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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 913**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Employment and Support Allowance  
(Duration of Contributory Allowance)  
(Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2012**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>21st March 2012</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>26th March 2012</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st May 2012</i>

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 22(5), 122(1), 123(1)(a), (d) and (e), 124(1)(d), 135(1), 137(1) and 175(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(1), sections 4(5), 35(1) and 36(2) of the Jobseekers Act 1995(2), sections 9(1)(a), 79(1) and (4) and 84 of the Social Security Act 1998(3), sections 2(3)(b) and 17(1) of the State Pension Credit Act 2002(4) and sections 2(4)(a), 4(2)(a) and (6)(a), 24(1), 25(2) and 28(2) of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 and paragraphs 1(1) and 7(1) and (2)(f) of Schedule 4 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2007(5).

In respect of the provisions in these Regulations relating to housing benefit and council tax benefit, the Secretary of State has consulted with organisations appearing to the Secretary of State to be representative of the authorities concerned(6).

This instrument contains only regulations made by virtue of, or consequential upon, sections 51 and 52 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012(7) and is made before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the coming into force of those sections(8).

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- (1) 1992 c. 4. Section 22(5) was amended by paragraph 22 of Schedule 2 to the Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18) and paragraph 9(3)(b) of Schedule 3 to the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c. 5). Sections 122(1) and 137(1) are interpretation provisions and are cited for their definitions of “prescribe” and “prescribed” respectively. Section 123(1)(e) was substituted by paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 9 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14) in relation to council tax benefit. Section 124(1)(d) was substituted by paragraph 30(4) of Schedule 2 to the Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18). Section 175 was amended by paragraph 29 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2).
- (2) 1995 c. 18. Section 35(1) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning given to “regulations”.
- (3) 1998 c. 14. Section 84 is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning given to the word “prescribe”.
- (4) 2002 c. 16. Section 17(1) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning given to the word “prescribed”.
- (5) 2007 c. 5. Section 24(1) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning given to the words “prescribed” and “regulations”. Paragraph 7(2)(f) of Schedule 4 was inserted by section 51(4) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5).
- (6) See section 176(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5).
- (7) 2012 c. 5.
- (8) See section 173(5) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.