



Social Security Administration Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 5

PART VII

INFORMATION

The Registration Service

124 Provisions relating to age, death and marriage

- (1) Regulations made by the Registrar General under section 20 of the Registration Service Act 1953 or section 54 of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965 may provide for the furnishing by superintendent registrars and registrars, subject to the payment of such fee as may be prescribed by the regulations, of such information for the purposes—
- (a) of the provisions of the Contributions and Benefits Act to which this section applies;
 - [^{F1}(aa) of the provisions of Parts I and II of the Jobseekers Act 1995;]
 - [^{F2}(ab) of the provisions of the State Pension Credit Act 2002;]
 - [^{F3}(ac) of the provisions of Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007;]^{F4}...
 - [^{F5}(ad) of the provisions of Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012;]
 - [^{F6}(ae) of the provisions of Part 4 of that Act;]
 - [^{F7}(af) of the provisions of Part 1 of the Pensions Act 2014; and]
 - [^{F8}(ag) of section 30 of the Pensions Act 2014; and]
 - (b) of the provisions of this Act so far as they have effect in relation to matters arising under those provisions,
- including copies of extracts from the registers in their custody [^{F9}(or in the case of marriages converted from civil partnerships, copies or extracts from the register of conversions)], as may be so prescribed.
- (2) This section applies to the following provisions of the Contributions and Benefits Act—
- (a) Parts I to VI except section 108;

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- (b) Part VII, so far as it relates to income support ^{F10}... ;
 - (c) Part VIII, so far as it relates to any social fund payment such as is mentioned in section 138(1)(a) or (2);
 - (d) Part IX;
 - (e) Part XI; and
 - (f) Part XII.
- (3) Where the age, marriage or death of a person is required to be ascertained or proved for the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) above, any person—
- (a) on presenting to the custodian of the register under the enactments relating to the registration of births, marriages and deaths in which particulars of the birth, marriage or death (as the case may be) of the first-mentioned person are entered, a duly completed requisition in writing in that behalf; and
 - (b) on payment of [^{F11}the appropriate fee in England and Wales and a fee of]^{F12}£10.00] in Scotland,
- shall be entitled to obtain a copy, certified under the hand of the custodian, of the entry of those particulars.
- ^{F13}(3A) Where it is required to be ascertained or proved for the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) above, that a civil partnership has been converted into a marriage, any person—
- (a) on presenting to the superintendent registrar in whose district the conversion took place, a duly completed requisition in writing in that behalf; and
 - ^{F14}(b) on payment of the appropriate fee;]
- is entitled to obtain a copy, certified under the hand of the superintendent registrar, of the entry relating to that marriage in the register of conversions.]
- (4) Requisitions for the purposes of [^{F15}subsections (3) and (3A)] above shall be in such form and contain such particulars as may from time to time be specified by the Registrar General, and suitable forms of requisition shall, on request, be supplied without charge by superintendent registrars and registrars.
- (5) In the section—
- (a) as it applies to England and Wales—
 - ^{F16}“the appropriate fee” means the fee payable to the registrar or superintendent registrar for a certified copy of an entry in the register concerned by virtue of section 38A of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953, section 71A of the Marriage Act 1949 or section 9 of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013.]
 - ^{F17}“register of conversions” means the register of conversions of civil partnerships into marriages kept by the Registrar General in accordance with section 9 of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 and regulations made under that section;]
 - “Registrar General” means the Registrar General for England and Wales; and
 - “superintendent registrar” and “registrar” mean a superintendent registrar or, as the case may be, registrar for the purposes of the enactments relating to the registration of births, deaths and marriages; and
 - (b) as it applies to Scotland—

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“Registrar General” means the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages for Scotland;

