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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 511 (C. 30)**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Welfare Reform Act 2012  
(Commencement No. 28) Order 2016**

*Made - - - - 19th April 2016*

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 150(3) and (4)(a) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012<sup>(1)</sup>:

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 28) Order 2016.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order, “the Act” means the Welfare Reform Act 2012.

**Appointed days**

3. The day after the day on which this Order is made is the day appointed for the coming into force of section 112(2) of the Act, and section 112(1) of the Act in so far as it relates to section 112(2), for the purpose of making regulations under section 116ZA(8) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992<sup>(2)</sup>.

4. 24th May 2016 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Act—

- (a) section 112(1) and (2), for all remaining purposes;
- (b) section 112(3) to (6).

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(1) 2012 c. 5.

(2) 1992 c.5. Section 116ZA is inserted by section 112(1) and (2) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

19th April 2016

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Minister of State,  
Department for Work and Pensions

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Commencement Order brings into force section 112 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c.5) (prosecution powers of local authorities). Section 112(1) and (2) insert into the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c.5) a new section 116ZA, which limits local authorities' powers to prosecute housing benefit and council tax benefit fraud.

Article 3 of this Order brings into force section 112(2) of the Act, and section 112(1) of the Act in so far as it relates to section 112(2), for the purpose of making regulations under section 116ZA(8) to define "an investigation in respect of a benefit offence".

Article 4(a) brings into force section 112(1) and (2) for all remaining purposes.

Article 4(b) brings into force section 112(3) to (6). These provisions make a number of consequential amendments to section 116A (local authority powers to prosecute benefit fraud) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5) were brought into force by a Statutory Instrument which was made before this Order was made.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of commencement</i>	<i>S.I. Number</i>
Section 1 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/983
Section 1 (partially)	1st July 2013	2013/1511
Section 1 (partially)	29th July 2013	2013/1511
Section 1 (partially)	28th October 2013	2013/2657
Section 1 (partially)	25th November 2013	2013/2846
Section 1 (partially)	24th February 2014	2014/209
Section 1 (partially)	7th April 2014	2014/209
Section 1 (partially)	23rd June 2014	2014/1583
Section 1 (partially)	30th June 2014	2014/1583
Section 1 (partially)	30th June 2014	2014/1661
Section 1 (partially)	7th July 2014	2014/1583
Section 1 (partially)	14th July 2014	2014/1583
Section 1 (partially)	21st July 2014	2014/1583
Section 1 (partially)	28th July 2014	2014/1583
Section 1 (partially)	28th July 2014	2014/1923
Section 1 (partially)	15th September 2014	2014/2321

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Section 1 (partially)	22nd September 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	29th September 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	6th October 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	13th October 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	20th October 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	27th October 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	3rd November 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	10th November 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	17th November 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	24th November 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	24th November 2014	2014/3067
Section 1 (partially)	26th November 2014	2014/3094
Section 1 (partially)	1st December 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	8th December 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	15th December 2014	2014/2321
Section 1 (partially)	26th January 2015	2015/32
Section 1 (partially)	28th January 2015	2015/33
Section 1 (partially)	16th February 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	23rd February 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	2nd March 2015	2015/32
Section 1 (partially)	2nd March 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	9th March 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	16th March 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	18th March 2015	2015/634
Section 1 (partially)	23rd March 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	6th April 2015	2015/32
Section 1 (partially)	6th April 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	13th April 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	20th April 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	27th April 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	4th May 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	11th May 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	18th May 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	25th May 2015	2015/101

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Section 1 (partially)	1st June 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	8th June 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	10th June 2015	2015/634
Section 1 (partially)	15th June 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	22nd June 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	29th June 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	6th July 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	13th July 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	20th July 2015	2015/101
Section 1 (partially)	21st September 2015	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	28th September 2015	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	5th October 2015	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	12th October 2015	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	19th October 2015	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	26th October 2015	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	2nd November 2015	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	4th November 2015	2015/634
Section 1 (partially)	9th November 2015	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	16th November 2015	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	23rd November 2015	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	30th November 2015	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	2nd December 2015	2015/1930
Section 1 (partially)	7th December 2015	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	14th December 2015	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	11th January 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	18th January 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	25th January 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	27th January 2016	2016/33
Section 1 (partially)	1st February 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	8th February 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	15th February 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	22nd February 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	24th February 2016	2016/33
Section 1 (partially)	29th February 2016	2015/1537

