



# Carers (Scotland) Act 2016

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### PART 3

#### PROVISION OF SUPPORT TO CARERS

#### CHAPTER 1

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

##### *Local eligibility criteria*

#### **21 Duty to set local eligibility criteria**

- (1) Each local authority must set the local eligibility criteria which it is to apply in its area.
- (2) Local eligibility criteria are the criteria by which the local authority must determine whether it is required to provide support to carers to meet carers' identified needs.
- (3) Before setting its local eligibility criteria, a local authority must—
  - (a) consult such persons and bodies representative of carers as the local authority considers appropriate, and
  - (b) take such steps as it considers appropriate to involve carers.
- (4) A local authority must, when setting its local eligibility criteria, have regard among other things to such matters as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations specify.

#### **22 Publication and review of criteria**

- (1) Each local authority must publish its local eligibility criteria.
- (2) The first local eligibility criteria must be published before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day prescribed by the Scottish Ministers by regulations.
- (3) Each local authority must carry out a first review of its local eligibility criteria before the end of the period, prescribed by the Scottish Ministers by regulations, beginning with the day on which the criteria are published.

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- (4) Each local authority—
  - (a) must thereafter review its local eligibility criteria before the end of the relevant period,
  - (b) may from time to time carry out such a review.
- (5) The relevant period is the period of 3 years beginning with whichever is the later of the day on which the local authority last published—
  - (a) its local eligibility criteria, or
  - (b) a statement under subsection (6)(b).
- (6) Following a review under subsection (3) or (4), the local authority—
  - (a) may set revised local eligibility criteria,
  - (b) must, where it does not set revised criteria, publish a statement to that effect.
- (7) Subsection (1) and section 21(4) apply to revised local eligibility criteria set under this section as they apply to criteria set under section 21.