments Regulations. “Tax credits overpayment debt” and “self-assessment debt” are defined in sub-paragraph (1) of the new paragraph 7E.

The remainder of regulation 2 makes further amendments which are consequential upon the addition of the new paragraph 7E.

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