

DMG - Volume 2: International Subjects

Chapter 07 Parts 1-7

Summary of changes from November 2020

September 2026

Chapter 7 Part 3

Para. 073496 amended as it incorrectly referred to UC instead of SPC.

May 2026

DMG Memo 03/26: AA, CA, DLA (Care Component) - Competent State for Cash Sickness Benefits of Pensioners and their Family Members published. This memo gives guidance on the judgment in SE v SSWP, which was made by the Upper Tribunal on 5.12.2024 and is a relevant determination.

Chapter 7 Part 2 updated with cross-referenced annotations to memo.

April 2026

DMG memo 10-25: HRT, PPT, and Temporary Absence Amendment Regulations 2025 updated following recent events in the Middle East. DMG Chapter 07 Parts 1-3 amended to reflect this change.

December 2025

DMG memo 13-25: “Any Time” Revision - Effect of Upper Tribunal Decision re-published as the following has been added to the end of para 8 for clarification – *“Where the dispute is made after more than 13 months,”*

November 2025

DMG Memo 14-25: ‘SPC Right to Reside: VB v SSWP UT decision effect on Self Employment’ added with cross references to Chapters 07 Part 3

Chapter 07 Part 4.

Added new paragraphs at 074462-074478. This was needed because there it had been identified that there was no guidance about the historical IIDB reciprocal agreements between GB and NI, IoM, Jersey & Guernsey.

New DMG memo 12-25: Cross-Border Issues and Devolved Benefits added with cross references to the DMG Chapter 07 Part 2 paragraphs 071705 and 071726.

October 2025

DMG Memo 11-25: Self-sufficiency and the Court of Appeal decision in WV. Memo refers to the 'recent' WV judgment at the Court of Appeal, which found that certain EU/EEA nationals who rely on their partners' legacy benefits may be considered as self-sufficient under specific circumstances and so potentially be entitled to Universal Credit (UC). Chapters 073244-073246 annotated.

Chapter 2

Changes to incorporate DMG memo 02/25 DMG 04653 – 04655 – included the following paragraph and moved DMG the current 04653-54 down by 1 paragraph due to fit this in, the changes I have made are highlighted in red:
minor amends to correct typos. ‘

September 2025 updates

Chapter 07 part 02 and part 03

DMG Memo 10-25: "HRT, PPT, and Temporary Absence Amendment Regulations 2025 provide guidance on the Social Security (Habitual Residence, Past Presence and Temporary Absence) (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which came into force on 18.07.2025. Added with Chapters DMG 071707 – 071930 pt 02 also DMG 072770 - 073707 pt 03 for cross referencing

Chapter 7 Part 2

As a result of DMG Memo 07-24: Social Security Co-ordination between the UK, Ireland, Gibraltar, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway due to new social security orders that come into force between 2019 and 2024.

Abbreviations

EU-UK-WA' has been added to the Abbreviations list

Statutes and SI list

The following Orders were added to the Statutes and SI list:
Social Security (Ireland) Order 2019 [SS (Ireland) Order 2019]
Social Security (Gibraltar) Order 2024 [SS (Gibraltar) Order 2024]
Social Security (Switzerland) Order 2021 [SS (Switzerland) Order 2021]
Social Security (Iceland) (Liechtenstein) (Norway) Order 2023 [SS (Iceland) (Liechtenstein) (Norway)] Order 2023

May 2024 updates

Chapter 7 Part 2

Correct inaccuracies caused when memo was incorporated.

April 2024 updates

Chapter 7 Part 3

Amendment made to 073181 – 073184 Title name change from Destitution Domestic Violence concession to Migrant Victims of Domestic Abuse concession.

Inclusion of the sentence below it 'Previously known as the Destitution Domestic Violence concession (DDVC)'.

Change to 073182 subsection 4 and the sentence below that.

Change to the reference number 1 in this paragraph

073183 - 073184 – DDVC wording changed to Migrant Victims of Abuse Concession

December 2023 updates

Chapter 7 Part 3

Changes reflect the introduction of new rights for children of self-employed persons which came into force under the Withdrawal Agreement, on 1.1.21.

March 2023 updates

Chapter 7 Part 6

Guidance on temporary absence abroad updated at paras. 077001 to 077037.

February 2023 updates

Chapter 7 Part 2

Minor changes due to the removal of typos.

December 2022 updates

Chapter 7 Part 2

Various typos within chapter corrected.

October 2022 updates

Chapter 7 Part 3

Minor change to paragraph 073246 to remove obsolete wording.

August 2022 updates

Chapter 7 Part 2

Update made to wording in paragraph 071721.

July 2022 updates

Chapter 7 Part 2

Inclusion of DMG Memo 12/20 temporary absence abroad for medical treatment at paragraph 071731.

June 2022 updates

Chapter 7 Part 2

Amendments incorporate Memo DMG 02/20 in Appendix 3 - competent state.

May 2022 updates

Chapter 7 Part 2

Paragraph 071721 updated to incorporate Memo DMG 08/21

Chapter 7 Part 2

Past presence test at paragraph 071787 updated to incorporate Memo DMG 08/19

June 2021 updates

Chapter 7 Part 6

Examples added to the temporary absence rules for medical treatment at para. 077003.

December 2020 updates

Chapter 7 Part 3

Minor amendment to para. 073433 to provide clarification.

November 2020 updates

Chapter 7 Part 7

Out of date link to memo 16/17 removed.