“registrar” means a district registrar, senior registrar or assistant registrar for the purposes of the enactments relating to the registration of births, deaths and marriages.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 124(1)(aa) inserted (11.6.1996) by Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18), s. 41(2), **Sch. 2 para. 59**; S.I. 1996/1509, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F2** S. 124(1)(ab) inserted (2.7.2002 for specified purposes, 6.10.2003 in so far as not already in force) by State Pension Credit Act 2002 (c. 16), s. 22(3), **Sch. 2 para. 13**; S.I. 2002/1691, art. 2(1); S.I. 2003/1766, art. 2(a)
- F3** S. 124(1)(ac) inserted (27.10.2008) by Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c. 5), s. 70(2), **Sch. 3 para. 10(16)**; S.I. 2008/787, art. 2(4)(f)
- F4** Word in s. 124(1)(ac) repealed (29.4.2013) by Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5), s. 150(3), **Sch. 2 para. 17(a)**; S.I. 2013/983, art. 3(1)(b)(ii)
- F5** S. 124(1)(ad) inserted (29.4.2013) by Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5), s. 150(3), **Sch. 2 para. 17(b)**; S.I. 2013/983, art. 3(1)(b)(ii)
- F6** S. 124(1)(ae) inserted (8.4.2013 for specified purposes, 10.6.2013 in so far as not already in force) by Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5), s. 150(3), **Sch. 9 para. 15**; S.I. 2013/358, art. 7(1)(2)(k), **Sch. 3**; S.I. 2013/1250, art. 2
- F7** S. 124(1)(af) inserted (6.4.2016) by Pensions Act 2014 (c. 19), s. 56(4), **Sch. 12 para. 15**
- F8** S. 124(1)(ag) inserted (6.4.2017) by Pensions Act 2014 (c. 19), s. 56(1), **Sch. 16 para. 28**; S.I. 2017/297, art. 3(2) (with arts. 4, 5)
- F9** Words in s. 124(1) inserted (10.12.2014) by The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 (Consequential and Contrary Provisions and Scotland) and Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3168), art. 1(2)(3), **Sch. para. 12(2)**
- F10** Words in s. 124(2)(b) repealed (8.4.2003) by Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21), s. 61, **Sch. 6**; S.I. 2003/962, art. 2(4)(e), **Sch. 2** (with art. 3)
- F11** Words in s. 124(3) substituted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 15 para. 36(2)**; S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(w)
- F12** Sum in s. 124(3)(b) substituted (1.1.2011) by virtue of The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Scotland) Order 2010 (S.S.I. 2010/428), arts. 1(1), 2, **Sch.**
- F13** S. 124(3A) inserted (10.12.2014) by The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 (Consequential and Contrary Provisions and Scotland) and Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3168), art. 1(2)(3), **Sch. para. 12(3)**
- F14** S. 124(3A)(b) substituted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 15 para. 36(3)**; S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(w)
- F15** Words in s. 124(4) substituted (10.12.2014) by The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 (Consequential and Contrary Provisions and Scotland) and Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3168), art. 1(2)(3), **Sch. para. 12(4)**
- F16** Words in s. 124(5)(a) inserted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 15 para. 36(4)**; S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(w)
- F17** Words in s. 124(5)(a) inserted (10.12.2014) by The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 (Consequential and Contrary Provisions and Scotland) and Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3168), art. 1(2)(3), **Sch. para. 12(5)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 124-124B modified by Pension Schemes Act 1993 (c. 48), s. 167(5) (as substituted (5.12.2006) by S.I. 2005/3129, **Sch. 1 para. 5**)

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[^{F18}124A] Provisions relating to civil partnership: England and Wales

- (1) Regulations made by the Registrar General under section 36 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 may provide for the furnishing by registration authorities, subject to the payment of the prescribed fee, of such information for the purposes mentioned in section 124(1) above as may be so prescribed.
- (2) Where the civil partnership of a person is required to be ascertained or proved for those purposes, any person—
 - (a) on presenting to the registration authority for the area in which the civil partnership was formed a request in the prescribed manner in that behalf, and
 - (b) on payment of the prescribed fee,
 shall be entitled to obtain a certified copy of such entries in the register as are prescribed by regulations made under section 36 of the 2004 Act.
- (3) “The prescribed fee” means any fee prescribed under section 34(1) of the 2004 Act.
- (4) “The prescribed manner” means—
 - (a) in accordance with any regulations made under section 36 of the 2004 Act, and
 - (b) in such form as is approved by the Registrar General for England and Wales,
 and forms for making a request under subsection (2) shall, on request, be supplied without charge by registration authorities.]

