
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 371

**The Social Security (Coronavirus)
(Further Measures) Regulations 2020**

Universal credit – minimum income floor

2.—(1) The Secretary of State may, where it appears expedient as a consequence of the outbreak of coronavirus disease, and in such cases or class of case, or for such period, as the Secretary of State determines—

- (a) treat the amount of the individual threshold or the couple threshold in regulation 62 (minimum income floor) of the Universal Credit Regulations⁽¹⁾ as if it were a lesser amount (including zero);
- (b) where it falls to be determined whether a claimant is in gainful self-employment, delay that determination;
- (c) where it has been determined that a claimant is in gainful self-employment, treat that claimant as not being in gainful self-employment;
- (d) where a claimant is in a start-up period, extend that period for as long as the Secretary of State considers appropriate; or
- (e) in relation to any claimant who would otherwise fall within section 22 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (all work-related requirements) as a result of this regulation, except that claimant from a work search requirement or a work availability requirement.

(2) In this regulation “start-up period” and “gainful self-employment” have the meanings given in regulations 63 and 64 respectively of the Universal Credit Regulations.

(1) Regulation 62 was substituted by [S.I. 2014/2888](#) and amended by [S.I. 2015/345](#) and 1754 and [2019/1249](#).