

Housing Benefit and Universal Credit in the Social Housing Sector (Regular Payments) Bill

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Schedule 1 – Minor and consequential amendments

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Establish the right of persons in receipt of housing benefit and universal credit in the social housing sector to receive said benefits at regular intervals; to provide that such persons should not be financially penalised in relation to the number of bedrooms in a residence; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Regular payments of housing benefit

Where a claimant's entitlement to housing benefit is established, payments of that benefit shall be made on a regular basis which meets the claimant's reasonable needs.

2 Calculation of housing benefit entitlement

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In determining a claimant's entitlement to housing benefit no account shall be taken of the number of bedrooms in the dwelling to which the claim made by the claimant relates.

3 Regular payments of the housing costs element of universal credit

Where a claimant's entitlement to an award of the housing costs element of universal credit is established, payments of that award shall be made on a regular basis which meets the claimant's reasonable needs.

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4 Calculation of housing costs element of universal credit

In determining a claimant's entitlement to the housing costs element of universal credit no account shall be taken of the number of bedrooms in the dwelling to which the claim made by the claimant relates.

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5 Social sector housing

The provisions of sections 1 to 4 shall only apply in the case of rent payments for social sector housing.

6 Orders

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument make such provision as is necessary to give effect to the requirements of this Act as to the regular payment and the calculation of housing benefit and the housing cost element of universal credit. 5
- (2) A statutory instrument containing an order under this Act is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament. 10

7 Minor and consequential amendments

Schedule 1 (minor and consequential amendments) has effect.

8 Repeals and revocations

The provisions listed in Schedule 2 are repealed or revoked to the extent specified. 15

9 Financial provisions

- (1) *There is to be paid out of money provided by Parliament –*
- (a) *any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of this Act by a Minister of the Crown, and*
 - (b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.* 20
- (2) *There is to be paid into the Consolidated Fund any sums received by a government department by virtue of this Act.*

10 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Housing Benefit and Universal Credit in the Social Housing Sector (Regular Payments) Act 2014. 25
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales and Scotland.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Section 7

MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

Social Security Benefits and Contributions Act 1992

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| 1 | In section 130A(3) of the Social Security Benefits and Contributions Act 1992 for “The provision which may be made by the regulations includes provision” substitute “The regulations may provide”. | 5 |
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SCHEDULE 2

Section 8

REPEALS

Social Security Benefits and Contributions Act 1992

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| 1 | In section 130A of the Social Security Benefits and Contributions Act 1992 omit sub-sections (5) and (6). | |
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