STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 946

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2026

Made - - - - at 10.30 a.m. on 1st September 2026

Laid before Parliament at 3.00 p.m. on 1st September 2026

Coming into force - - 22nd September 2026

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1) and 189(1), (4) and (6) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**a**).

In accordance with section 173(1)(b) of that Act, the Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that the proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2026 and come into force on 22nd September 2026.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and Scotland.

Amendment of the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) Regulations 2013

2. After regulation 32A(2) of the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) Regulations 2013(**b**) insert—

> "(3) Where, in the month that would otherwise be the fifth month for the purposes of paragraph (2), the claimant (or either of joint claimants) is a participant in a funded employment scheme, having been placed on such scheme by the Secretary of State, the maximum of 5 months referred to in that paragraph is to be extended up to and including the first month in which the claimant is not (or in the case of joint claimants neither of them is) a participant in the scheme.

(**a**) 1992 c. 5. Section 189(1) was amended by paragraph 109 of Schedule 7, and Schedule 8, to the Social Security Act 1998 (c. 14), paragraph 57(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2), and Schedule 6 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21). Section 189(4) was amended by paragraph 109 of Schedule 7, and Schedule 8, to the Social Security Act 1998. Section 189(4) and (6) was amended by S.I. 2013/252.

(**b**) S.I. 2013/380. Regulation 32A was inserted by S.I. 2020/522; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

(4) In this regulation "funded employment scheme" means a scheme under which the wages of the claimant are funded, in whole or in part, pursuant to arrangements by the Secretary of State or Scottish or Welsh Ministers under section 2(1) of the Employment and Training Act 1973(**a**).".

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

Smith of Malvern
Minister of State
Department for Work and Pensions

At 10.30 a.m. on 1st September 2026

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/380) so as to make provision for reclaims of universal credit for claimants taking part in a funded employment scheme.

Regulation 32A of the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) Regulations 2013 allows a person to be treated as claiming universal credit for up to 5 months after the assessment period in which their earnings cause them to lose entitlement. Regulation 2 of these Regulations extends that period while the claimant, or either of joint claimants, is participating in a funded employment scheme. This will allow them to be automatically re-awarded universal credit if the earnings from the scheme have ceased.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact, or no significant impact, on the private, public or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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(**a**) 1973 c. 50; section 2 was substituted by the Employment Act 1988 (c. 19). The powers under section 2 are exercisable by the Scottish Ministers concurrently with the Secretary of State by virtue of articles 1(2), 2(1) to (5) (with article 2(6)) of the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/276). The powers under section 2 are exercisable by the Welsh Ministers concurrently with the Secretary of State by virtue of paragraph 1 of Schedule 3A to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32).

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