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The Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

PART 2

CHAPTER 2

EFFECT OF TRANSITION TO UNIVERSAL CREDIT

Escalation of sanctions: transition from old style JSA

34.—(1) This regulation applies where an award of universal credit is made to a claimant who was at any time previously entitled to old style JSA.

(2) Where this regulation applies, for the purposes of determining the applicable reduction period under regulation 99 (higher-level sanction), 100 (medium-level sanction) or 101 (low-level sanction) of the Universal Credit Regulations in relation to a sanctionable failure by the person, other than a failure which is treated as sanctionable by virtue of regulation 33—

- (a) a reduction of universal credit in accordance with regulation 33; and
- (b) any reduction of old style JSA under Article 21 or Article 21A of the Jobseekers Order 1995 which did not result in a reduction under regulation 33,

is, subject to paragraph (3), to be treated as arising from a sanctionable failure for which the reduction period is the number of days which is equivalent to the length of the period which applied under regulation 69 of the JSA Regulations 1996.

(3) In determining a reduction period under regulation 99, 100 or 101 of the Universal Credit Regulations in accordance with paragraph (2), no account is to be taken of—

- (a) a reduction of universal credit in accordance with regulation 33 if, at any time after that reduction, the claimant was entitled to an existing benefit; and
- (b) a reduction of old style JSA under Article 21 or Article 21A of the Jobseekers Order 1995 if, at any time after that reduction, the claimant was entitled to universal credit, new style ESA or new style JSA, and was subsequently entitled to an existing benefit.