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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 37 (C. 1)**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions and Commencement No. 21 and 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019

Made - - - - 14th January 2019

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), (b)(i) and (c) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 <sup>M1</sup>:

**Marginal Citations**

M1 2012 c. 5.

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions and Commencement No. 21 and 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Order—

[<sup>F1</sup>“the 1992 Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;]

“the 2002 Act” means the State Pension Credit Act 2002 <sup>M2</sup>;

“the 2012 Act” means the Welfare Reform Act 2012;

“the appointed day” means the day referred to in article 3;

[<sup>F2</sup>“assessment period”, in relation to universal credit entitlement, has the same meaning as in regulation 21 of the Universal Credit Regulations 2013;]

<sup>F3</sup>  
...

“the Housing Benefit SPC Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006 <sup>M3</sup>;

“the No. 21 Order” means the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 21 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2015 <sup>M4</sup>;

“the No. 23 Order” means the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2015 <sup>M5</sup>;

“polygamous marriage” has the same meaning as in regulation 3(5) of the Universal Credit Regulations 2013 <sup>M6</sup>;

“the qualifying age for state pension credit” has the same meaning as in the 2002 Act <sup>M7</sup>;

“secondary legislation” has the same meaning as in Part 1 of the 2012 Act <sup>M8</sup>;

“state pension credit” has the same meaning as in the 2002 Act <sup>M9</sup>.

[<sup>F4</sup>(1A) In this Order, “couple” has the same meaning as in the 2002 Act, save—

(a) in reference to entitlement to housing benefit, where it has the same meaning as in Part VII of the 1992 Act; and]

[<sup>F5</sup>(b) in article 7(3), in relation to references to persons being treated as a couple in accordance with article 7(2)(a)(ii), where it has the meaning referred to in article 7(2)(a)(ii)]

(2) In this Order—

(a) “mixed-age couple” means a couple, one member of which has attained the qualifying age for state pension credit and the other of which has not; and

(b) the definition in sub-paragraph (a) includes a polygamous marriage where at least one party to the marriage has attained the qualifying age for state pension credit and at least one has not.

(3) Save as stated to the contrary in article 6(2) <sup>F6</sup>..., all references in this Order to claims or entitlement to housing benefit are to claims or entitlement under the Housing Benefit SPC Regulations only.

(4) In this Order—

(a) a person is entitled to state pension credit or housing benefit on any day where the person has made a claim for that benefit and the conditions of entitlement are met in relation to that person, regardless of whether, respectively, entitlement begins on a later day under—

(i) regulation 16A (date of entitlement under an award of state pension credit for the purpose of payability and effective date of change of rate) <sup>M10</sup> of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987; or

(ii) regulation 57 (date on which entitlement is to commence) of the Housing Benefit SPC Regulations; and

(b) [<sup>F7</sup>save in article 7(3)(a),] a reference to claiming or entitlement to state pension credit or housing benefit as part of a [<sup>F8</sup>mixed-age] couple is a reference to [<sup>F9</sup>a person claiming or] being so entitled, on the basis that [<sup>F10</sup>the person] is a member of a couple or <sup>F11</sup>... a polygamous marriage.

**F1** Words in art. 2(1) inserted (14.5.2019) by *The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019* (S.I. 2019/935), **art. 2(2)(a)(i)**

**F2** Words in art. 2(1) inserted (25.11.2020) by *The Universal Credit (Persons who have attained state pension credit qualifying age) (Amendment) Regulations 2020* (S.I. 2020/655), regs. 1(2), **7(2)(a)**

**F3** Words in art. 2(1) omitted (14.5.2019) by virtue of *The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019* (S.I. 2019/935), **art. 2(2)(a)(ii)**

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- F4** Art. 2(1A) inserted (14.5.2019) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/935), **art. 2(2)(b)**
- F5** Art. 2(1A)(b) substituted (25.11.2020) by The Universal Credit (Persons who have attained state pension credit qualifying age) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/655), regs. 1(2), **7(2)(b)**
- F6** Words in art. 2(3) omitted (25.7.2022) by virtue of The Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/752), reg. 1(1), **Sch. para. 4(2)**
- F7** Words in art. 2(4)(b) inserted (14.5.2019) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/935), **art. 2(2)(d)(i)**
- F8** Word in art. 2(4)(b) inserted (14.5.2019) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/935), **art. 2(2)(d)(ii)**
- F9** Words in art. 2(4)(b) substituted (14.5.2019) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/935), **art. 2(2)(d)(iii)**
- F10** Words in art. 2(4)(b) substituted (14.5.2019) by The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/935), **art. 2(2)(d)(iv)**
- F11** Words in art. 2(4)(b) omitted (14.5.2019) by virtue of The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/935), **art. 2(2)(d)(v)**

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#### Marginal Citations

- M2** 2002 c. 16.
- M3** S.I. 2006/214.
- M4** S.I. 2015/33 (C. 4).
- M5** S.I. 2015/634 (C. 32).
- M6** S.I. 2013/376.
- M7** See section 1(2)(b) and (6).
- M8** See section 40.
- M9** See section 1.
- M10** S.I. 1987/1968. Regulation 16A was inserted by S.I. 2002/3019; there are amendments none of which are relevant to this Order.

