

*These notes refer to the Health and Social Care Act 2008
(c.14) which received Royal Assent on 21 July 2008*

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TERRITORIAL EXTENT

Approved mental health professionals

Part 4 – Health in Pregnancy Grant

England, Wales and Scotland

Section 131: Entitlement: Great Britain

456. [Section 131](#) amends the Contributions and Benefits Act. It inserts new Part 8A to provide that a woman who has satisfied prescribed conditions in relation to a pregnancy is entitled to payment of the Health in Pregnancy Grant.
457. New *section 140A* of the Contributions and Benefits Act establishes conditions of entitlement to the grant. It covers such matters as prescribed conditions in relation to a woman's pregnancy, in particular, the specified stage that a woman must have reached in order to become entitled, residence conditions and the requirement that the woman receive maternal health advice from a health professional. It introduces the powers to enable HM Treasury to make regulations under this section.
458. New *section 140B(1)* and *(2)* enable HM Treasury to prescribe in regulations the amount of the grant and to prescribe different amounts in relation to different cases.