

# GUIDE TO CHANGES TO THE SCHEME

## Introduction

The revisions to the Scheme at this point reflect the policy changes agreed by the Board up to 25 January. There are also a few changes I have made in the course of redrafting that will need confirmation at the 6 February meeting.

Budget levels should all be agreed by 2 February.

I have tried to simplify language where possible and have put much of the guidance into rules or deleted it. Where it has been deleted it is mainly because it repeats rules elsewhere (especially the general conditions) or is better explained elsewhere.

Having initially thought I would completely restructure the Scheme, I decided, on reading through it, that the chapters flow quite well. So I haven't changed that. What I have done is to regroup the rules in the chapters on capped budgets into the following sections:

- Eligibility – what I can and can't claim.
- Budgets – what I have available to spend.
- Procedures – what I have to do to get my money and manage it effectively.

Travel and subsistence doesn't have a capped budget, but I group the rules into eligibility and cost limits/procedures.

I will take each chapter in turn, outline main policy changes and then list the significant changes to wording, with reference to the new paragraph numbers (and occasionally the current ones, for cross referral, if you want to check).

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## Chapter 4. Accommodation Costs

Note I have taken out clunky references to expenditure and even expenditure costs. This applies across the Scheme.

### *Policy changes*

- [...]
- "Routinely resident" requirement for dependants deleted, as it doesn't work.
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### *Paragraphs to note*

[...]

4.18. Simplifies dependant uplift rule AND removes the "routinely resident" requirement.

[...]

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