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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Child Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2017

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Coming into force - - 1st June 2017

The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 142(2)(b), and 175(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(a) and sections 138(2)(b), 143(1) and 171(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(b), and now exercisable by them(c), make the following Regulations.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Child Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 and come into force on the 1st June 2017.

Amendment of the Child Benefit (General) Regulations 2006

2.—(1) The Child Benefit (General) Regulations 2006(d) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 1(3) (interpretation)(e), in the definition of “approved training”, for sub-paragraph (d) substitute—

“(d) in relation to Northern Ireland, known as “PEACE IV Children and Young People 2.1” or “Training for Success””.

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Andrew Griffiths

26th April 2017

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury

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- (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 by the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2), Schedule 3, paragraph 29(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 the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21), Schedule 4, paragraph 5.
- (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. 2014/1231, S.I. 2015/1512.
- (e) The definition of “approved training” in regulation 1(3) of the Child Benefit (General) Regulations 2006 contains reference to “arrangements made by the Government”, which in relation to Northern Ireland are defined as arrangements made by the Department for Employment and Learning. This department was dissolved by section 1(10) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5), and the functions relating to the making of these arrangements were transferred to the newly created Department for the Economy.

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 1st June 2017. Regulation 2 amends the definition of “approved training” in relation to Northern Ireland in regulation 1(3) (interpretation) of the General Regulations so as to update the references.

Under the General Regulations, arrangements made by the Government which are “approved training” are relevant for the purposes of determining whether a young person is a “qualifying young person” and 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 determining entitlement to Child Tax Credit.

A full Impact Assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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