STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL SECURITY, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Decisions and Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*at 11.30 a.m. on 27th April 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*at 2.30 p.m. on 27th April 2026*
Coming into force - -	*2nd June 2026*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 10(3) and 79(1), (4) and (7) of the Social Security Act 1998(**a**).

In accordance with section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**b**), 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 (Decisions and Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 and come into force on 2nd June 2026.

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

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

2. After regulation 22 of the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2013 (introduction)(**c**), insert—

> **"Extension**
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> **22A.** The Secretary of State may extend the length of a fixed term award of personal independence payment(**d**), where the Secretary of State considers it necessary to do so to safeguard the efficient administration of personal independence payment.".

(**a**) 1998 c. 14. See section 84 for the definition of "prescribe".
(**b**) 1992 c. 5.
(**c**) S.I. 2013/381, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(**d**) See section 88(2) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5), which makes provision for fixed term awards of personal independence payment.

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

Stephen Timms
Minister of State
Department for Work and Pensions

At 11.30 a.m. on 27th April 2026

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend Part 3 of the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/381).

Regulation 2 allows the Secretary of State to extend the length of a fixed term award of personal independence payment, where it is considered necessary to do so to safeguard the efficient administration of personal independence payment.

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

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