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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2017 No. 190 (C. 11)**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order  
2015 (Commencement No. 8 and Transitional  
and Transitory Provisions) Order 2017

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THE WELFARE REFORM (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER  
2015 (COMMENCEMENT NO. 8 AND TRANSITIONAL  
AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS) ORDER 2017

1. Citation
2. Interpretation
3. Provisions coming into force on 27th September 2017
4. Day appointed for the coming into force of the universal credit provisions in Part 2 of the 2015 Order
5. Incorrect information regarding residence in the No. 1 relevant districts
6. Day appointed for the abolition of income-related employment and support allowance and income-based jobseeker's allowance
7. Provisions that apply in connection with the abolition of income-related employment and support allowance and income-based jobseeker's allowance under Article 6
8. Transitional provision where the Department determines that claims for universal credit may not be made: effect on claims for employment and support allowance and jobseeker's allowance
9. Day appointed for commencement of provisions relating to claimant responsibilities with respect to employment and support allowance and jobseeker's allowance, and transitional provisions
10. Transitional provision: conversion of incapacity benefits
11. Transition from old style ESA
12. Transition from new style ESA
13. Transition from old style JSA
14. Transition from new style JSA
15. Sanctions: transition from old style ESA in case of a new award
16. Sanctions: transition from old style ESA in case of a continuing award

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

17. Escalation of sanctions: transition from old style ESA
  18. Sanctions: transition from old style JSA in case of a new award
  19. Sanctions: transition from old style JSA in case of a continuing award
  20. Escalation of sanctions: transition from old style JSA
  21. Termination of sanctions under a new style ESA or JSA award
  22. Transitory provisions: appeals
  23. Transitional provision: references to contributory employment and support allowance and contribution-based jobseeker's allowance
  24. Transitional provision: claims for housing benefit, income support or a tax credit
  25. Appeals relating to old style ESA and old style JSA
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SCHEDULE 1 UNIVERSAL CREDIT PROVISIONS COMING INTO OPERATION IN RELATION TO CERTAIN CLAIMS AND AWARDS

1. Article 6 (universal credit).
2. Article 7 (claims).
3. Article 8 (entitlement).
4. Article 9 (basic conditions).
5. Article 10 (financial conditions).
6. Article 11 (restrictions on entitlement).
7. Article 12 (basis of awards).
8. Article 13 (calculation of awards).
9. Article 14 (standard allowance).
10. Article 15 (responsibility for children and young persons).
11. Article 16 (housing costs).
12. Article 17 (other particular needs or circumstances).
13. Article 18 (work-related requirements: introductory).
14. Article 19 (claimant commitment).
15. Article 20 (work-focused interview requirement).
16. Article 21 (work preparation requirement).
17. Article 22 (work search requirement).
18. Article 23 (work availability requirement).
19. Article 24 (claimants subject to no work-related requirements).
20. Article 25 (claimants subject to work-focused interview requirement only).
21. Article 26 (claimants subject to work preparation requirement).
22. Article 27 (claimants subject to all work-related requirement).
23. Article 28 (connected requirements).
24. Article 29 (imposition of requirements).
25. Article 31 (higher-level sanctions).
26. Article 32 (other sanctions).

SCHEDULE 2 COMMENCEMENT OF REPEALS IN PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 12 TO THE 2015 ORDER

SCHEDULE 3 MODIFICATIONS OF THE 2010 TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS

1. The 2010 Transitional Regulations are to be read as if...
2. In regulation 2 (interpretation)— (a) in paragraph (1)—

3. In regulation 4 (the notice commencing the conversion phase), omit...
4. In regulation 5 (deciding whether an existing award qualifies for...
5. In regulation 6(2) (application of certain statutory provisions for purpose...
6. In regulation 7 (qualifying for conversion)— (a) in paragraph (1) —...
7. In regulation 8(1) (amount of an employment and support allowance...
8. In regulation 9(1) (determining entitlement to a transitional addition) —
9. In regulation 10 (transitional addition: incapacity benefit or severe disablement...
10. Omit regulation 11 (transitional addition: income support).
11. In regulation 12 (regulations 10 and 11: supplementary)—
12. In regulation 13(3) (the effective date of a conversion decision),...
13. In regulation 14 (conversion decision that existing award qualifies for...
14. In regulation 15 (conversion decision that existing award does not...
15. In regulation 16 (application of other statutory provisions applying to...
16. In regulation 17 (changes of circumstances before the effective date) —...
17. In regulation 18 (reducing the transitional addition: general rule), for...
18. In regulation 21 (termination of transitional addition)—
19. In regulation 22 (disapplication of certain enactments following conversion decision),...
20. In Schedule 1 (modification of statutory provisions: making conversion decisions)—...
21. (1) The following amendments to Schedule 2 (modification of enactments:...
22. In Schedule 3 (regulations that apply after the conversion phase)—...  
Explanatory Note