



Jobseekers Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 18

PART I

THE JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

[^{F1} Jobseeking][^{F1} Work-related requirements]

[^{F1}6L Delegation and contracting out

- (1) The functions of the Secretary of State under sections 6 to 6I may be exercised by, or by the employees of, such person as the Secretary of State may authorise for the purpose (an “authorised person”).
- (2) An authorisation given by virtue of this section may authorise the exercise of a function—
 - (a) wholly or to a limited extent;
 - (b) generally or in particular cases or areas;
 - (c) unconditionally or subject to conditions.
- (3) An authorisation under this section—
 - (a) may specify its duration;
 - (b) may be varied or revoked at any time by the Secretary of State;
 - (c) does not prevent the Secretary of State or another person from exercising the function to which the authorisation relates.
- (4) Anything done or omitted to be done by or in relation to an authorised person (or an employee of that person) in, or in connection with, the exercise or purported exercise of the function concerned is to be treated for all purposes as done or omitted to be done by or in relation to the Secretary of State or (as the case may be) an officer of the Secretary of State.
- (5) Subsection (4) does not apply—
 - (a) for the purposes of so much of any contract made between the authorised person and the Secretary of State as relates to the exercise of the function, or

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- (b) for the purposes of any criminal proceedings brought in respect of anything done or omitted to be done by the authorised person (or an employee of that person).
- (6) Where—
- (a) the authorisation of an authorised person is revoked, and
 - (b) at the time of the revocation so much of any contract made between the authorised person and the Secretary of State as relates to the exercise of the function is subsisting,
- the authorised person is entitled to treat the contract as repudiated by the Secretary of State (and not as frustrated by reason of the revocation).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 6-6L substituted for ss. 6-10 (25.2.2013 for specified purposes, 29.4.2013 for specified purposes and subsequently on the days on which and for the purposes for which "the amending provisions" are brought into force by secondary legislation) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\), ss. 49\(3\), 150\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2013/358, art. 2\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 11](#); [S.I. 2013/983, art. 7\(1\)\(b\) \(with art. 7\(2\)\)](#) (as amended: (1.7.2013) by [S.I. 2013/1511, art. 6](#))

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2010/875 reg. 16Sch. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Amending S.I. revoked (27.8.2010) by SI 2010/1906, reg. 2 without ever being in force.)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 1(1A) substituted for s. 1(2)-(2D) by [2009 c. 24 s. 4\(2\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 4(2)(a) repealed (8.5.2012) by 2012 c. 5, s. 150(3), Sch. 14 Pt. 2 without ever being in force.)
- s. 1(2)(za) inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 61\(2\)](#)
- s. 1(3A) inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 61\(3\)](#)
- s. 2(3C)(e) and word repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 3(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 1 para. 10\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 1 repealed (8.5.2012) by 2012 c. 5, s. 150(2)(k), Sch. 14 Pt. 2 without ever being in force)
- s. 3(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 1 para. 10\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 1 repealed (8.5.2012) by 2012 c. 5, s. 150(2)(k), Sch. 14 Pt. 2 without ever being in force)
- s. 3(1A)(a) word repealed by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 7 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 9(4A) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2009 c. 24 s. 31(1) by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 7 para. 15\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 9(4A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 31\(1\)](#)
- s. 9(4A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 31\(1\)](#)
- s. 14(2A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 1 para. 15\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 1 repealed (8.5.2012) by 2012 c. 5, s. 150(2)(k), Sch. 14 Pt. 2 without ever being in force.)
- s. 15(1)(1A) substituted for s. 15(1) by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 1 para. 16\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 1 repealed (8.5.2012) by 2012 c. 5, s. 150(2)(k), Sch. 14 Pt. 2 without ever being in force.)
- s. 15(1)(1A) substituted for s. 15(1) by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 1 para. 16\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 1 repealed (8.5.2012) by 2012 c. 5, s. 150(2)(k), Sch. 14 Pt. 2 without ever being in force.)
- s. 15A(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 1 para. 17\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 1 repealed (8.5.2012) by 2012 c. 5, s. 150(2)(k), Sch. 14 Pt. 2 without ever being in force.)
- s. 15B inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 1 para. 18](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 1 repealed (8.5.2012) by 2012 c. 5, s. 150(2)(k), Sch. 14 Pt. 2 without ever being in force.)
- s. 18A18B inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 1 para. 4](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 1 repealed (8.5.2012) by 2012 c. 5, s. 150(2)(k), Sch. 14 Pt. 2 without ever being in force.)
- s. 18C18D inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 1 para. 5](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 1 repealed (8.5.2012) by 2012 c. 5, s. 150(2)(k), Sch. 14 Pt. 2 without ever being in force.)
- s. 20C20D inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 25\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 25 repealed (22.10.2012) by 2012 c. 5, Sch. 14 Pt. 3; S.I. 2012/2530, art. 2(2)(g) without ever being in force.)
- s. 20C20D inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 25\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 25 repealed (22.10.2012) by 2012 c. 5, Sch. 14 Pt. 3; S.I. 2012/2530, art. 2(2)(g) without ever being in force.)

- s. 20C(7) words substituted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 1 para. 19\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 1 repealed (8.5.2012) by 2012 c. 5, s. 150(2)(k), Sch. 14 Pt. 2 without ever being in force.)
- s. 20D(6)(b) and word omitted by [2012 c. 10 Sch. 24 para. 13](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 14B inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 30\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 14(2) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 1 para. 23\(5\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 1 repealed (8.5.2012) by 2012 c. 5, s. 150(2)(k), Sch. 14 Pt. 2 without ever being in force.)
- Sch. 1 para. 14A inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 1 para. 23\(6\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 1 repealed (8.5.2012) by 2012 c. 5, s. 150(2)(k), Sch. 14 Pt. 2 without ever being in force.)
- Sch. 1 para. 14B inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 30\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 8ZA inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 61\(4\)](#)