



## Survey

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### Regulations

The Scottish Government wants to make most of the rules about the new benefits in Regulations. This is instead of putting all the rules in the Bill.

Regulations are a special type of law. The Scottish Parliament cannot change them. They can only say yes if they want them, or no if they don't want them.

#### 1. Tell us what you think about this



## Principles

Some principles are very important in the new law. Principles are ideas that must always be remembered.

- ✓ The law must help Scottish people
- ✓ The law must make sure everyone has enough money to live
- ✓ The law must respect everyone
- ✓ The Scottish Government must help make sure people get the right benefits
- ✓ Scottish people can help write the law
- ✓ The Scottish Government must keep trying to improve the way benefits work
- ✓ The way benefits work must not waste money

**2. Tell us what you think about these principles**

**3. Tell us about other principles you would like in the new law**



## **Social security charter**

There will be a charter. This will say how the Scottish Government will remember the principles. It will also say what must happen when people ask for benefits.

The Scottish Government will write a report on the charter every year.

**4. Tell us what you think about this**

**5. Tell us what else you would like in the charter**



## Rules

The new law will have rules about

- ✓ how people ask for benefits
- ✓ who gets benefits
- ✓ what people can do if they don't agree with how much money they get
- ✓ when money must be paid back
- ✓ breaking the law

## 6. Tell us what you think about this



## Current benefits

The Scottish Government will make decisions about some benefits that you might already get. The names of some of these benefits are:

- ✓ disability living allowance
- ✓ personal independence payment
- ✓ attendance allowance
- ✓ severe disablement allowance
- ✓ carer's allowance
- ✓ winter fuel payments
- ✓ industrial injuries disablement benefit
- ✓ cold weather payments
- ✓ funeral payments
- ✓ sure start maternity grants

**7. Tell us about any of these benefits you would like to change**



## Short-term assistance

Sometimes your benefits might change so that you get less money, or sometimes no money. If you think your benefits should not change, you can ask the Scottish Government to check your benefits. This takes some time.

The new law will give you some extra money for a short time while you are waiting. This is called short-term assistance.

## 8. Tell us what you think about this



## **New benefits and top ups**

In the new law the Scottish Government can make new benefits.

In the new law the Scottish Government can top up some benefits. This means they might add more money to some benefits.

## **9. Tell us what you think about this**



## Carer's allowance

In the new law a benefit called **carer's allowance** will go up. It was £62.10 every week. It will be £73.10 every week.

**10. Tell us what you think about this**



## Discretionary housing payments

Sometimes you can get extra money for housing, called **discretionary housing payments**. This will not change in the new law.

11. Do you think that discretionary housing payments should stay the same?

Yes

No

12. Tell us what you think **about this**

13. Tell us about any other ideas about the new law

