



Jobseekers Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 18

PART I

THE JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

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

^{F1}8 Attendance, information and evidence.

^{F2}(1) Regulations may make provision for requiring a claimant ^{F3}(other than a joint-claim couple claiming a joint-claim jobseeker's allowance)—

- (a) to ^{F4}participate in an interview in such manner, time and place] as ^{F5}an employment officer] may specify; and
- (b) to provide information and such evidence as may be prescribed as to his circumstances, his availability for employment and the extent to which he is actively seeking employment.

^{F6}(1A) Regulations may make provision—

- (a) for requiring each member of a joint-claim couple claiming a joint-claim jobseeker's allowance to ^{F4}participate in an interview in such manner, time and place] as ^{F7}an employment officer] may specify;
- (b) for requiring a member of such a couple to provide information and such evidence as may be prescribed as to his circumstances, his availability for employment and the extent to which he is actively seeking employment;
- (c) for requiring such a couple to jointly provide information and such evidence as may be prescribed as to the circumstances of each or either member of the couple, the availability for employment of each or either member of the couple and the extent to which each or either member of the couple is actively seeking employment;
- (d) where any requirement to provide information or evidence is imposed on such a couple by virtue of paragraph (c), for the joint obligation of the couple to be capable of being discharged by the provision of the information or evidence by one member of the couple.]

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- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) [^{F8}or (1A)] may, in particular^{F9} provide for entitlement to a jobseeker's allowance to cease at such time as may be determined in accordance with any such regulations if, when a person fails to comply with such regulations, that person (or, if that person is a member of a joint-claim couple, either member of the couple) does not make prescribed contact with an employment officer within a prescribed period of the failure.]
- (ca) ^{F10}
- (d) ^{F11}
- (2A) ^{F12}
- (3) ^{F12}]

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\)](#)
- F2** Ss. 6-6L substituted for ss. 6-10 (25.2.2013 for specified purposes) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\), ss. 49\(3\), 150\(3\); S.I. 2013/358, art. 2\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 11](#)
- F3** Words in s. 8(1) inserted (19.3.2001) by [1999 c. 30, s. 59, Sch. 7 para. 7\(2\); S.I. 2000/2958, art. 2\(2\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 8(1)(a)(1A)(a) substituted (8.10.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\), ss. 45, 150\(3\); S.I. 2012/2530, art. 2\(1\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 8(1)(a) substituted (11.11.1999) by [1999 c. 30, ss. 70, 89\(4\)\(b\), Sch. 8 Pt. V para. 29\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- F6** S. 8(1A) inserted (19.3.2001) by [1999 c. 30, s. 59, Sch. 7 para. 7\(3\); S.I. 2000/2958, art. 2\(2\)](#)
- F7** Words in s. 8(1A)(a) (as originally enacted) substituted (22.10.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\), ss. 48, 150\(3\), Sch. 7 para. 2\(2\); S.I. 2012/2530, art. 2\(2\)\(f\)](#)
- F8** Words in s. 8(2) inserted (19.3.2001) by [1999 c. 30, s. 59, Sch. 7 para. 7\(4\); S.I. 2000/2958, art. 2\(2\)](#)
- F9** Words in s. 8(2) substituted for s. 8(2)(a)-(c) (22.10.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\), ss. 48, 150\(3\), Sch. 7 para. 2\(3\); S.I. 2012/2530, art. 2\(2\)\(f\)](#)
- F10** S. 8(2)(ca) repealed (22.10.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\), ss. 147, 150\(3\), {Sch. 14 Pt. 3}\); S.I. 2012/2530, art. 2\(2\)\(g\)](#)
- F11** S. 8(2)(d) repealed (22.10.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\), ss. 147, 150\(3\), {Sch. 14 Pt. 3}\); S.I. 2012/2530, art. 2\(2\)\(g\)](#)
- F12** S. 8(2A)(3) repealed (22.10.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\), ss. 147, 150\(3\), {Sch. 14 Pt. 3}\); S.I. 2012/2530, art. 2\(2\)\(g\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 8 wholly in force at 7.10.1996; s. 8 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 41(2); s. 8 in force (12.12.1995) for the purpose of authorising the making of regulations by [S.I. 1995/3228, art. 2\(b\), Sch.](#); s. 8 in force (7.10.1996) in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 1996/2208, art. 2\(b\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 8(1)(a) words substituted by [2009 c. 24 s. 32\(3\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 32(3) repealed (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), s. 150(3), Sch. 14 Pt. 4; S.I. 2013/983, art. 7(1)(e) (with art. 7(2)) (as amended: (1.7.2013) by S.I. 2013/1511, art. 6))
- s. 8(1A) words substituted by [2009 c. 24 s. 32\(3\)\(a\)](#) (as substituted) by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 7 para. 16\(3\)](#)
- s. 8(1A) words substituted by [2009 c. 24 s. 32\(3\)\(a\)](#) (as substituted) by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 7 para. 16\(3\)](#)
- s. 8(1A)(a) words substituted by [2009 c. 24 s. 32\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 32(4) 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. 8(3) repealed by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 7 Pt. 3](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Repealing entry in Sch. 7 Pt. 3 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.)

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\(4\)](#)