#### Appointed day

3. 15th May 2019 is the appointed day for the coming into force of paragraph 64 (universal credit amendments: insertion of section 4(1A) into the 2002 Act) of Schedule 2 to the 2012 Act, and section 31 of the 2012 Act in so far as it relates to that paragraph.

#### Savings

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the 2002 Act shall have effect as though section 4(1A) (exclusion of mixed-age couples from state pension credit)<sup>M11</sup> had not come into force in relation to a member of a mixed-age couple who, on the day before the appointed day and as part of that couple, is entitled to—

- (a) state pension credit;
- (b) housing benefit; or
- (c) state pension credit and housing benefit.

(2) The savings in the sub-paragraphs of paragraph (1) shall cease to have effect in relation to the member of the mixed-age couple referred to on any day after the appointed day when that person is not entitled to either state pension credit or housing benefit as part of the same mixed-age couple.

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**M11** Section 4 was amended by 2004 c. 33.

**Amendment of the No. 21 Order and the No. 23 Order: transitional provision preventing claims for housing benefit**

5.—(1) The following amendments of the No. 21 Order and the No. 23 Order have effect from the day after the day of making of this Order.

(2) For article 6(3)(a) of the No. 21 Order <sup>M12</sup> and article 7(4)(a) of the No. 23 Order <sup>M13</sup>, substitute—

“(a) in the case of a claim for housing benefit, the claim is made by a member of a State Pension Credit Act couple who has reached the qualifying age for state pension credit, where the other member has not reached that age, and entitlement begins, or in the case of claims made in advance of entitlement is to begin—

(i) before 15th May 2019; or

(ii) on or after 15th May 2019 where one of the savings in the sub-paragraphs of article 4(1) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions and Commencement No. 21 and 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019 applies to that person and the saving has not ceased to have effect under article 4(2) of that Order, and

entitlement to housing benefit is to be construed in accordance with article 2 of that Order;”.

**Marginal Citations**

**M12** There are amendments to Article 6 none of which are relevant to this Order.

**M13** There are amendments and modifications to Article 7 none of which are relevant to this Order.

**Transitional provision: termination of awards of housing benefit**

6.—(1) The awards of housing benefit referred to in paragraph (2) are to terminate on the day referred to in paragraph (3), subject to paragraph (4).

(2) The awards are those where entitlement under the Housing Benefit SPC Regulations as part of a mixed-age couple begins on or after the appointed day and where the awards are made—

(a) at any time, under the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 <sup>M14</sup> or the Housing Benefit SPC Regulations, to a person who, after the award, becomes a member of a mixed-age couple;

(b) at any time, under the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006, to a person who is a member of a mixed-age couple, where the award subsequently ceases to be subject to those Regulations and becomes subject to the Housing Benefit SPC Regulations; or

(c) on or before the day of making of this Order, to a person who claimed in advance of attaining the qualifying age for state pension credit.

(3) The termination takes effect—

(a) in the case of an award referred to in paragraph (2)(a) or (b), on the later of the appointed day and the day entitlement under the Housing Benefit SPC Regulations as part of a mixed-age couple takes effect on the award, as a change of circumstances, in accordance with

the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2001<sup>M15</sup>, or

- (b) in the case of an award referred to in paragraph (2)(c), on the day after the day of making of this Order.

(4) Paragraph (1) does not apply to awards in respect of specified accommodation or temporary accommodation, as defined [<sup>F12</sup>in regulation 2 of the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2014].

**F12** Words in art. 6(4) substituted (25.7.2022) by [The Universal Credit \(Transitional Provisions\) Amendment Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/752\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. para. 4(3)**

**Marginal Citations**

**M14** [S.I. 2006/213](#).

**M15** [S.I. 2001/1002](#).

**Transitional provision: [<sup>F13</sup>application [<sup>F14</sup>to housing benefit] of the rules in universal credit for treatment of couples and] polygamous marriages**

[<sup>F15</sup>7.—(1) Paragraph (3) applies where a person (“P”), who has attained the qualifying age, would otherwise not be entitled to either housing benefit or universal credit, because—

- (a) but for that paragraph, P would be a member of the same household as a partner who has not attained the qualifying age and therefore a member of a mixed-age couple, who—
- (i) is prevented from claiming housing benefit under [<sup>F16</sup>regulation 6A of the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2014]; or
- (ii) has an award of housing benefit terminated under article 6; and
- (b) P is neither entitled to universal credit jointly with that partner, nor entitled to universal credit as a single person, in one of the cases set out in paragraph (2).]

