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Chapters 48-54

Summary of changes from August 2021

October 2026

Chapters 51 & 52
Update relates to the new income and capital disregards for (i) the Irish Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme introduced by SI 2026/1063 and (ii) the Church of England Redress Scheme introduced by SI 2026/1072. Chapter annotated to new DMG Memo 04-26

April 2026

Chapter 49
DMG Memo 02/26: giving guidance on the 2026 Up-rating Amendment to Appendix 2 & 3

Chapter 52
DMG Memo 01/26 'The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Carer's Assistance) (Consequential Modifications) Order 2026'. This memo gives guidance on The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Carer's Assistance) (Consequential Modifications) Order 2026 which came into force on 15.03.26. Chapter amended to link to memo.

February 2026

Chapter 49
Paragraphs 49017, 49166 neonatal care leave pay added

Chapter 51
Paragraphs 51131 – 51139 neonatal care leave pay added and renumbered

January 2026

Chapter 49
Following changes have been made to include the DMG 05-25 Uprating Memo:
Appendix 2 to Chapter 49: Value added to Table
Appendix 3 to Chapter 49: Value added to the table

August 2025

Chapter 51
DMG Memo 08/25 to be noted against DMG paragraphs 51210, 51341, 51360, 51363, 51384, 51418, 51598, 51606.

Chapter 52
DMG Memo 08/25 to be noted against DMG paragraphs 52418, 52446, 52449, 52450, 52729, 52861, 52862.

Chapter 53
Amendment to DMG Chapter 53 to incorporate DMG Memo 06/25 to insert SADLA as a qualifying benefit for hardship at 53251 et seq.

April 2025 updates

DMG Memo 06-25: Legacy Benefits and State Pension Credit - The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Disability Assistance) (Consequential Amendments) Order 2025, added with cross references to the DMG Abbreviations, Statutes & S.I. lists plus DMG chapters 61, 35, Vol 1 Annex A, 02, 04, 03, 04, 53, 23, 41, 44, 78, 20, 28 & 86

Chapter 49
New DMG Memo 5/25: and uprating amendment to Appendix 2 and 3

October 2024 updates

Chapter 49
DMG Memos 03/19, 05/20, 04/21, 07/22, 04/23 and 02/24 incorporated at Appendix 2 and Appendix 3.

July 2024 updates

Chapter 51
Chapter DMG 51813 amended to add a second paragraph to the example by way of further explanation.

February 2024 updates

Chapter 52
Chapters updated to include guidance on the treatment of cost of living additional payments at DMG 52779 & 52780,
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August 2023 updates

Chapter 52
Amendment to para. 52447

May 2023 updates

Chapter 51
"Payment in arrears" at paras. 51812 - 51813 deleted from "Disregarded payments", as was a duplicate and in the wrong place. Associated contents listings amended.

March 2023 updates

Chapter 52
Added virtual assets to the list of capital assets

July 2022 updates

Chapter 53
This amendment incorporates Memos DMG 9/21 and 3/22 which add CDP and ADP to the list of qualifying benefits where people in hardship are not disqualified for misconduct, and Memo DMG 6/22 about the change to the definition of terminally ill.

May 2022 updates

Chapter 52
Crypto assets added to the list of types of capital – para. 52020

March 2022 updates

Chapter 52
'Local Authority**'** removed from para. 52525.
Chapter 51
Added to the **'Note'** part of para. 51312.
Chapter 52
Added to the **'Note'** part of para. 52425.

August 2021 updates

Chapter 50
Amendment made to legal reference citation at paragraph 50076. The regulation had been incorrectly cited as "SS CS (S&A) Regs" but now states "SS CS (D&A) Regs".