**Welfare reform draft regulations and policy briefing notes**

We will publish draft regulations, accompanied by explanatory memoranda, relating to the Welfare Reform Act 2012 as they become available. There will be an opportunity to respond to consultations on some of these draft regulations.
We will also publish policy briefing notes relating to the regulations setting out key areas of policy to provide greater clarity.

**Draft regulations**

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| **Regulation** | **Summary** | **Explanatory memorandum** | **Published** | **Consultation** |
| [Universal Credit Regulations 2012](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/uc-draft-regs-2012.pdf) (815KB) http://www.dwp.gov.uk/img/pdf-icon.gif | Sets out provisions for Universal Credit, including entitlement, elements of the award, calculation of income and capital, and claimant responsibilities. | [Explanatory memorandum – Universal Credit Regulations 2012](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/uc-draft-regs-2012-memorandum.pdf) (292KB) http://www.dwp.gov.uk/img/pdf-icon.gif | 15/06/12 | Formal consultation in progress – see [Social Security Advisory Committee website](http://ssac.independent.gov.uk/) |
| [Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment and Working-age Benefits (Claims and Payments) Regulations 2012](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/uc-pip-claims-payments-draft-regs-2012.pdf) (322KB) http://www.dwp.gov.uk/img/pdf-icon.gif | Updates existing provisions and makes new provisions, for example Universal Credit payment one month in arrears. | [Explanatory memorandum – Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment and Working-age Benefits (Claims and Payments) Regulations 2012](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/uc-pip-claims-payments-draft-regs-2012-memorandum.pdf) (124KB) http://www.dwp.gov.uk/img/pdf-icon.gif | 15/06/12 | Formal consultation in progress – see [Social Security Advisory Committee website](http://ssac.independent.gov.uk/) |
| [Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment and Working-age Benefits (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2012](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/uc-pip-decisions-appeals-draft-regs-2012.pdf) (232KB) http://www.dwp.gov.uk/img/pdf-icon.gif | Updates existing provisions on how decisions are made, including new requirement for reconsideration before claimants can appeal | [Explanatory memorandum – Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment and Working-age Benefits (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2012](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/uc-pip-decisions-appeals-draft-regs-2012-memorandum.pdf) (147KB) http://www.dwp.gov.uk/img/pdf-icon.gif | 15/06/12 | No consultation required – see [Social Security Advisory Committee website](http://ssac.independent.gov.uk/) |
| [Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 2012](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/jsa-draft-regs-2012.pdf) (333KB) http://www.dwp.gov.uk/img/pdf-icon.gif | Removes income-related rules and brings contributory JSA into line with Universal Credit on labour market requirements | [Explanatory memorandum – Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 2012](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/jsa-draft-regs-2012-memorandum.pdf) (98KB) http://www.dwp.gov.uk/img/pdf-icon.gif | 15/06/12 | See [Social Security Advisory Committee website](http://ssac.independent.gov.uk/) |
| [Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2012](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/esa-draft-regs-2012.pdf) (437KB) http://www.dwp.gov.uk/img/pdf-icon.gif | Removes income-related rules and brings contributory ESA into line with Universal Credit on labour market requirements | [Explanatory memorandum – Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2012](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/esa-draft-regs-2012-memorandum.pdf) (97KB) http://www.dwp.gov.uk/img/pdf-icon.gif | 15/06/12 | No formal consultation - See [Social Security Advisory Committee website](http://ssac.independent.gov.uk/) |
| [Housing Benefit (benefit cap) Regulations 2012](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/hb-benefit-cap-draft-regs-2012.pdf) (47KB) http://www.dwp.gov.uk/img/pdf-icon.gif | Amends the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 2006 and the Housing Benefit Decisions and Appeals Regulations 2001 to allow for the introduction of a benefit cap. | [Explanatory memorandum – Housing Benefit (benefit cap) Regulations 2012](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/hb-benefit-cap-draft-regs-2012-memorandum.pdf) (106KB) http://www.dwp.gov.uk/img/pdf-icon.gif | 15/06/12 | Formal consultation in progress\* - See [Social Security Advisory Committee website](http://ssac.independent.gov.uk/) |
| [Personal Independence Payment assessment criteria draft regulations](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/disability/personal-independence-payment/the-assessment-criteria/) | Establish main criteria for entitlement to Personal Independence Payment including new points-based assessment criteria and required period condition |   | 14/11/11 | Closed 30/04/12 |