
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 376

The Universal Credit Regulations 2013

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Universal Credit Regulations 2013 and come into force on 29th April 2013.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Welfare Reform Act 2012;

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[^{F2}“adopter” has the meaning in regulation 89(3)(a);]

[^{F3}“adult disability payment” has the meaning given in regulation 2 of the Disability Assistance for Working Age People (Scotland) Regulations 2022;]

“attendance allowance” means—

- (a) an attendance allowance under section 64 of the Contributions and Benefits Act;
- (b) an increase of disablement pension under section 104 or 105 of that Act (increases where constant attendance needed and for exceptionally severe disablement);
- (c) ^{F4}
- (d) a payment by virtue of article 14, 15, 16, 43 or 44 of the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983 ^{M1} or any analogous payment;
- (e) any payment based on the need for attendance which is paid as an addition to a war disablement pension;
- (f) [^{F5}armed forces independence payment under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) Order 2011;]

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[^{F7}“blind” means certified as severely sight impaired or blind by a consultant ophthalmologist;]

“care leaver” has the meaning in regulation 8;

“carer's allowance” means a carer's allowance under section 70 of the Contributions and Benefits Act ^{M2};

“carer element” has the meaning in regulation 29;

[^{F8}“carer support payment” means carer's assistance given in accordance with the Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023;]

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[^{F9}“child disability payment” has the meaning given in regulation 2 of the DACYP Regulations;]

“childcare costs element” has the meaning in regulation 31;

“child element” has the meaning in regulation 24;

“close relative”, in relation to a person, means—

- (a) a parent, parent-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, step-parent, step-son, step-daughter, brother or sister; and
- (b) if any of the above is a member of a couple, the other member of the couple;

“confinement” has the meaning in regulation 8;

“Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 ^{M3};

“course of advanced education” has the meaning in regulation 12;

[^{F10}“the DACYP Regulations” means the Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2021;]

“disability living allowance” means an allowance under section 71 of the Contributions and Benefits Act;

“earned income” has the meaning in Chapter 2 of Part 6;

“EEA Regulations” means the [^{F11}Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016 [^{F12}and references to the EEA Regulations are to be read with Schedule 4 to the Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020(Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Regulations 2020.]];]

“employment and support allowance” means an allowance under Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007 ^{M4} as amended by Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 14 to the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (removing references to an income-related allowance);

[^{F13}“enactment” includes an enactment comprised in, or an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament or the National Assembly of Wales;]

“ESA Regulations” means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2013 ^{M5};

“expected number of hours per week” has the meaning in regulation 88;

“foster parent” means—

- (a) in relation to England, a person with whom a child is placed under [^{F14}the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010];
- (b) in relation to Wales, a person with whom a child is placed under [^{F15}the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (Wales) Regulations 2015];
- (c) in relation to Scotland, a foster carer or kinship carer with whom a child is placed under the Looked After Children (Scotland) Regulations 2009 ^{M6};

“grant” has the meaning in regulation 68;

“health care professional” means (except in regulation 98)—

- (a) a registered medical practitioner;
- (b) a registered nurse; or
- (c) an occupational therapist or physiotherapist registered with a regulatory body established by Order in Council under section 60 of the Health Act 1999 ^{M7};

“housing costs element” has the meaning in regulation 25;

- “individual threshold” has the meaning in regulation 90(2);
- “industrial injuries benefit” means a benefit under Part 5 of the Contributions and Benefits Act;
- “ITEPA” means the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 ^{M8};
- “jobseeker's allowance” means an allowance under the Jobseekers Act 1995 ^{M9} as amended by Part 1 of Schedule 14 to the Act (removing references to an income-based allowance);
- “local authority” means—
- (a) in relation to England, a county council, a district council, a parish council, a London borough council, the Common Council of the City of London or the Council of the Isles of Scilly;
 - (b) in relation to Wales, a county council, a county borough council or a community council;
 - (c) in relation to Scotland, a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 ^{M10};
- [^{F16}“local welfare provision” means occasional financial or other assistance given by a local authority, the Scottish Ministers or the Welsh Ministers, or a person authorised to exercise any function of, or provide a service to, them, to or in respect of individuals for the purpose of—
- (a) meeting, or helping to meet, an immediate short term need—
 - (i) arising out of an exceptional event, or exceptional circumstances; and
 - (ii) that requires to be met in order to avoid a risk to the well-being of an individual; or
 - (b) enabling individuals to establish or maintain a settled home, where those individuals have been or, without the assistance, might otherwise be—
 - (i) in prison, hospital, a residential care establishment or other institution; or
 - (ii) homeless or otherwise living an unsettled way of life;]
- [^{F17}“LCWRA element” has the meaning in regulation 27;]
- “looked after by a local authority” in relation to a child or young person means a child or young person who is looked after by a local authority within the meaning of section 22 of the Children Act 1989 ^{M11}[^{F18}, section 17(6) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 or section 74 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014];
- “maternity allowance” means a maternity allowance under section 35 [^{F19}or 35B] of the Contributions and Benefits Act;
- “Medical Evidence Regulations” means the Social Security (Medical Evidence) Regulations 1976 ^{M12};
- [^{F20}“monthly earnings” has the meaning in regulation 90(6);]
- “national insurance contribution” means a contribution under Part 1 of the Contributions and Benefits Act;
- [^{F21}“National Minimum Wage Regulations” means the National Minimum Wage Regulations 2015;]
- “^{F22}... statutory paternity pay” means ^{F22}... statutory paternity pay under Part 12ZA of the Contributions and Benefits Act;
- “paid work” means work done for payment or in expectation of payment and does not include being engaged by a charitable or voluntary organisation, or as a volunteer, in circumstances in which the payment received by or due to be paid to the person is in respect of expenses;
- “partner” means (except in regulation 77) the other member of a couple;

