

01-24: The Social Security and Universal Credit (Migration of Tax Credit Claimants and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024

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INTRODUCTION

1. This Memo gives guidance on *The Social Security and Universal Credit (Migration of Tax Credit Claimants and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024*¹.

[1 2024/341](#)

2. This Memo is concerned only with the part of these regulations which deals with the legacy benefits - the part relating to the Special Support Loan. For all other aspects of these regulations see [ADM Memo 2/24](#).

3. The regulations come into force on **01/04/2024**.

SPECIAL SUPPORT LOAN

4. Regulations 2 to 5 deal with a new Scottish student support payment, the Special Support Loan (SSL), which is to be disregarded as income in Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Housing Benefit, and Employment and Support Allowance. A common new wording is inserted into the relevant regulations in each benefit, which encompasses the SSL (and any future scheme meeting the same purpose):

*"A loan under the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011 or regulations made under section 73 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 that is intended to meet the costs of books, equipment, travel expenses or childcare costs is to be disregarded as income"*¹

¹ *Income Support (General) Regulations 1987, Reg 66D, Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 Reg 136C, Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 Reg 64B, Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 Reg 139A*

ANNOTATIONS

The number of this DMG Memo (1/24) should be noted at paragraphs:

DMG [30330](#), [51953](#)

CONTACTS

If you have any queries about this memo, please write to Decision Making and Appeals (DMA) Leeds. Existing arrangements for such referrals should be followed, as set out in Memo ADM [04/19](#) - Requesting case guidance from DMA Leeds for all benefits.

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