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**2015 No. 183**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Social Fund Cold Weather Payments  
(General) Amendment Regulations 2015**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>9th February 2015</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>12th February 2015</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>23rd March 2015</i>

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 138(2) and (4) and 175(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(1).

The Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(2).

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Amendment Regulations 2015.

(2) They come into force on 23rd March 2015.

**Amendment of the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Regulations 1988**

2. In the table in Schedule 1 to the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Regulations 1988(3) (identification of stations and postcode districts), in the entry numbered 34 (Heathrow), after “E1-18,” insert “E20.”

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(1) 1992 c. 4. Section 138(4) defines “prescribed”. Amendments not material to these Regulations have been made to section 175(1).  
(2) See sections 172(1) and 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5).  
(3) S.I. 1988/1724. Schedule 1 was last substituted by S.I. 2014/2687.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

9th February 2015

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend Schedule 1 to the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Regulations 1988 (S.I. 1988/1724).

That Schedule designates the relevant primary weather station for specified postcodes. A designated weather station records or forecasts periods of cold weather, which are then used to determine eligibility for cold weather payments for claimants living in postcodes assigned to that weather station.

Regulation 2 adds postcode E20 to the postcode districts assigned to the Heathrow weather station (numbered 34 in that Schedule).

The Postcode Atlas of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the postcode maps, may be obtained from Harper Collins, United Kingdom, 2012, ISBN 0007443072. A person may establish the current postcode for his or her address by contacting the Royal Mail Postcode Enquiries office (telephone 0906 302 1222 (Monday to Friday, 8am – 4pm) or 08457 111 222 (Monday – Friday, 4pm – 6pm and Saturday, 8am – 1pm) or through the Royal Mail Website at [www.royalmail.com](http://www.royalmail.com).

A full impact assessment has not been published for this instrument as it has no impact on the private sector or civil society organisations.