Textual Amendments

F18 Ss. 124A, 124B inserted (5.12.2005) by [The Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(Overseas Relationships and Consequential, etc. Amendments\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3129\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 4(1)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Ss. 124-124B modified by [Pension Schemes Act 1993 \(c. 48\)](#), s. **167(5)** (as substituted (5.12.2006) by [S.I. 2005/3129](#), Sch. 1 para. 5)

[^{F18}124B] Provisions relating to civil partnership: Scotland

- (1) Where the civil partnership of a person is required to be ascertained or proved for the purposes mentioned in section 124(1) above, any person, on presenting to a district registrar a request in the approved manner in that behalf, [^{F19}and on payment of the sum of [^{F20}£10.00],] shall be entitled to obtain a copy, certified by the registrar, of the entry in the civil partnership register of the particulars of the civil partnership.
- (2) “The approved manner” means in such form and containing such particulars as may be approved by the Registrar General for Scotland.
- (3) Forms for making a request under subsection (1) shall, on request, be supplied without charge by district registrars.
- (4) “Civil partnership register” has the same meaning as in Part 3 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004.]

Textual Amendments

F18 Ss. 124A, 124B inserted (5.12.2005) by [The Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(Overseas Relationships and Consequential, etc. Amendments\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3129\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 4(1)**

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- F19** Words in s. 124B inserted (1.10.2006) by [Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 14\), ss. 53\(2\), 63\(2\)](#); S.S.I. 2006/469, art. 2, sch. 1 (with art. 4)
- F20** Sum in s. 124B(1) substituted (1.1.2011) by virtue of [The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/428\), arts. 1\(1\), 2, sch.](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 124-124B modified by [Pension Schemes Act 1993 \(c. 48\), s. 167\(5\)](#) (as substituted (5.12.2006) by [S.I. 2005/3129, Sch. 1 para. 5](#))

125 Regulations as to notification of deaths

- (1) Regulations [^{F21}made with the concurrence of the Inland Revenue] may provide that it shall be the duty of any of the following persons—
- (a) the Registrar General for England and Wales;
 - (b) the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages for Scotland;
 - (c) each registrar of births and deaths,
- to furnish the Secretary of State, [^{F22}or the Inland Revenue, for the purposes of their respective functions] under the Contributions and Benefits Act [^{F23}, the Jobseekers Act 1995], [^{F24}the Social Security (Recovery of Benefits) Act 1997][^{F25}, the Social Security Act 1998][^{F26}, the State Pension Credit Act 2002][^{F27}, Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007][^{F28}, Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012][^{F29}, Part 4 of that Act][^{F30}, Part 1 of the Pensions Act 2014][^{F31}, section 30 of that Act] and this Act and the functions of the Northern Ireland Department under any Northern Ireland legislation corresponding to [^{F32}any of those Acts], with the prescribed particulars of such deaths as may be prescribed.
- (2) The regulations may make provision as to the manner in which the times at which the particulars are to be furnished.

Textual Amendments

- F21** Words in s. 125(1) inserted (25.2.1999 for specified purposes, 1.4.1999 in so far as not already in force) by [Social Security Contributions \(Transfer of Functions, etc.\) Act 1999 \(c. 2\), s. 28\(2\)\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 25\(a\)](#); S.I. 1999/527, art. 2(b), Sch. 2
- F22** Words in s. 125(1) inserted (25.2.1999 for specified purposes, 1.4.1999 in so far as not already in force) by [Social Security Contributions \(Transfer of Functions, etc.\) Act 1999 \(c. 2\), s. 28\(2\)\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 25\(b\)](#); S.I. 1999/527, art. 2(b), Sch. 2
- F23** Words in s. 125(1) inserted (11.6.1996) by [Jobseekers Act 1995 \(c. 18\), s. 41\(2\), Sch. 2 para. 60\(a\)](#); S.I. 1996/1509, art. 2, Sch.
- F24** Words in s. 125(1) inserted (6.10.1997) by [Social Security \(Recovery of Benefits\) Act 1997 \(c. 27\), Sch. 3 para. 5](#); S.I. 1997/2085, art. 2(2)
- F25** Words in s. 125(1) inserted (5.7.1999 for specified purposes, 6.9.1999 for specified purposes, 5.10.1999 for specified purposes, 18.10.1999 for specified purposes, 29.11.1999 for specified purposes) by [Social Security Act 1998 \(c. 14\), s. 87\(2\), Sch. 7 para. 89](#); S.I. 1999/1958, art. 2(1)(b), Sch. 1; S.I. 1999/2422, art. 2(c), Sch. 1; S.I. 1999/2739, art. 2, Sch. 1; S.I. 1999/2860, art. 2, Sch. 1; S.I. 1999/3178, art. 2(1)(a), Sch. 1
- F26** Words in s. 125(1) inserted (2.7.2002 for specified purposes, 6.10.2003 in so far as not already in force) by [State Pension Credit Act 2002 \(c. 16\), s. 22\(3\), Sch. 2 para. 14](#); S.I. 2002/1691, art. 2(1); S.I. 2003/1766, art. 2(a)
- F27** Words in s. 125(1) inserted (27.10.2008) by [Welfare Reform Act 2007 \(c. 5\), s. 70\(2\), Sch. 3 para. 10\(17\)](#); S.I. 2008/787, art. 2(4)(f)

