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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

ADMINISTRATION

PART I

AMENDMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION ACT

Introductory

1. Part I of the Administration Act (claims, evidence, and regulations about claims and payment) is amended as follows.

Entitlement dependent on making of claim

2. In section 1 (which makes entitlement dependent on the making of a claim and production, etc. of national insurance numbers and other evidence, and limits backdating to 12 months, etc.) in subsection (4) (benefits to which the section applies) after “(aa) a jobseeker’s allowance;” insert—

“(ab) state pension credit;”.

Power by regulations to make provision relating to claims, time limits, evidence, etc.

3. In section 5 (regulations about claims for and payments of benefit)—

(a) in subsection (2) (benefits to which the section applies) after paragraph (aa) insert—

“(ab) state pension credit;”;

(b) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) The references in paragraphs (h) and (hh) of subsection (1) above to information or evidence needed for the determination of a claim or of any question arising in connection with a claim or (as the case may be) for a determination whether a decision on an award should be revised or should be superseded, includes, in the case of state pension credit, a reference to information or evidence as to the likelihood of future changes in a person’s circumstances which is needed for determining—

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- (a) whether a period should be specified as an assessed income period under section 6 of the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 in relation to any decision; and
- (b) if so, the length of the period to be so specified.”.