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Section 1 (partially)	7th March 2016	<a href="#">2015/1537</a>
Section 1 (partially)	14th March 2016	<a href="#">2015/1537</a>
Section 1 (partially)	21st March 2016	<a href="#">2015/1537</a>
Section 1 (partially)	28th March 2016	<a href="#">2015/1537</a>
Section 1 (partially)	11th April 2016	<a href="#">2015/1537</a>
Section 1 (partially)	18th April 2016	<a href="#">2015/1537</a>
Section 1 (partially)	25th April 2016	<a href="#">2015/1537</a>
Section 2(1) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 2(2)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 3 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 4(1) and (4) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 4(2), (3) and (5) to (7)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 5 (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 5 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 6(1)(a) and (3) (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 6 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 7(1) and (4) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 7(2) and (3)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 8 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 8(3) (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 9(1) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Sections 9(2) and (3), 10(2) to (5) and 11(3) to (5)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 10(1) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 11(1) and (2) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 12(1) (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 12(1) and (2) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 12(3) and (4)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 13 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 14 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 14(5) (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 15(1) and (4) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Sections 15(2) and (3) and 17(3)(f)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 16 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1

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Section 17(1), (2), (3)(a) to (e), (4) and (5) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 17(4) and (5) (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 18 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 18(3) and (5) (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 19(1), (2)(a) to (c), (5) and (6) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 19(2)(d), (3) and (4)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 20(1) (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 20 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 21 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 22 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 22(2) (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 23 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Sections 24(1), (5) and (6) and 25	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 24(2), (3) and (4) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 26(1) to (5) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 26(2)(a) (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Sections 26(6) to (8), 27(4), (5) and (9) and 28	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 27(1) to (3) and (6) to (8) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 29	29th April 2013	<a href="#">2013/983</a>
Sections 30 and 31 (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 31 (partially)	1st April 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 31 (partially)	29th April 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 31 (partially)	29th April 2013	<a href="#">2013/983</a>
Section 32	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 33(1)(a) and (b), (2) and (3) (partially)	16th June 2014	<a href="#">2014/1452</a>
Section 33(1)(a) and (b), (2) and (3) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 33(1)(e)	1st April 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Sections 33(3) (partially)	1st April 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 35 (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Section 35 (partially)	29th April 2013	<a href="#">2013/983</a>
Section 36 (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>

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Sections 37(3) to (7) and 39(3)(a)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 37 (for all remaining purposes)	29th April 2013	2013/983
Section 38	29th April 2013	2013/983
Section 39 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 39 (for all remaining purposes)	29th April 2013	2013/983
Sections 40, 42 and 43	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 44(1) (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)
Section 44(2) (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)
Section 44(5)	10th June 2012	2012/1246
Section 45	8th October 2012	2012/2530
Section 46(1) and (3) (partially)	10th June 2012	2012/1246
Section 46(1) (partially)	22nd October 2012	2012/2530
Section 46(2)	10th June 2012	2012/1246
Section 46(3) (for all remaining purposes)	22nd October 2012	2012/2530
Section 46(4)	22nd October 2012	2012/2530
Section 47	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 48 (partially)	22nd October 2012	2012/2530
Section 49(1) and (3) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 49(1), (2) and (3) to (5) (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)
Section 49(6)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 51 (partially)	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 51 (for all remaining purposes)	1st May 2012	2012/863
Sections 52 and 53	1st May 2012	2012/863
Section 54(1) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 54(1) and (2) (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)
Section 54(6)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 55	3rd December 2012	2012/2530
Section 56	26th November 2012	2012/2530
Section 57(1) and (2) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 57(1), (2), (4), (5) and (9) (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)
Section 57(6)	25th February 2013	2013/358



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Section 58(1) and (2)	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 64 (partially)	30th October 2012	2012/2530
Section 64 (for all remaining purposes)	5th December 2012	2012/2530
Section 65	5th December 2012	2012/2530
Section 66 (partially)	30th October 2012	2012/2530
Section 66 (partially)	31st October 2013	2013/2534
Sections 67 and 68	5th December 2012	2012/2530
Section 69 (partially)	27th November 2012	2012/2946
Section 69 (for all remaining purposes)	1st January 2013	2012/2946
Section 70(1) and (3) to (10)	1st April 2013	2012/3090
Section 70(2)	1st August 2013	2012/3090
Section 73	1st April 2013	2012/3090
Section 77(3) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 77(1) to (3) (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 77(1) to (3) (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 78(1), (2), (5) and (6) (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 78(1), (2), (5) and (6) (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 78(3) and (4)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 79(1), (2), (5) and (6) (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 79(1), (2), (5) and (6) (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 79(3), (4) and (7)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Sections 80 and 81	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 82 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 82 (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 83(3) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 83(1) to (3) and 84 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 83(1) to (3) and 84 (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Sections 85 and 86	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 87 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 87 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 87 (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Sections 88 and 89 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358

