



Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 4

PART II

CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

Unemployment benefit

26 Duration of unemployment benefit

- (1) A person who, in respect of any period of interruption of employment, has been entitled to unemployment benefit for 312 days shall not thereafter be entitled to that benefit for any day of unemployment (whether in the same or a subsequent period of interruption of employment) unless before that day he has requalified for benefit.
- (2) A person who has exhausted his right to unemployment benefit requalifies for it on the next occasion when, having again been in employment as an employed earner, he makes a claim for that benefit in circumstances such that the requalification conditions are satisfied with respect to each of at least 13 weeks in the period of 26 weeks immediately preceding—
 - (a) the day on which the claim is made, or
 - (b) if he would not requalify by reference to that day, his first day of unemployment since he was last in employment as an employed earner.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) above the requalification conditions are satisfied with respect to any week if—
 - (a) the person in question has been in employment as an employed earner in that week;
 - (b) he has worked in such employment for at least 16 hours in that week; and
 - (c) the week begins after the last day for which he was entitled to unemployment benefit.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (4) Subsection (2) above shall have effect in prescribed cases with the substitution for the reference to 26 weeks of a reference to such longer period as may be prescribed.
- (5) Where a person requalifies for unemployment benefit, subsection (1) above shall again apply to him but, in a case where the period of interruption of employment in which he exhausted his right to that benefit continues after his requalification, as if the part before and the part after his requalification were distinct periods of interruption of employment.
- (6) Regulations may provide for a person who would be entitled to unemployment benefit but for the operation of any provision of this Act or of regulations disentitling him to it or disqualifying him for it to be treated as if entitled to it for the purposes of this section.