

## SCHEDULE 4

### Housing costs element for renters

## PART 1

### General

#### **Introduction**

1.—(1) This Schedule contains provisions about claimants to whom regulation 26(2) applies.

(2) Claimants who fall within sub-paragraph (1) are referred to in this Schedule as “renters” (and references to “joint renters” are to joint claimants to whom regulation 26(2) applies).

(3) Part 2 of this Schedule sets out an exception to section 11(1) of the Act for certain renters in whose case an award of universal credit is not to include an amount of housing costs element calculated under this Schedule.

(4) The following Parts of this Schedule provide for the calculation of the amount of housing costs element to be included under regulation 26(2) in a renter’s award of universal credit—

- (a) Part 3 contains general provisions that apply to all calculations, whether under Part 4 or Part 5;
- (b) Part 4 applies in relation to renters who occupy accommodation in the private rented sector or who occupy temporary accommodation; and
- (c) Part 5 applies in relation to renters who occupy accommodation in the social rented sector other than temporary accommodation.