



## **SCOTTISH CHILD PAYMENT**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

1. This Memo gives guidance on the treatment of Scottish Child Payments introduced by The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Information-Sharing and Scottish Child Payment) (Consequential Provision and Modifications) Order 2020 (SI 2020/482), (SSSA (CPM) Order). The Order comes into force on 9.11.20<sup>1</sup>.

*1 SSSA (CPM) Order, article 1*

### **BACKGROUND**

2. The Scottish Government has introduced a system of Scottish Child Payments. Initially, payment will be £10.00 per week to low income families for each eligible child, with no cap on the number of children in families. Payments will be monthly. Applications, payments and disputes will be administered by Social Security Scotland.

### **DISREGARD OF PAYMENTS AS INCOME AND CAPITAL FOR UC**

3. Payments of Scottish Child Payment are not included in the benefits to be taken into account as unearned income in the assessment of UC and are therefore disregarded<sup>1</sup>.

*1 UC Regs, reg 66(1)(b)*



4. Payments of Scottish Child Payment are disregarded as capital for 12 months<sup>1</sup>.

*1 UC Regs, Sch 10(18)*

## **ANNOTATIONS**

Please annotate the number of this memo (ADM Memo 26/20) against the following ADM paragraphs:

H2091.3, H5002

## **CONTACTS**

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