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“personal independence payment” means an allowance under Part 4 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012;

“prisoner” means—

- (a) a person who is detained in custody pending trial or sentence upon conviction or under a sentence imposed by a court; or
- (b) is on temporary release in accordance with the provisions of the Prison Act 1952^{M13} or the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989^{M14},

other than a person who is detained in hospital under the provisions of the Mental Health Act 1983^{M15} or, in Scotland, under the provisions of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003^{M16} or the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995^{M17};

“qualifying young person” has the meaning in regulation 5;

“redundancy” has the meaning in section 139(1) of the Employment Rights Act 1996^{M18};

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“regular and substantial caring responsibilities for a severely disabled person” has the meaning in regulation 30;

“relevant childcare” has the meaning in regulation 35;

“responsible for a child or qualifying young person” has the meaning in regulation 4;

“statutory adoption pay” means a payment under Part 12ZB of the Contributions Benefits Act^{M19},

“statutory maternity pay” means a payment under Part 12 of the Contributions and Benefits Act;

[^{F24}“statutory parental bereavement pay” means statutory parental bereavement pay payable in accordance with Part 12ZD of the Contributions and Benefits Act;]

[^{F25}“statutory shared parental pay” means statutory shared parental pay payable in accordance with Part 12ZC of the Contributions and Benefits Act;]

“statutory sick pay” means a payment under Part 11 of the Contributions and Benefits Act;

[^{F26}“step-parent”, in relation to a child or qualifying young person (“A”), means a person who is not A’s parent but—

- (a) is a member of a couple, the other member of which is a parent of A, where both are responsible for A; or
- (b) was previously a member of a couple, the other member of which was a parent of A, where immediately prior to ceasing to be a member of that couple the person was, and has since continued to be, responsible for A.]

“student loan” has the meaning in regulation 68;

“terminally ill” means suffering from a progressive disease where death in consequence of that disease can reasonably be expected within [^{F27}12 months];

“total outstanding reduction period” has the meaning in regulation 101(5);

“trade dispute” has the meaning in section 244 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992^{M20};

“unearned income” has the meaning in Chapter 3 of Part 6;

“war disablement pension” means any retired pay, pension or allowance payable in respect of disablement under an instrument specified in section 639(2) of ITEPA;

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“widowed mother's allowance” means an allowance under section 37 of the Contributions and Benefits Act;

“widowed parent's allowance” means an allowance under section 39A of the Contributions and Benefits Act ^{M21};

