

<b>Department for Work and Pensions</b> <b>Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update</b>	<b>December 2011</b>
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**(1) Actions due to be completed in December 2011**

Section	Action	Status
1.6(ii)	Develop an implementation plan to introduce a household cap so that no workless family can receive more in welfare than median after tax earnings for working households (end Dec 2011).	Complete

**(2) Actions due to be started by December 2011**

Section	Action	Status
3.i (iii)	Introduce Jobseeker's Allowance for lone parents whose youngest child is 5 or over.	Work not started
1.1(vii)	Develop a detailed plan and evaluation to identify implementation risks (for Universal Credit) in detail (end Jan 2012).	Work ongoing
1.1(viii)	Develop a cost-effective delivery model for Universal Credit (end Oct 2013).	Work ongoing
1.1(ix)	Work jointly with HM Revenue & Customs to develop a Real Time Information capability (end Mar 2013).	Work ongoing
1.3(ii)	Phased national roll-out of migration of Incapacity Benefit recipients to Employment and Support Allowance (end May 2014).	Work ongoing
1.9.(iii)	Use credit reference agency data to cleanse the stock of fraud and error in the system (end April 2012)	Work ongoing
1.9(vii)	Implement the benefit fraud sanctions and civil penalty introduced by the Welfare Reform Bill (and associated secondary legislation) (end Apr 2012).	Work ongoing
1.9(viii)	Introduce the new Single Fraud Investigation Service (end Apr 2013).	Work ongoing
1.9 (ix)	Introduce the new Integrated Risk and Intelligence Service (end Apr 2013).	Work ongoing
1.11(iv)	Prepare legislation and lay before Parliament (Employment and Support Allowance Timelimit) (end April 2012)	Work ongoing
2.6(ii)	Extend and deliver Work Experience nationally (end Apr 2013).	Work ongoing
2.6(iii)	Roll out a flexible model that combines pre-employment training with a work experience placement (end Apr 2013).	Work ongoing
2.7(iv)	Assess whether rehabilitation and employment providers are working together effectively to give a complete package of support to offenders and ex-offenders and deliver social return on investment, as part of the evaluation of pilot rehabilitation schemes (end Sep 2014).	Work ongoing
3.3(ii)	Revise strategy and implementation plan for changes to child maintenance (end Jun 2012).	Work ongoing
3.5(i)	Develop new measures of progress in improving social mobility in adulthood (end Dec 2012).	Work ongoing

4.1(iii)	Focus resources for Pension Credit on those with lowest incomes by freezing the savings credit maximum in cash terms over the period of the Spending Review (end Apr 2014).	Work ongoing
4.2(iii)	Prepare to implement auto-enrolment into pension schemes for low and middle earners (end Oct 2012).	Work ongoing
4.3(iv)	Develop detailed proposals and legislate, if necessary, to abolish contracting out for defined contribution pensions (end Apr 2012).	Work ongoing
5.3(ii)	Run Right to Control pilots (end Dec 2012).	Work ongoing
5.7(ii)	Consult on the future of the Independent Living Fund for the period up to April 2015 (end Apr 2015).	Work ongoing
5.8.(iii)	Support the GEO to implement agreed proposals, working with political parties and disability organisations (end Apr 2013)	Work ongoing
6.1(iv)	Put benefit advice and make common benefits enquiries available online (end Feb 2012).	Work Ongoing
6.1(v)	To significantly improve JSA online by fully automating 75% of the processes, with the remainder still requiring a value-added intervention from staff (end Jun 2012).	Work ongoing
6.1.(vi)	Increase the proportion of Jobseeker's Allowance claims made online to 80% (end Sep 2013).	Work ongoing
6.7	In line with the Red Tape Challenge, bring forward proposals to reduce and reform the stock of statutory instruments and regulations for which the Department has overall responsibility (end Dec 2012).	Work ongoing

### (3) Explanation of missed deadlines

In December 2011, the Department for Work and Pensions missed the following deadline:

Deadline Missed	Reason
3.1 (iii) Introduce Jobseeker's Allowance for lone parents whose youngest child is 5 or over.	The introduction of this change is linked to the Welfare Reform Bill 2011 gaining Royal Assent. This was originally planned for November 2011, but has now been delayed.  As a result, the original December 2011 start date for extending Jobseeker's Allowance to those lone parents whose youngest child is 5 or over has also been delayed.

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

Deadline missed	Status	Reason
3.5(ii) Publish jointly with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and the Department for Education a participation strategy for 16-24 year olds (end Nov 2011).	Complete	The participation strategy: "Building Engagement, Building Futures" was published on 15 December 2011.
4.3(ii) Review the rules on employer debt incurred from pension schemes and publish the findings (end Oct 2011).	Complete	New regulations were laid on 15 December 2011, which simplify the rules on employer debt and make it easier for employers to restructure their businesses. The regulations come into effect on 27 January 2012.

<p>4.7(ii) Publish response to Green Paper on State Pension reform (end Nov 2011).</p>	<p>Still not complete</p>	<p>The Government's consultation on options for reforming the State Pension system for future pensioners ended on June 24, 2011 and we published a summary of responses on 27 July, 2011. We are continuing to consider the issue of state pension reform. Once a decision is taken we will publish a White Paper and Impact Assessment as part of the usual process.</p>
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