STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Universal Credit (Care Leavers and Looked After Children) Amendment Regulations 2016

Made - - - -	*27th April 2016*
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The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4(3), 11(4), 40 and 42(3) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012(**1**).

In accordance with section 173(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**2**), the Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that these Regulations should not be referred.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Universal Credit (Care Leavers and Looked After Children) Amendment Regulations 2016 and come into force on 26th May 2016.

Amendment of the definition of "looked after by a local authority" and "care leaver"

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

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation) in the definition of "looked after by a local authority" for the words from "or section 17(6)" to the end substitute ", section 17(6) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995(**4**) or section 74 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014(**5**)".

(3) In regulation 8(4) in the definition of "care leaver"—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) omit "and Wales"; and

(b) for sub-paragraph (b) substitute—

"(b) in relation to Scotland, a person under the age of 18 who—

(i) is looked after by a local authority; or

(**1**) 2012 c.5. Section 42 is cited for the meaning it gives to "prescribed".
(**2**) 1992 c.5.
(**3**) S.I. 2013/376.
(**4**) 1995 c.36.
(**5**) 2014 anaw 4.