
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 241

**The Jobseeker's Allowance (Sanctions)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

Amendment of Part IXA of the JSA Regulations

4.—(1) Part IXA of the JSA Regulations⁽¹⁾ (hardship for joint-claim couples) is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5).

(2) In regulation 146A (meaning of “couple in hardship”)—

(a) for paragraph (1)(c)(i)⁽²⁾ substitute—

“(i) where the couple have an award, a joint-claim jobseeker's allowance is not payable because it is suspended or the award is reduced in accordance with Article 21 (higher level sanctions) or Article 21A of the Order (other sanctions) or regulation 69B (the period of a reduction under Article 21B: claimants ceasing to be available for employment etc.), and”;

(b) in paragraph (2) omit “, (5), (5A) or (5B)”⁽³⁾; and

(c) omit paragraphs (5), (5A) and (5B)⁽⁴⁾.

(3) Omit regulation 146B ⁽⁵⁾ (period when a joint-claim couple is not in hardship).

(4) In regulation 146C⁽⁶⁾(6) (circumstances in which a joint-claim jobseeker's allowance is payable where a joint-claim couple is a couple in hardship) for the words from “regulations” to “payable to the couple” substitute “the award of joint-claim jobseeker's allowance has been reduced in accordance with Article 21 (higher level sanctions) or 21A (other sanctions) of the Order or regulation 69B (the period of a reduction under Article 21B: claimants ceasing to be available for employment etc.)”.

(5) In regulation 146D⁽⁵⁾ (further circumstances in which a joint-claim jobseeker's allowance is payable to a couple in hardship)—

(a) from “Article 22A⁽⁵⁾(a)” to “payable to them” substitute “the award of joint-claim jobseeker's allowance has been reduced in accordance with Article 21 (higher level sanctions) or 21A (other sanctions) of the Order or regulation 69B (the period of a reduction under Article 21B: claimants ceasing to be available for employment etc.)”; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (a), for “Article 22A of the Order” substitute “the reduction”.

(1) Part IXA was inserted by regulation 2(3) of [S.R. 2000 No. 350](#)

(2) Paragraph (1)(c)(i) was amended by regulation 2(15) of [S.R. 2012 No. 44](#)

(3) Paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 2(8)(a) of [S.R. 2009 No. 141](#) and regulation 12(2)(a) of [S.R. 2014 No. 150](#)

(4) Paragraph (5) was amended by regulation 2(8)(b) of [S.R. 2009 No. 141](#). Paragraph (5A) was inserted by regulation 2(8)(c) of [S.R. 2009 No. 141](#). Paragraph (5B) was inserted by regulation 12(2)(b) of [S.R. 2014 No. 150](#)

(5) Regulation 146B was amended by regulation 2(9) of [S.R. 2009 No. 141](#)

(6) Regulation 146C(6) was amended by regulation 2(16) of [S.R. 2012 No. 44](#) and regulation 12(3) of [S.R. 2014 No. 150](#)