



## **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.

### **TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS FOR SPC**

3. Scottish Child Payments are not prescribed as income for the purposes of the assessment of SPC<sup>1</sup>. Scottish Child Payments are disregarded as capital for the purpose of calculation income for SPC<sup>2</sup>.

*1 SPC Act 02, s 15; SPC Regs, reg 15; 2 SPC Regs, Sch V(20(2)(u))*



## TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS FOR IS, JSA(IB) & ESA(IR)

4. Scottish Child Payments are disregarded as income<sup>1</sup> and as capital<sup>2</sup> in the assessment of IS, JSA(IB) and ESA(IR).

*1 IS (Gen) Regs, Sch 9(84); JSA Regs, Sch 7(80); ESA Regs, Sch 8(72);  
2 IS (Gen) Regs, Sch 10(7(1)(a)), JSA Regs, Sch 8(12(1)(a)); ESA Regs, Sch  
9(11(1)(a))*

## ANNOTATIONS

Please annotate the number of this memo (DMG Memo 22/20) against the following DMG Paragraphs:

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## CONTACTS

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