[<sup>F15</sup>(2) The cases are where P is not entitled to universal credit because P has attained the qualifying age and—

- (a) any of the following paragraphs of regulation 3 of the Universal Credit Regulations 2013 (couples) applies, and in the case of paragraph (ii) below, one of the following circumstances applies—
- (i) paragraph (3) (treatment of certain couples – universal credit may only be claimed as a single person);
- (ii) paragraph (4) (treatment of polygamous marriages), so that P is not entitled to universal credit because P may only claim universal credit either as one of two parties to a polygamous marriage to be treated as a couple and the other party has also attained the qualifying age, or as a remaining party to such a marriage to be treated as single;
- (iii) paragraph (6) (absence from the household – universal credit may only be claimed as a single person); or
- (b) P lost joint entitlement to universal credit as part of a mixed-age couple due to one of the following changes of circumstances taking effect from a date (namely the first day of the universal credit assessment period in which the change occurred) that is earlier than when, but for paragraph (3), the same change would take effect for the purposes of housing benefit, those changes being where—
- (i) P and their partner are no longer a couple;

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(ii) P is party to a marriage that is no longer polygamous and P's remaining spouse has attained the qualifying age.]

[<sup>F15</sup>(3) Where this paragraph applies—

- (a) P and their partner who are to be treated as a non-polygamous couple in accordance with paragraph (2)(a)(ii), or who are no longer parties to a polygamous marriage in accordance with paragraph (2)(b)(ii), are to be treated as members of the same household as each other but not of that of any party (or parties) with whom they are not part of a couple in accordance with those provisions and one of them may claim or remain entitled to housing benefit as part of that couple; or
- (b) P who is to be treated as single in accordance with paragraph (2)(a)(i) to (iii), or is single in accordance with paragraph (2)(b)(i), is to be treated as though P is not a member of the same household as any party (or parties) with whom P is not part of a couple in accordance with those provisions and may claim or remain entitled to housing benefit as a single person,

where paragraph (2)(a) applies, with effect from the date on which the relevant paragraph of regulation 3 of the Universal Credit Regulations 2013 first applies to C, or, where paragraph (2)(b) applies, with effect from the date referred to in paragraph (2)(b) on which C lost universal credit entitlement.]

- F13** Words in art. 7 heading inserted (14.5.2019) by [The Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 31 and Savings and Transitional Provisions \(Amendment\)\) Order 2019 \(S.I. 2019/935\)](#), **art. 2(3)(a)**
- F14** Words in art. 7 heading inserted (25.11.2020) by [The Universal Credit \(Persons who have attained state pension credit qualifying age\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/655\)](#), regs. 1(2), **7(3)(a)**
- F15** Art. 7(1)–(3) substituted (25.11.2020) by [The Universal Credit \(Persons who have attained state pension credit qualifying age\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/655\)](#), regs. 1(2), **7(3)(b)**
- F16** Words in art. 7(1)(a)(i) substituted (25.7.2022) by [The Universal Credit \(Transitional Provisions\) Amendment Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/752\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. para. 4(4)**

**Transitional provision: where restrictions on claims for universal credit are in place**

<sup>F17</sup>8. ....

- F17** Art. 8 revoked (25.7.2022) by [The Universal Credit \(Transitional Provisions\) Amendment Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/752\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. para. 4(5)**

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order brings into force paragraph 64 of Schedule 2 to the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5), which amends the State Pension Credit Act 2002 (c. 16) by inserting section 4(1A), which excludes mixed-age couples from entitlement to state pension credit. (For the definition of “mixed-age couple” see article 2(2)(a).) Section 4(1A) comes into force on 15th May 2019 (“the appointed day”, see article 3), except in the savings cases in article 4.

Under article 4(1), if a member of a mixed-age couple has entitlement to state pension credit or housing benefit for those of state pension credit qualifying age on the day before the appointed day, entitlement as part of that couple may continue after the appointed day. For the definition of entitlement, and entitlement as part of a couple, see article 2(4).

Under article 4(2), the savings continue to apply until such time as there is neither entitlement as part of the couple to state pension credit, nor housing benefit for those of state pension credit qualifying age. Provided that there is continuity of entitlement to either benefit, the savings continue. So entitlement to state pension credit, provided as part of the same couple, may arise (or arise again) after the appointed day, so long as there is entitlement on the part of the couple to housing benefit for those of state pension credit qualifying age and there was such entitlement, or entitlement to state pension credit, on the day before the appointed day. Mixed-age couples who do not, or no longer, fall within the savings cases and require income-related benefit may claim universal credit instead.

