



Social Security Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 14

An Act to make provision as to the making of decisions and the determination of appeals under enactments relating to social security, child support, vaccine damage payments and war pensions; to make further provision with respect to social security; and for connected purposes. [21st May 1998]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act: power to modify conferred (25.2.1999 for specified purposes) by [Social Security Contributions \(Transfer of Functions, etc.\) Act 1999 \(c. 2\)](#), **s. 15(1)(2)(b)** (with Sch. 8); S.I. 1999/527, art. 2(b), Sch. 2 (with arts. 3-6)
- C2** Act power to amend conferred (2.12.1999) by [Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(c. 47\)](#), **s. 87** (with s. 100, Sch. 14); S.I. 1999/3209, art. 2, Sch.
- C3** Act applied (12.4.2004) by [The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/583\)](#), regs. 1(1), 2
- C4** Act power to apply (with modifications) conferred (1.4.2009) by [Child Trust Funds Act 2004 \(c. 6\)](#), **s. 23(6)** (as substituted by S.I. 2009/56, art. 1(2), Sch. 1 para. 416(4))
- C5** Act power to apply (with modifications) conferred (1.1.2010 for specified purposes) by [Saving Gateway Accounts Act 2009 \(c. 8\)](#), **ss. 24(4)(5)**, 31; S.I. 2009/3332, art. 2(e)
- C6** Act applied in part (12.4.2021) by [The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/312\)](#), regs. 1(1), 2

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to Social Security Act 1998. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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. 2010/1907 reg. 16\(2\)\(c\)Sch. 2](#)
- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2010/875 reg. 16Sch. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2010/875 revoked (27.8.2010) before coming into force by S.I. 2010/1906, regs. 1(2), 2)
- Act modified by [S.S.I. 2024/62 art. 2](#)
- Act modified by [S.I. 2024/149 art. 2](#)
- Act power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2004 c. 6 s. 24\(5\)-\(7\)](#)

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

- s. 38(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 20\(2\)](#) (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))
- Sch. 2 para. 7A and cross-head inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 2 para. 50\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 18 functions modified by [S.I. 2000/2853 reg. 3\(1\)Sch. 2 para. 4](#)
- Sch. 24 functions modified by [S.I. 2000/2853 reg. 3\(1\)Sch. 2 para. 5](#)