STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 813

SOCIAL SECURITY, ENGLAND

The Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 30 and Transitory Provisions) (Amendment) (England) Order 2026

Made - - - -	*13th July 2026*
Coming into force - -	*17th August 2026*

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 150(3) and (4)(c) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012(**a**).

Citation, commencement, extent and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 30 and Transitory Provisions) (Amendment) (England) Order 2026.

(2) It comes into force on 17th August 2026.

(3) It extends to England and Wales, but applies only in relation to England.

Amendment of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 30 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2018

2. In the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 30 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2018(**b**)—

(a) after article 2 (appointed day) insert—

"Cessation of eligibility for a free school lunch in respect of certain persons

2A. A person who, on 16th August 2026 was eligible for a free school lunch by virtue of the transitory provision in article 3 of this Order, as it was in force on that date, ceases to be so eligible on 17th August 2026.";

(b) omit article 3 (transitory provisions).

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13th July 2026

(**a**) 2012 c. 5.
(**b**) S.I. 2018/145, as amended by S.I. 2019/655.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 30 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/145). It revokes article 3 of that Order, which made transitory provision. The effect of the transitory provision which this Order revokes, was to preserve eligibility for a free school lunch notwithstanding the coming into force of provision in the Welfare Act 2012 the effect of which was to withdraw that eligibility. By virtue of the revocation of article 3, eligibility is withdrawn, from 17th August 2026, in respect of all persons who came within the scope of the transitory provision.

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