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- F28** Words in s. 125(1) inserted (29.4.2013) by Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5), s. 150(3), **Sch. 2 para. 18**; S.I. 2013/983, art. 3(1)(b)(ii)
- F29** Words in s. 125(1) inserted (8.4.2013 for specified purposes, 10.6.2013 in so far as not already in force) by Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5), s. 150(3), **Sch. 9 para. 16**; S.I. 2013/358, art. 7(1)(2)(k), Sch. 3; S.I. 2013/1250, art. 2
- F30** Words in s. 125(1) inserted (6.4.2016) by Pensions Act 2014 (c. 19), s. 56(4), **Sch. 12 para. 16**
- F31** Words in s. 125(1) inserted (6.4.2017) by Pensions Act 2014 (c. 19), s. 56(1), **Sch. 16 para. 29**; S.I. 2017/297, art. 3(2) (with arts. 4, 5)
- F32** Words in s. 125(1) substituted (11.6.1996) by Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18), s. 41(2), **Sch. 2 para. 60(b)**; S.I. 1996/1509, art. 2, Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** S. 125 applied (7.2.1994) by Pension Schemes Act 1993 (c. 48), **s. 167(1)(2)**, 193(2); S.I. 1994/86, art. 2

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2018/1125 reg. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2018/1125, reg. 8 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24), s. 4(3), Sch. 5 para. 4(4))
- Act modified by [S.I. 2019/1302 art. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk S.I. 2019/1302 revoked (17.12.2020) by The Social Security (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) (Citizens' Rights Agreement) (Revocation) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/1569), arts. 1(2), 2)
- Act modified by [S.I. 2019/1303 art. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/1303 revoked (17.12.2020) by The Social Security (Switzerland) (Citizens' Rights Agreement) (Revocation) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/1570), arts. 1(2), 2)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 2G(1)(d) inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 59\(5\)](#)
- s. 5(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 22\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 22 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 101(2); S.I. 2013/358, art. 4(2))
- s. 78A inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 16\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 121B(1)(aa) inserted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 19\(a\)](#) (S. 121B repealed by Finance Act 2008 (c. 9), Sch. 43 para. 14)
- s. 121B(4) words inserted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 19\(b\)](#) (S. 121B repealed by Finance Act 2008 (c. 9), Sch. 43 para. 14)
- s. 122F(5) inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 4 para. 12\(4\)](#)
- s. 122G inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 18](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 122H inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 20\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 134(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 134(2) by [2007 c. 5 s. 37](#)
- s. 148AB inserted by [2008 c. 30 Sch. 4 para. 14](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 4 paras. 13-22 repealed (1.10.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 19, Sch. 12 para. 96(c); S.I. 2014/2377, art. 2(1)(a)(ii)(3)(c))
- s. 148AB(1)(2) words substituted by [2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 148AB(9) inserted by [2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 8\(3\)](#)
- s. 151(10)(b)(i)(ii) repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 160C inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 2 para. 24](#)
- s. 165(1)(b)(viii) and word inserted by [2023 c. 20 Sch. para. 19\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 190(1)(ac) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 21](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- Sch. 4 Pt. 3 para. 5 word substituted by [S.I. 2010/978 art. 2](#)