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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2007 No. 113**

**The Social Security (Preparation for Employment Programme  
50 to 59 Pilot) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007**

**Application of Preparation for Employment Programme 50 to 59 Pilot**

3.—(1) In relation to a person to whom paragraph (2) applies, regulation 75(1)(a)(v)(1) of the Jobseeker's Regulations (interpretation) shall be modified to the extent that for "any one individual aged 25 years or over and less than 50 years" there shall be substituted "any one individual aged 50 years or over and less than 60 years"

(2) This paragraph shall apply to any person who meets the conditions specified in paragraph (3) and who is selected by an employment officer to participate in the Preparation for Employment Programme as specified in regulation 75(1)(a)(v) of the Jobseeker's Regulations as modified by paragraph (1).

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2) the conditions are that he is a person——

- (a) who, between 1st April 2007 and 31st March 2008 attends an office pursuant to a notification given or sent under regulation 23(2) or 23A(3) of the Jobseeker's Regulations;
- (b) who, on the day he so attends, is aged 50 years or over and less than 60;
- (c) who has been receiving benefit for a cumulative period of at least 18 months in the previous 21 months, and
- (d) who has been given or sent a notice in writing by an employment officer notifying him of a place on the Preparation for Employment Programme as specified in regulation 75(1)(a)(v) of the Jobseeker's Regulations as modified by paragraph (1), and advising him that if he fails to participate in that programme, his jobseeker's allowance could cease to be payable or could be paid at a lower rate.

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(1) Head (v) was added by regulation 5(a) of [S.R. 2001 No. 151](#)

(2) Regulation 23 was substituted by regulation 2(2) of [S.R. 2000 No. 255](#)

(3) Regulation 23A was inserted by regulation 2(5) and paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to, [S.R. 2000 No. 350](#)