STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 200

The Jobseeker's Allowance (Transitional Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Transition from unemployment benefit to a jobseeker's allowance

5.—(1) In a case where, in accordance with a notice issued to him under regulation 19 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 to, the Claims and Payments Regulations(**1**) (time for claiming benefit), a person claims unemployment benefit on or after 7th October 1996 but before 20th October 1996, any claim made for unemployment benefit which the claimant is required to make in accordance with that notice—

(a) on a day falling on or after 7th October 1996 but before 13th October 1996 shall be treated also as a claim for a jobseeker's allowance for a period commencing on the day after the date of claim, or

(b) on a day falling on or after 14th October 1996 but before 20th October 1996 shall be treated as a claim for unemployment benefit for the first benefit week falling within the period of that claim and as a claim for a jobseeker's allowance for the subsequent benefit week and for any benefit week thereafter.

(2) An award of unemployment benefit made—

(a) in accordance with regulation 17(4)(*b*) of the Claims and Payments Regulations (duration of awards), or

(b) on or after 7th October 1996 for a period commencing before 7th October 1996,

and which extends beyond the benefit week which includes the relevant day shall terminate at the end of that benefit week.

(3) In the case of a person to whom paragraph (1) or (2) applies, his entitlement to unemployment benefit in the benefit week which includes the relevant day shall be determined as if the provisions of the Benefits Act, the Administration Act and the regulations made under those Acts relating to unemployment benefit had continued in operation in his case until the end of that benefit week and as if the Order did not apply to him in that benefit week.

(4) A person who is treated as making a claim for a jobseeker's allowance under this regulation shall, if he satisfies the conditions of entitlement to unemployment benefit in operation on 6th October 1996, but subject to the provisions of these Regulations, be treated as satisfying the requirements of Articles 3 and 4 of the Order (entitlement to a jobseeker's allowance and the contribution-based conditions).

(**1**) Regulation 19 was amended by S.R. 1988 No. 141, S.R. 1989 No. 398, S.R. 1991 No. 488 and S.R. 1992 Nos. 7, 83 and 453