
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Social Security (Habitual Residence and
Past Presence) (Amendment) Regulations 2022**

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Habitual Residence and Past Presence) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 and come into force on 22nd March 2022.

(2) Part 2 extends to England and Wales and Scotland⁽¹⁾.

(3) Part 3 extends to England and Wales only.

(1) The provisions being amended by Part 2 extend to England and Wales and Scotland. This instrument does not reflect the presumption that amendments will have the same extent and application as the provisions amended because the Secretary of State does not have executive competence to exercise functions, as regards Scotland, in relation to the benefits regulations amended by Part 3. The function of making regulations under sections 64(1), 70(4) and 71(6) of the Contributions and Benefits Act is exercisable by the Secretary of State by virtue of section 175(1) of that Act and the function of making regulations under section 77(3) of the 2012 Act is exercisable by the Secretary of State by virtue of section 94(1) of that Act. The functions of the Secretary of State under those provisions, as regards Scotland, transferred to the Scottish Ministers on 1st April 2020. Legislative competence for disability and carer's benefits were transferred to the Scottish Parliament by section 22(2) of the Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11). Section 22(2) inserted an exception into reservation F1 of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46) and was brought into force on 17th May 2017 by [S.I. 2017/455](#), subject to transitional arrangements set out in [S.I. 2017/444](#) which modified the operation of the Scotland Act 1998. Section 32 of the Scotland Act 2016 provides the meaning of "pre-commencement enactment" in this context. The transitional arrangements in respect of disability and carer's benefits ended on 31st March 2020 (see regulation 4 of the Scotland Act 2016 (Transitional) Regulations 2017 ([S.I. 2017/444](#))). Accordingly, insofar as the functions under those sections of the Contributions and Benefits Act and section 77(3) of the 2012 Act are exercisable within devolved competence, they are now exercisable by the Scottish Ministers. To ensure that the provisions introduced by these Regulations operate identically across England and Wales and Scotland, the Scottish Ministers are making parallel regulations, (the Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Ukraine) (Scotland) Regulations 2022), to these Regulations, the majority of which are to come into force on 22nd March 2022.