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Sections 88 and 89 (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 91 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 91 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 91 (partially)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Sections 92, 93 and 94	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 95 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 95 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Section 95 (for all remaining purposes)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 96 (partially)	27th November 2012	2012/2946
Section 96 (for all remaining purposes)	15th April 2013	2012/2946
Section 97(1) to (4)	27th November 2012	2012/2946
Section 97(5) and (6)	15th April 2013	2012/2946
Sections 98 and 99	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 100	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 101(1) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 101(2)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Section 102(1) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 102(2) to (5)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 102(6) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 102(6) (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/983
Section 104	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 105(1) (partially)	1st July 2012	2012/1246
Section 105(1) (partially)	1st October 2012	2012/1246
Section 105(1) (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/358
Section 105(3), (5) and (6)	29th April 2013	2013/358
Section 105(4)	1st October 2012	2012/1246
Section 105(7) (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/358
Section 106	1st July 2012	2012/1246
Section 110 (partially)	17th June 2013	2013/1250
Section 110	1st October 2013	2013/1250
Sections 113 to 115	8th May 2012	2012/863
Section 116(1) (partially)	10th May 2012	2012/1246
Section 116(1) (for all remaining purposes)	1st October 2012	2012/1246
Section 116(2)	10th May 2012	2012/1246

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Section 117(1) (partially)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Section 117(1) (for all remaining purposes)	6th April 2013	2013/358
Section 117(2)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Section 117(3)	6th April 2013	2013/358
Section 118(1), (2), (5) and (8)(b) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 118(1), (2), (5) and (8)(b) (for all remaining purposes)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Sections 118(3), (4), (6), (7) and (8)(a) and (c) and 119	1st April 2013	2013/358
Section 120 (partially)	1st February 2013	2013/178
Section 120 (for all remaining purposes)	6th April 2013	2013/178
Sections 122, 123 and 125(3)	6th June 2012	2012/1246
Sections 128 and 129	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 130 (partially)	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 130 (for all remaining purposes)	8th May 2012	2012/863
Section 131 (partially)	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 131 (for all remaining purposes)	8th May 2012	2012/863
Section 132(8)	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 132 (for all remaining purposes)	8th May 2012	2012/863
Section 133(1) to (4)	20th March 2012	2012/863
Section 133(6)	2nd July 2012	2012/1651
Sections 136, 140 and 141	25th November 2013	2013/2947
Section 137	30th June 2014	2014/1635
Sections 143, 144 and 146	8th May 2012	2012/863
Schedule 1 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 2 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 2 (partially)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Schedule 2 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/358
Schedule 2 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/983
Schedule 3 (partially)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Schedule 3 (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)
Schedule 5 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 5 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/983

(3) S.I. 2012/1246 (C. 42) was amended by S.I. 2012/1440 (C. 55) and 2530 (C. 102) .

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Schedule 6 (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Schedule 7 (partially)	22nd October 2012	<a href="#">2012/2530</a>
Schedule 8 (partially)	1st April 2013	<a href="#">2012/3090</a>
Schedule 8 (for all remaining purposes)	1st August 2013	<a href="#">2012/3090</a>
Schedule 9 (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Schedule 9 (partially)	8th April 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Schedule 9 (partially)	10th June 2013	<a href="#">2013/1250</a>
Schedule 10	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Schedule 11 (partially)	25th February 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Schedule 11 (partially)	29th April 2013	<a href="#">2013/983</a>
Part 1 of Schedule 14 (partially)	As Schedule 3	As Schedule 3
Part 3 of Schedule 14 (partially)	22nd October 2012	<a href="#">2012/2530</a>
Parts 4 and 5 of Schedule 14 (partially)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)	As section 33(1)(a) and (b)
Part 8 of Schedule 14 (partially)	1st April 2013	<a href="#">2012/3090</a>
Part 8 of Schedule 14 (partially)	1st August 2013	<a href="#">2012/3090</a>
Part 11 of Schedule 14 (partially)	1st April 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Part 11 of Schedule 14 (partially)	29th April 2013	<a href="#">2013/358</a>
Part 14 of Schedule 14	8th May 2012	<a href="#">2012/863</a>