
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations modify paragraph 6 of Schedule 9 to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1968) (“the 1987 Regulations”) and paragraph 8 of Schedule 6 to the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker’s Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/380) (“the 2013 Regulations”). These paragraphs contain provisions under which the Secretary of State may make deductions from benefit in respect of arrears for fuel costs and ongoing consumption of fuel to pay the fuel supplier directly.

Under regulation 1, these Regulations expire on 6th April 2023 and apply in relation to an application, made on or after the date on which these Regulations come into force by a claimant or fuel supplier, for a deduction for fuel costs or for a supersession of a deduction for fuel costs that is in place on the date these Regulations come into force and to any decision made on such an application.

Regulations 3 and 4 make temporary modifications to paragraph 6 of Schedule 9 to the 1987 Regulations and paragraph 8 to Schedule 6 of the 2013 Regulations so that a new deduction for ongoing consumption of fuel, or an application for an increase to a deduction for ongoing deductions, may only be made further to an application by the claimant. Fuel suppliers may still apply for a deduction for arrears of fuel costs.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for these Regulations as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.