“widow's pension” means a pension under section 39 of the Contributions and Benefits Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 2 omitted (5.4.2015) by virtue of The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3255), arts. 1(3), **28(2)(a)** (with art. 35(1))
- F2** Words in reg. 2 inserted (29.4.2013) by The Universal Credit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/803), regs. 1, **2(2)**
- F3** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (21.3.2022) by The Social Security (Disability Assistance for Working Age People) (Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/177), arts. 1(2), **13(2)**
- F4** Words in reg. 2 omitted (29.10.2013) by virtue of The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1508), regs. 1(2)(b), **3(2)**
- F5** Words in reg. 2 inserted (8.4.2013) by virtue of The Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (Consequential Provisions: Subordinate Legislation) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/591), regs. 2(2), 7, **Sch. para. 54(2)**
- F6** Words in reg. 2 omitted (coming into force in accordance with arts. 1-3 of the amending S.I.) by virtue of The Pensions Act 2014 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Amendments) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/422), arts. 1(2), **43(2)**
- F7** Words in reg. 2 inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by The Universal Credit and Miscellaneous Amendments (No.2) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/2888), regs. 1(1), **3(1)(a)(ii)**
- F8** Words in reg. 2 inserted (19.11.2023) by The Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/1218), arts. 1(2), **23(2)**
- F9** Words in reg. 2 inserted (26.7.2021) by The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Disability Assistance for Children and Young People) (Consequential Modifications) Order 2021 (S.I. 2021/786), art. 1(2), **Sch. 11 para. 2(a)**
- F10** Words in reg. 2 inserted (26.7.2021) by The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Disability Assistance for Children and Young People) (Consequential Modifications) Order 2021 (S.I. 2021/786), art. 1(2), **Sch. 11 para. 2(b)**
- F11** Words in reg. 2 substituted (7.5.2019) by The Social Security (Income-related Benefits) (Updating and Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/872), regs. 1, **8(2)**
- F12** Words in reg. 2 inserted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), regs. 1(2), **75(2)**
- F13** Words in reg. 2 inserted (28.4.2014) by The Universal Credit and Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/597), regs. 1, **2(2)**
- F14** Words in reg. 2 substituted (1.4.2024) by The Social Security and Universal Credit (Migration of Tax Credit Claimants and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/341), regs. 1(2), **7(2)(a)**
- F15** Words in reg. 2 substituted (1.4.2024) by The Social Security and Universal Credit (Migration of Tax Credit Claimants and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/341), regs. 1(2), **7(2)(b)**
- F16** Words in reg. 2 inserted (4.5.2022) by The Universal Credit (Local Welfare Provision Disregard) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/448), regs. 1(1), **2(2)**
- F17** Words in reg. 2 substituted (3.4.2017) by The Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit (Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional and Savings Provisions) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/204), regs. 1, **4(2)** (with Sch. 2 paras. 8-15)

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- F18** Words in reg. 2 substituted (26.5.2016) by The Universal Credit (Care Leavers and Looked After Children) Amendment Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/543), regs. 1, **2(2)**
- F19** Words in reg. 2 inserted (18.5.2014) by The Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/884), regs. 1, **6(1)**
- F20** Words in reg. 2 inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by The Universal Credit and Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1754), regs. 1(1), **2(2)**
- F21** Words in reg. 2 inserted (25.7.2016) by The Social Security (Jobseekers Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/678), regs. 1, **5(2)**
- F22** Words in reg. 2 omitted (5.4.2015) by virtue of The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3255), arts. 1(3), **28(2)(b)** (with art. 35(1))
- F23** Words in reg. 2 omitted (with effect in accordance with reg. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by virtue of The Universal Credit and Miscellaneous Amendments (No.2) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/2888), regs. 1(1), **3(1)(a)(i)**
- F24** Words in reg. 2 inserted (6.4.2020) by The Parental Bereavement Leave and Pay (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/354), regs. 1, **28(2)**
- F25** Words in reg. 2 inserted (31.12.2014) by The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3255), arts. 1(2), **28(2)(c)**
- F26** Words in reg. 2 inserted (6.4.2017) by The Social Security (Restrictions on Amounts for Children and Qualifying Young Persons) Amendment Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/376), regs. 1, **2(2)**
- F27** Words in reg. 2 substituted (4.4.2022) by The Universal Credit and Employment and Support Allowance (Terminal Illness) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/260), regs. 1(2), **2(2)**
- F28** Words in reg. 2 omitted (with effect in accordance with reg. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by virtue of The Universal Credit and Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1754), regs. 1(1), **2(2)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Reg. 2 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Citizens' Rights (Application Deadline and Temporary Protection) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1209), regs. 1(1), **3(3)**, 4(4), 11(t)

Marginal Citations

- M1** S.I. 1983/686. Article 14 was substituted, and articles 15 and 16 were amended, by S.I. 2001/1420.
- M2** Section 70 has been amended by S.I. 1994/2556 and S.I. 2002/1457.
- M3** 1992 c.4.
- M4** 2007 c.5.
- M5** S.I.2013/379
- M6** S.S.I. 2009/210.
- M7** 1999 c.8.
- M8** 2003 c.1.
- M9** 1995 c.18.
- M10** 1994 c.39.
- M11** 1989 c.41.
- M12** S.I. 1976/615.
- M13** 1952 c.52.
- M14** 1989 c.45.
- M15** 1983 c.20.
- M16** 2003 asp13.
- M17** 1995 c.46.
- M18** 1996 c.18.
- M19** Part 12ZB was inserted by section 4 of the Employment Act 2002 (c.22).
- M20** 1992 c.52.

