STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Child Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

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The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 142(2)(b) and 175(1), (1A) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(**a**) and sections 138(2)(b) and 171(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**b**) and now exercisable by them(**c**), makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Child Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 31st August 2015.

Amendment of the Child Benefit (General) Regulations 2006

- **2.** In regulation 1(3) (interpretation) of the Child Benefit (General) Regulations 2006(**d**), in the definition of "approved training"—
 - (a) omit sub-paragraph (a); and
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (d), after "known as", insert ""United Youth Pilot",".

Charlie Elphicke
George Hollingbery
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

14th July 2015

⁽a) 1992 c. 4. Section 142 was substituted by section 1(2) of the Child Benefit Act 2005 (c. 6). Section 175(1) was amended, and section 175(1A) inserted, by paragraphs 29(1), (2) and (3) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2).

⁽b) 1992 c. 7. Section 138 was substituted by section 2(2) of the Child Benefit Act 2005. Section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21).

⁽c) The powers of the Secretary of State under section 142 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 were transferred to the Treasury by section 49(1)(b) of the Tax Credits Act 2002. The powers of the Department for Social Development in Northern Ireland under section 138 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 were transferred to the Treasury by section 49(2)(b) of the Tax Credits Act 2002.

⁽d) S.I. 2006/223; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2007/2150, 2009/3268, 2012/818, 2014/1231.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Child Benefit (General) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/223) ("the General Regulations") with effect from 31st August 2015. Regulation 2 of these Regulations amends regulation 1(3) of the General Regulations with regard to "approved training" so as to remove the references to "Foundation Learning" and "Access to Apprenticeships", which are no longer on offer in England, and to add the "United Youth Pilot" in respect of Northern Ireland.

Under the General Regulations, arrangements which are "approved training" are relevant for the purposes of whether a young person is a "qualifying young person" and therefore whether a claimant responsible for the young person is entitled to child benefit. The definition of "approved training" in the General Regulations is also applied under the Child Tax Credit Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2007) for the purposes of entitlement to child tax credit.

An impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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