
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 2006

The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015

PART 2

Universal credit

CHAPTER 1

Entitlement and awards

Entitlement

Basic conditions

- 9.—(1) For the purposes of Article 8, a person meets the basic conditions who—
- (a) is at least 18 years old,
 - (b) has not reached the qualifying age for state pension credit,
 - (c) is in Northern Ireland,
 - (d) is not receiving education, and
 - (e) has accepted a claimant commitment.
- (2) Regulations may provide for exceptions to the requirement to meet any of the basic conditions (and, for joint claimants, may provide for an exception for one or both).
- (3) For the basic condition in paragraph (1)(a) regulations may specify a different minimum age for prescribed cases.
- (4) For the basic condition in paragraph (1)(b) the qualifying age for state pension credit is that referred to in section 1(6) of the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002.
- (5) For the basic condition in paragraph (1)(c) regulations may—
- (a) specify circumstances in which a person is to be treated as being or not being in Northern Ireland;
 - (b) specify circumstances in which temporary absence from Northern Ireland is disregarded;
 - (c) modify the application of this Part in relation to a person not in Northern Ireland who is by virtue of sub-paragraph (b) entitled to universal credit.
- (6) For the basic condition in paragraph (1)(d) regulations may—
- (a) specify what “receiving education” means;
 - (b) specify circumstances in which a person is to be treated as receiving or not receiving education.
- (7) For the basic condition in paragraph (1)(e) regulations may specify circumstances in which a person is to be treated as having accepted or not accepted a claimant commitment.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Art. 9(1)(a) modified (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1 of the amending Rule) by [The Universal Credit Regulations \(NorthernIreland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/216\)](#), regs. 1, **12(1)**
- C2** Art. 9(1)(a) modified (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1 of the amending Rule) by [The Universal Credit Regulations \(NorthernIreland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/216\)](#), regs. 1, **8(1)**
- C3** Art. 9(1)(d) excluded (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1 of the amending Rule) by [The Universal Credit Regulations \(NorthernIreland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/216\)](#), regs. 1, **14**
- C4** Art. 9(1)(e) modified (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1 of the amending Rule) by [The Universal Credit Regulations \(NorthernIreland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/216\)](#), regs. 1, **15(1)**

Commencement Information

- I1** Art. 9 in operation at 2.5.2016 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2016/215](#), **art. 2(2)(a)**
- I2** Art. 9 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. 9 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. 9 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. 9 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. 9 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. 9 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. 9 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.**)

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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](#)