STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 2006

The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015

PART 2

Universal credit

CHAPTER 2

Claimant responsibilities

Work-related requirements

Work search requirement

22.—(1) In this Part a "work search requirement" is a requirement that a claimant take—

(a) all reasonable action, and

(b) any particular action specified by the Department,

for the purpose of obtaining paid work (or more paid work or better-paid work).

(2) The Department may under paragraph (1)(b) specify the time to be devoted to any particular action.

(3) Action which may be specified under paragraph (1)(b) includes in particular—

(a) carrying out work searches;

(b) making applications;

(c) creating and maintaining an online profile;

(d) registering with an employment agency;

(e) seeking references;

(f) any action prescribed for the purpose in paragraph (1).

(4) Regulations may impose limitations on a work search requirement by reference to the work to which it relates; and the Department may in any particular case specify further such limitations on such a requirement.

(5) A limitation under paragraph (4) may in particular be by reference to—

(a) work of a particular nature,

(b) work with a particular level of remuneration,

(c) work in particular locations, or

(d) work available for a certain number of hours per week or at particular times,

and may be indefinite or for a particular period.

Commencement Information

I1 Art. 22 in operation at 2.5.2016 for specified purposes by S.R. 2016/215, **art. 2(2)(b)(i)**

I2 Art. 22 in operation at 27.9.2017 for specified purposes by S.R. 2017/190, art. 4(3)-(6), **Sch. 1** (with art. 5)

I3 Art. 22 in operation at 15.11.2017 and 13.12.2017 for specified purposes by S.R. 2017/216, **art. 3** (with art. 6) (as amended (15.1.2018) by S.R. 2018/1, art. 7)

I4 Art. 22 in operation at 17.1.2018 and further specified dates for specified purposes by S.R. 2018/1, **art. 3** (with art. 6)

I5 Art. 22 in operation at 16.5.2018 and further specified dates for specified purposes by S.R. 2018/97, **art. 3** (with art. 6)

I6 Art. 22 in force at 5.9.2018 and further specified dates for specified purposes by S.R. 2018/138, **art. 3** (with art. 6)

I7 Art. 22 in force at 1.2.2019 for specified purposes by S.R. 2019/7, **art. 2(1)-(3)** (with art. 2(4)(11))

I8 Art. 22 in operation at 30.3.2022 in so far as not already in operation by S.R. 2022/132, **art. 3** (with arts. 4, 5, Sch.)

Changes to legislation:
The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015, Section 22 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.
View outstanding changes

Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.R. 2009/4 by S.R. 2019/107 art. 2
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.R. 2017/190 by S.R. 2019/4 art. 5
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.R. 2017/190 by S.R. 2019/7 art. 3
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.R. 2017/216 by S.R. 2018/1 art. 7
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SR 2016/46, art. 5(a) by S.R. 2016/166 art. 3

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:
Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pts. 25 modified by S.R. 2019/212 art. 2(2)(g) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk SR 2019/212 revoked (19.12.2020) by SR 2020/348, art. 1(2)(2))
- art. 56(1) repealed by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 12 Pt. 1