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**2021 No. 546**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Housing Benefit and Universal Credit (Care Leavers and Homeless) (Amendment) Regulations 2021**

*Made* - - - - - *30th April 2021*

*Laid before Parliament* *6th May 2021*

*Coming into force* - - *31st May 2021*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 11(4) and (5)(b), 40 and 42(2) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012(a) and sections 130A(2), (3) and (5), 137(1) and 175(3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(b), makes the following Regulations.

In accordance with section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(c), the Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that the proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it.

In respect of provisions relating to housing benefit, in accordance with section 176(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992, the Secretary of State has consulted with organisations appearing to her to be representative of the authorities concerned.

In respect of provisions relating to universal credit, in accordance with section 29(7) of the Scotland Act 2016(d), the Secretary of State has consulted with Scottish Ministers in the making of these Regulations.

**Citation and Commencement**

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit and Universal Credit (Care Leavers and Homeless) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 and come into force on 31st May 2021.

**Amendments to the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006**

**2.—(1)** The Housing Benefit Regulations 2006(e) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “young individual”—

(a) in paragraphs (b) to (f) and (i), for “22 years” substitute “25 years”;

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- (a) 2012 c.5. Section 40 is cited for the meaning it gives to ‘prescribed’.  
(b) 1992 c.4. Section 130A was inserted by section 30(2) of the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c.5). Section 137(1) is cited for the meaning it gives to ‘prescribed’.  
(c) 1992 c.5.  
(d) 2016 c.11  
(e) S.I. 2006/213. The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2007/2868, S.I. 2010/2835, S.I. 2011/1736, S.I. 2011/1740, S.I. 2014/213 and S.I. 2017/901.