

1979 No. 446

SOCIAL SECURITY**The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Unemployment Benefit Transitory Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979***Made* 18th December 1979*Coming into operation* 4th February 1980

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 79(1) and (3) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Unemployment Benefit Transitory Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979, and shall come into operation on 4th February 1980.

(2) In these regulations—

- (a) “spell of unemployment” means any period of one or more days on which a person is unemployed and any two or more such periods, not separated by a period of more than 3 consecutive days which in relation to that person are not days of unemployment, shall be treated as one spell of unemployment;
- (b) “social security office” includes any office or place appointed by the Department for the purpose of claiming unemployment benefit;
- (c) “the Department” means the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland;
- (d) in computing any period of time Sundays shall not be disregarded.

Limited transitory provision for claims for unemployment benefit in advance

2.—(1) The provisions of this regulation shall apply for the purposes of a claim for unemployment benefit, made within a period of one year commencing with the coming into operation of this regulation at a social security office specified in the Schedule to these regulations, where that claim is made by a person who has, during the spell of unemployment in which such claim is made, already made a claim for unemployment benefit at that social security office.

(2) A claim for unemployment benefit to which this regulation applies may, unless in any case the Department otherwise directs, be made, on the form approved by the Department for the purpose, for a period falling in part before the date of the claim and in part, by not more than 7 days, after the date of the claim and, on any such claim, benefit may be awarded for the period to which the claim relates.

(3) Any decision under paragraph (2) of this regulation awarding unemployment benefit in respect of any period falling after the date of the claim shall be subject to the condition that the claimant continues to satisfy the requirements for payment thereof during the period to which the award relates and, if the said requirements are found not to have been satisfied at some time during the said period, the award shall be reviewed.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 18th December 1979.

(L.S.)

W. J. Sloane
Senior Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(1)

Social Security Offices specified for the purposes of these regulations—

1, Shaftesbury Square, Belfast BT2 7DD.
71, Bow Street, Lisburn BT28 1BJ.
Protestant Hall, Main Street, Glenavy, Co. Antrim.
Crown Buildings, Newry Street, Killeel BT34 4DN.
8, The Square, Annalong BT34 4TS.
39, Church Road, Newtownabbey BT36 7LG.
Crown Buildings, Mountjoy Road, Omagh BT79 7BB.
Orange Hall, Fintona Road, Dromore, Co. Tyrone.
British Legion Hall, King Street, Fintona BT78 2BG.
Youth Centre, Drumquin, Co. Tyrone.
Cloughfin Orange Hall, Beragh Road, Sixmilecross, Co. Tyrone.
Crown Buildings, Asylum Road, Londonderry BT48 7EA.
Orange Hall, Main Street, Claudy, Co. Londonderry.
Orange Hall, Coolafinney Road, Eglinton BT47 3PG.
Drumahoe Sub-office, Tullyally, Ardmore Road, Londonderry.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations make transitory provision to allow certain claims to unemployment benefit, made at certain specified social security offices within a period of one year commencing with the coming into operation of the regulations, to be made for a period falling partly after the date on which the claim is made.