



# Welfare Reform Act 2009

## 2009 CHAPTER 24

### PART 1

#### SOCIAL SECURITY

##### *Revised system of working-age benefits*

### 3 Lone parents

- (1) In section 124 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (c. 4) (conditions for income support), after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) Regulations under paragraph (e) of subsection (1) must secure that a person who—

- (a) is not a member of a couple, and
- (b) is responsible for, and a member of the same household as, a child under the age of [<sup>F15</sup>],

falls within a category of person prescribed under that paragraph.

(1B) Subsection (1A) does not apply if regulations under subsection (4)(c) of section 1A of the Jobseekers Act 1995 containing the provision mentioned in subsection (5) of that section are in force.”

- (2) In section 2A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5) (work-focused interviews)—

- (a) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) No requirement may be imposed by virtue of this section on a person who—

- (a) is not a member of a couple, and
- (b) is responsible for, and a member of the same household as, a child under the age of one.

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(2B) For the purposes of subsection (2A)(b) regulations may make provision—

- (a) as to circumstances in which one person is to be treated as responsible or not responsible for another;
- (b) as to circumstances in which persons are to be treated as being or not being members of the same household.”, and”

(b) in subsection (8), after “In this section—” insert—

““couple” has the meaning given by section 137(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act;”.

F2(3) .....

F2(4) .....

F2(5) .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Word in s. 3(1) substituted (20.3.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 58(2)**, 150(3); S.I. 2012/863, art. 2(1)(c)
- F2** [S. 3\(3\)-\(5\)](#) repealed (29.4.2013 for specified purposes and subsequently on the days on which and for the purposes for which "the amending provisions" are brought into force by secondary legislation) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\)](#), s. 150(3), **Sch. 14 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2013/983, art. 7(1)(f) (with art. 7(2)) (as amended: (1.7.2013) by S.I. 2013/1511, art. 6)

**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 3(1) in force at 21.5.2012 for specified purposes by S.I. 2012/1256, **art. 2(1)**
- I2** S. 3(2)(5) in force at 6.10.2011 for specified purposes and 31.10.2011 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2011/2427, **art. 2(1)**
- I3** S. 3(3) in force at 31.10.2011 by S.I. 2011/2427, **art. 2(2)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 3(1) repealed by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 7 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 3(1)(2) repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)

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

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

- Sch. 4 para. 9(3)(b) repealed by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 7 Pt. 1](#)