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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2003

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The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 123(1)(d) and (e), 136(3) and (4), 137(1) and 175(1) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992**(a)** and paragraphs 4(4) and (6), 20(1)(b) and 23(1) of Schedule 7 to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000**(b)** and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after consultation with organisations appearing to him to be representative of the authorities concerned**(c)**, and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it**(d),** hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (General) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 1st April 2003.

[Regulation 2 amends regulation 68 of S.I. 1987/1971.]

[Regulation 3 amends regulation 59 of S.I. 1992/1814.]

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

Malcolm Wicks
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department for Work and Pensions

16th February 2003

(a) 1992 c. 4; para. (e) was substituted in s. 123(1) by para. 1(1) of Sch. 9 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14); s. 137(1) is cited for the definition of "prescribed"; s. 175(1) and (4) was amended by para. 29 of Sch. 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2).

(b) 2000 c. 19; para. 23(1) of Sch. 7 is cited for the definition of "prescribed".

(c) *See* s. 176(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5).

(d) *See* ss. 172(1) and 173(1)(b) of that Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 and the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992 to provide for the date on which the changes of circumstances occasioned by the abolition of working families' tax credit and disabled person's tax credit and the introduction of working tax credit and child tax credit are to take effect for the purposes of determining entitlement to housing benefit or council tax benefit.

These Regulations do not impose any charge on business.