STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1649

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Universal Credit (Work Allowance) Amendment Regulations 2015

Made - - - -	*7th September 2015*
Laid before Parliament	*10th September 2015*
Coming into force - -	*11th April 2016*

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8(3)(a), 40 and 42(1), (2) and (6) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012(**1**).

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

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Universal Credit (Work Allowance) Amendment Regulations 2015 and come into force on 11th April 2016.

(2) Where the amendments made by these Regulations apply in respect of an existing award of universal credit, they have effect for the purposes of that award—

(a) on 11th April 2016 if there is an assessment period for that 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 11th April 2016.

Changes to work allowances

2.—(1) Regulation 22 (deduction of income and work allowance) of the Universal Credit Regulations 2013(**3**) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1)(b) substitute—

(**1**) 2012 c.5. Section 40 is an interpretation provision and is cited for the meaning of "prescribed".
(**2**) 1992 c.5.
(**3**) S.I. 2013/376.