

- (a) after “The Commissioners shall” insert “, following consultation with the Minister,”;
- (b) for “a recruitment code” substitute “recruitment principles”;
- (c) for “articles 6 and 7” substitute “article 6”.
- (3) In article 4(3) for “recruitment code is” substitute “recruitment principles are”.
- (4) In article 5(1) —
- (d) for “Subject to article 5(2) and article 5(3), no” substitute “No”, and
- (e) for “recruitment code” substitute “recruitment principles”.
- (5) For article 6 substitute “The Commissioners may except an appointment from the requirements of article 2(1)(a), either individually or by cases of a class or description, if they are satisfied that the exception is justified by the needs of the Service or is needed to enable the Service to participate in a government employment initiative in which major employers in the United Kingdom (or a part of the United Kingdom) have been asked to participate.”.
- (6) In article 8(1)(a) for “each category of permitted exceptions identified in article 6 and article 7” substitute “exceptions permitted under article 6”.
- (7) Articles 5(2), 5(3) and 7 are revoked.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

- 2. —(1) This Order may be cited as the Civil Service (Amendment) (No. 2) Order in Council 2008 and comes into force on 1st April 2009.
- (2) The Interpretation Act 1978(1) applies for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Judith Simpson

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Civil Service Order in Council 1995 so as to: — require the Civil Service Commissioners to prescribe and publish, in consultation with the Minister for the Civil Service, recruitment principles in place of a recruitment code, — replace the specific exceptions from the principle of selection for appointment on merit on the basis of fair and open competition, in articles 6 and 7, with a power for the Civil Service Commissioners to specific exception in the recruitment principles if they are satisfied that the exceptions are justified on certain grounds (see article 6 as substituted by article 1(5) of this Order), and — remove from article 5 the exceptions from the need for the Civil Service Commissioners’ written approval before an appointment can be made to specified Senior Civil Service posts.

(1)1978 c.30.

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BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

DETERMINING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND DESIGN FOR A QUARTER-SOVEREIGN

ELIZABETH R.

Whereas under section 3(1)(a), (b), (c), and (d) of the Coinage Act 1971 We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, by Proclamation to determine the denomination, the design and dimensions of coins to be made at Our Mint and to determine the weight and fineness of certain gold coins, the remedy to be allowed in the making of such coins and their least current weight:

And Whereas it appears to Us desirable to order that there should be made at Our Mint a coin of the denomination of quarter-sovereign in gold:

We, therefore, in pursuance of the said section 3(1)(a), (b), (c), and (d), and of all other powers enabling Us in that behalf, do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, proclaim, direct and ordain as follows:

1. (1) A new coin of gold of the denomination of quarter-sovereign shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 1.997 grammes, a standard diameter of 13.5 millimetres, a millesimal fineness of 916.66, and being circular in shape.

(2) In the making of the said gold coin a remedy (that is, a variation from the standard weight, diameter or fineness specified above) shall be allowed of an amount not exceeding the following, that is to say:

- (a) a variation from the said standard weight of an amount per coin (measured as the average of a sample of not more than one kilogramme of the coin) of 0.00972 grammes;
- (b) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.125 millimetres per coin; and
- (c) a variation from the said millesimal fineness of two per mille.

(3) The least current weight of the said gold coin shall be 1.980 grammes.

(4) The design of the said gold coin shall be as follows:

‘For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription “ELIZABETH · II · DEI · GRA REGINA · FID · DEF” and for the reverse the image of St George armed, sitting on horseback, attacking the dragon with a sword, and a broken spear upon the ground, and the date of the year. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge’.

2. This Proclamation shall come into force on the eleventh day of December Two thousand and eight.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this tenth day of December in the year of our Lord Two thousand and eight and in the fifty-seventh year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

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Public Finance



Bank of England

An ACCOUNT pursuant to the Acts 7 & 8 Vict. ch. 32, 18 & 19 Geo. 5 ch. 13 and 19 & 20 Eliz. 2 ch. 24, for the week ending on Wednesday, the 10th day of December 2008.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

	£	£
Notes Issued:		
In Circulation	45,261,253,950	
In Banking Department	—	
	£45,261,253,950	
		£
Government Debt	...	—
Other Government Securities	...	4,916,598,636
Other Securities	...	40,344,655,314
Coin other than Gold Coin	...	—
		45,261,253,950
Amount of Fiduciary Issue	...	—
Gold Coin and Bullion	...	—
		£45,261,253,950

Dated the 11th day of December 2008.

Mr A Bailey, Chief Cashier