M21 Section 39A was inserted by section 55(2) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c.30).

The Benefit Unit

Couples

3.—(1) This regulation makes provision in relation to couples, including cases where both members of a couple may be entitled to universal credit jointly without each of them meeting all the basic conditions referred to in section 4 of the Act (see paragraph (2)) and cases where a person whose partner does not meet all the basic conditions [^{F29}or is otherwise excluded from entitlement to universal credit] may make a claim as a single person (see paragraph (3)).

(2) A couple may be entitled to universal credit as joint claimants where—

- (a) one member does not meet the basic condition in section 4(1)(b) (under the qualifying age for state pension credit) if the other member does meet that condition; or
- (b) one member does not meet the basic condition in section 4(1)(d) (not receiving education) and is not excepted from that condition if the other member does meet that condition or is excepted from it.

(3) A person who is a member of a couple may make a claim as a single person if the other member of the couple—

- (a) does not meet the basic condition in section 4(1)(a) (at least 18 years old) and is not a person in respect of whom the minimum age specified in regulation 8 applies;
- (b) does not meet the basic condition in section 4(1)(c) (in Great Britain);
- (c) is a prisoner;^{F30} . . .
- (d) is a person other than a prisoner in respect of whom entitlement does not arise by virtue of regulation 19 (restrictions on entitlement) [^{F31}; or
- (e) is a person to whom section 115 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 ^{M22} (exclusion from benefits) applies,]

and regulations 18 (capital limit), 36 (amount of elements) and 22 (deduction of income and work allowance) provide for the calculation of the award in such cases.

(4) Where two people are parties to a polygamous marriage, the fact that they are husband and wife is to be disregarded if—

- (a) one of them is a party to an earlier marriage that still subsists; and
- (b) the other party to that earlier marriage is living in the same household,

and, accordingly, the person who is not a party to the earlier marriage may make a claim for universal credit as a single person.

(5) In paragraph (4) “polygamous marriage” means a marriage during which a party to it is married to more than one person and which took place under the laws of a country which permits polygamy.

(6) Where the claimant is a member of a couple, and the other member is temporarily absent from the claimant's household, they cease to be treated as a couple if that absence is expected to exceed, or does exceed, 6 months.

Textual Amendments

F29 Words in reg. 3(1) inserted (29.4.2013) by The Universal Credit (Consequential, Supplementary, Incidental and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/630), regs. 1(2), **38(2)(a)**

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- F30** Word in reg. 3(3)(c) omitted (29.4.2013) by virtue of [The Universal Credit \(Consequential, Supplementary, Incidental and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/630\)](#), regs. 1(2), **38(2)(b)**
- F31** Reg. 3(3)(e) and preceding word inserted (29.4.2013) by [The Universal Credit \(Consequential, Supplementary, Incidental and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/630\)](#), regs. 1(2), **38(2)(b)**

Marginal Citations

M22 1999 c.33.

When a person is responsible for a child or qualifying young person

4.—(1) Whether a person is responsible for a child or qualifying young person for the purposes of Part 1 of the Act and these Regulations is determined as follows.

(2) A person is responsible for a child or qualifying young person who normally lives with them.

(3) But a person is not responsible for a qualifying young person if the two of them are living as a couple.

(4) Where a child or qualifying young person normally lives with two or more persons who are not a couple, only one of them is to be treated as responsible and that is the person who has the main responsibility.

(5) The persons mentioned in paragraph (4) may jointly nominate which of them has the main responsibility but the Secretary of State may determine that question—

(a) in default of agreement; or

(b) if a nomination or change of nomination does not, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, reflect the arrangements between those persons.

(6) [^{F32}Subject to regulation 4A,] a child or qualifying young person is to be treated as not being the responsibility of any person during any period when the child or qualifying young person is—

(a) looked after by a local authority; or

(b) a prisoner,

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(7) Where a child or qualifying young person is temporarily absent from a person's household the person ceases to be responsible for the child or qualifying young person if—

(a) the absence is expected to exceed, or does exceed, 6 months; or

(b) the absence is from Great Britain and is expected to exceed, or does exceed, one month unless it is in circumstances where an absence of a person for longer than one month would be disregarded for the purposes of regulation 11(2) or (3) (medical treatment or convalescence or death of close relative etc.).

