

*These notes refer to the Welfare Reform Act 2012  
(c.5) which received Royal Assent on 8 March 2012*

# WELFARE REFORM ACT 2012

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1: Universal credit**

##### *Section 41: Pilot schemes*

205. *Section 41* provides for pilot schemes of any regulations under Part 1 of this Act or regulations relating to universal credit under the SSAA 1992 or the SSA 1998. The purpose of these pilot schemes is to test whether the regulations would:
- make universal credit simpler to understand or administer;
  - help people to remain in work, obtain work or increase their pay or hours; or
  - affect the behaviour of claimants or others.
206. Pilot schemes under this section will in the first instance be limited to three years, although could be extended. Regulations under this section will be subject to the affirmative resolution procedure.