Articles 5 and 6 make complementary provision to section 4(1A) and the savings in article 4 in respect of claims to, and awards of, housing benefit for those of state pension credit qualifying age.

Article 5 amends the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 21 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/33 (C. 4)) and the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 23 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/634 (C. 32)) to add to the provisions of those Orders that prevent claims to housing benefit by a member of a mixed-age couple of state pension credit qualifying age. Claims are prevented in the same cases as that member is excluded from entitlement to state pension credit, allowing for the savings cases in article 4(1) whilst they continue under article 4(2).

Article 6 provides for termination of awards of housing benefit made to a person who has become a member of a mixed-age couple, awards made to a mixed-age couple where the award becomes subject to the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/214), and advance awards made to a member of a mixed-age couple before the making of this Order. Awards must terminate where entitlement to housing benefit for those of state pension credit qualifying age, as part of a mixed-age couple, would otherwise have begun on or after the appointed day.

Where a party to a polygamous marriage is excluded from state pension credit under section 4(1A) – for the extension of the definition in this Order of “mixed-age couple” to certain polygamous marriages, see article 2(2)(b) – and may not become or remain entitled to housing benefit for those of state pension credit qualifying age, further to article 5 or 6 respectively, article 7(2) provides that the parties to the marriage are to be treated as a couple or as a single person (or persons) as under the Universal Credit Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/376). Where each of the parties treated as a couple, or a party treated as single, has attained the qualifying age for state pension credit, article 7(3) provides that they be treated in that capacity for claims to or awards of state pension credit and housing benefit for those of state pension credit qualifying age.

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## 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
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



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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
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

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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
Section 1 (partially)	7th March 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	14th March 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	21st March 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	23rd March 2016	2016/407
Section 1 (partially)	28th March 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	11th April 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	18th April 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	25th April 2016	2015/1537
Section 1 (partially)	27th April 2016	2016/407
Section 2(1) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 2(2)	25th February 2013	2013/358
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	2013/358
Section 5 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 5 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1

Section 6(1)(a) and (3) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
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	2013/358
Section 8 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 8(3) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
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	2013/358
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	2013/358
Section 12(1) and (2) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 12(3) and (4)	25th February 2013	2013/358
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	2013/358
Section 15(1) and (4) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Sections 15(2) and (3) and 17(3)(f)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 16 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
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	2013/358
Section 18 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 18(3) and (5) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
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	2013/358
Section 20(1) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
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	2013/358
Section 23 (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Sections 24(1), (5) and (6) and 25	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 24(2), (3) and (4) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1

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Section 26(1) to (5) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 26(2)(a) (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Sections 26(6) to (8), 27(4), (5) and (9) and 28	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 27(1) to (3) and (6) to (8) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 29	29th April 2013	2013/983
Sections 30 and 31 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 31 (partially)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Section 31 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/358
Section 31 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/983
Section 32	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 33(1)(a) and (b), (2) and (3) (partially)	16th June 2014	2014/1452
Section 33(1)(a) and (b), (2) and (3) (partially)	As section 1	As section 1
Section 33(1)(e)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Sections 33(3) (partially)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Section 35 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Section 35 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/983
Section 36 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
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 41	15th September 2014	2014/2321
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(1) (for all remaining purposes)	19th June 2017	2017/664
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
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

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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
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

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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)	29 <sup>th</sup> 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
Section 112(1) and (2) (partially)	20th April 2016	2016/511
Section 112(1) and (2) (for all remaining purposes)	24th May 2016	2016/511
Section 112(3) to (6)	24th May 2016	2016/511
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
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
M16	6th June 2012	2012/1246

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Sections 122, 123 and 125		
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
Section 147 (partially)	31st March 2022	2018/145
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
Schedule 6 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 7 (partially)	22nd October 2012	2012/2530
Schedule 8 (partially)	1st April 2013	2012/3090
Schedule 8 (for all remaining purposes)	1st August 2013	2012/3090
Schedule 9 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 9 (partially)	8th April 2013	2013/358
Schedule 9 (partially)	10th June 2013	2013/1250
Schedule 10	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 11 (partially)	25th February 2013	2013/358
Schedule 11 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/983
Part 1 of Schedule 14 (partially)	As Schedule 3	As Schedule 3
Part 1 of Schedule 14 (partially)	31st March 2022	2018/145



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Part 3 of Schedule 14 (partially)	22nd October 2012	2012/2530
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	2012/3090
Part 8 of Schedule 14 (partially)	1st August 2013	2012/3090
Part 11 of Schedule 14 (partially)	1st April 2013	2013/358
Part 11 of Schedule 14 (partially)	29th April 2013	2013/358
Part 14 of Schedule 14	8th May 2012	2012/863

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