
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2008 No.

**The Social Security (Lone Parents and
Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008**

**Amendment of the Jobcentre Plus Regulations from the day after the day on which these
Regulations are made**

8.—(1) The Jobcentre Plus Regulations are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 4(1) (continuing entitlement to specified benefit dependent on an interview)(1), for “6 to 9” substitute “4A and 6 to 9”.

(3) After regulation 4 insert—

“Requirement for certain lone parents to take part in an interview

4A.—(1) This regulation applies to a lone parent who—

- (a) is entitled to income support and is a person to whom paragraph 1 (lone parents) of Schedule 1B to the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 applies;
- (b) does not fall within any other paragraph of that Schedule; and
- (c) is responsible for and living in the same household as—
 - (i) a single child aged 9, 10 or 11, or
 - (ii) more than one child where the youngest is aged 9, 10 or 11.

(2) Subject to regulations 6 to 9, a lone parent to whom this regulation applies is required to take part in an interview every 13 weeks after he—

- (a) last took part,
- (b) last failed to take part, or
- (c) was last treated as having taken part,

in an interview.

(3) A lone parent who—

- (a) is required to take part in an interview under this regulation, or
- (b) has had a requirement to take part in an interview under this regulation waived or deferred,

is not required to take part in an interview under regulation 4 unless this regulation ceases to apply to him.”

(4) In regulation 5(b) (time when interview is to take place)(2), after “4(1)” insert “or 4A(2)”.

(5) In regulation 6(2)(a) (waiver of a requirement to take part in an interview), for “3 or 4” substitute “3, 4 or 4A”.

(1) Regulation 4 was amended by S.I. s. 2002/2497, 2004/959, 2005/2727 and 2007/1034.

(2) Regulation 5 was amended by S.I. 2005/2727.

- (6) In regulation 8(1) (exemptions)(**3**), for “4 or 7(2)” substitute “4 or 4A or 7(2)”.
- (7) In regulation 12(2)(c)(failure to take part in an interview)(**4**), for “4” substitute “4 or 4A”.

(3) Regulation 8 was amended by S.I. 2003/2439, 2005/2727 and 2007/1034.
(4) Regulation 12 was amended by S.I. 2005/2727.