Textual Amendments

F32 Words in reg. 4(6) inserted (29.7.2013) by [The Social Security \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1508\)](#), regs. 1(2)(a), **3(3)(a)**

F33 Words in reg. 4(6) omitted (29.7.2013) by virtue of [The Social Security \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1508\)](#), regs. 1(2)(a), **3(3)(b)**

[^{F34} **Responsibility for children looked after by a local authority**

4A.—(1) There is excluded from regulation 4(6)(a)—

- (a) any period which is in the nature of a planned short term break, or is one of a series of such breaks, for the purpose of providing respite for the person who normally cares for the child or qualifying young person;
- (b) any period during which the child or qualifying young person is placed with, or continues to live with, their parent or a person who has parental responsibility for them[^{F35};

[any period during which the child or qualifying young person is placed for adoption under ^{F36}(c) the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007.]

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, a person has parental responsibility if they are not a foster parent and—

- (a) in England and Wales, they have parental responsibility within the meaning of section 3 of the Children Act 1989 ^{M23}; or
- (b) in Scotland, they have any or all of the legal responsibilities or rights described in sections 1 or 2 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 ^{M24}.]

Textual Amendments

F34 Reg. 4A inserted (29.7.2013) by [The Social Security \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1508\)](#), regs. 1(2)(a), **3(4)**

F35 Reg. 4A(1)(b): semicolon substituted for full stop (1.4.2024) by [The Social Security and Universal Credit \(Migration of Tax Credit Claimants and Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/341\)](#), regs. 1(2), **7(3)(a)**

F36 Reg. 4A(1)(c) inserted (1.4.2024) by [The Social Security and Universal Credit \(Migration of Tax Credit Claimants and Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/341\)](#), regs. 1(2), **7(3)(b)**

Marginal Citations

M23 1989 c.41.

M24 1995 c.36.

Meaning of “qualifying young person”

5.—(1) A person who has reached the age of 16 but not the age of 20 is a qualifying young person for the purposes of Part 1 of the Act and these Regulations—

- (a) up to, but not including, the 1st September following their 16th birthday; and
- (b) up to, but not including, the 1st September following their 19th birthday, if they are enrolled on, or accepted for, approved training or a course of education—
 - (i) which is not a course of advanced education,
 - (ii) which is provided at a school or college or provided elsewhere but approved by the Secretary of State, and
 - (iii) where the average time spent during term time in receiving tuition, engaging in practical work or supervised study or taking examinations exceeds 12 hours per week.

(2) Where the young person is aged 19, they must have started the education or training or been enrolled on or accepted for it before reaching that age.

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(3) The education or training referred to in paragraph (1) does not include education or training provided by means of a contract of employment.

(4) “Approved training” means training in pursuance of arrangements made under section 2(1) of the Employment and Training Act 1973 ^{M25} or section 2(3) of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990 ^{M26} which is approved by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this regulation.

(5) A person who is receiving universal credit, an employment and support allowance or a jobseeker’s allowance is not a qualifying young person.

Marginal Citations	
M25	1973 c.50.
M26	1990 c.35.

General

Rounding

6.—(1) Where the calculation of an amount for the purposes of these Regulations results in a fraction of a penny, that fraction is to be disregarded if it is less than half a penny and otherwise it is to be treated as a penny.

[^{F37}(1A) Where the calculation of an amount for the purposes of the following [^{F38}provisions] results in a fraction of a pound, that fraction is to be disregarded—

- [regulation 82(1)(a) (exceptions – earnings);]
- ^{F39}(za)
- (a) regulation 90 (claimants subject to no work-related requirements – the earnings thresholds); and
- (b) regulation 99(6) (circumstances in which requirements must not be imposed)]; ^{F40} ...
- ^{F40}(c)

(2) This regulation does not apply to the calculation in regulation 111 (daily rate for a reduction under section 26 or 27 of the Act).

Textual Amendments	
F37	Reg. 6(1A) inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by The Universal Credit and Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1754) , regs. 1(1), 4
F38	Word in reg. 6(1A) substituted (1.4.2017) by The Universal Credit (Housing Costs Element for claimants aged 18 to 21) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/252) , regs. 1, 2(2)(a) (with regs. 3, 4)
F39	Reg. 6(1A)(za) inserted (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by The Universal Credit (Benefit Cap Earnings Exception) Amendment Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/138) , regs. 1, 2(2)
F40	Reg. 6(1A)(c) and word omitted (31.12.2018) by virtue of The Universal Credit and Jobseeker's Allowance (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1129) , regs. 1(3), 3(2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** Reg. 6 applied by S.I 2014/1230, reg. 61 (as inserted (24.7.2019) by [The Universal Credit \(Managed Migration Pilot and Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1152\)](#), regs. 1(2), **3(7)**)

Status:

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Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Universal Credit Regulations 2013, PART 1.