STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Universal Credit (Benefit Cap Earnings Exception) Amendment Regulations 2017

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The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 96(1), (4)(c) and (g) and (10) and 97(1) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012(**1**).

In accordance with section 172(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**2**), the Secretary of State has referred the proposals for these Regulations to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Universal Credit (Benefit Cap Earnings Exception) Amendment Regulations 2017 and come into force on 1st April 2017.

(2) Where an amendment made by these Regulations applies in respect of an existing award of universal credit, that amendment has effect for the purposes of that award—

(a) on 1st April 2017, if there is an assessment period for the award that begins on that day; or

(b) if sub-paragraph (a) does not apply, on the first day of the next assessment period for the award beginning after that day.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation, "existing award of universal credit" means an award of universal credit that exists on 1st April 2017.

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2.—(1) The Universal Credit Regulations 2013(**3**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 6(1A) (rounding), before paragraph (a) insert—

"(za) regulation 82(1)(a) (exceptions – earnings);".

(**1**) 2012 c.5. Section 96(10) is cited for the meaning of "prescribed" and "regulations".
(**2**) 1992 c.5
(**3**) S.I. 2013/376. Regulation 6(1A) was inserted by S.I. 2015/1754.