

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 7

#### JOINT CLAIMS FOR JOBSEEKER’S ALLOWANCE

##### *Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18)*

10 After section 15 (effect on family of one member being involved in a trade dispute) insert—

##### **“15A Trade disputes: joint-claim couples**

- (1) Sections 14 and 15 shall, in relation to a joint-claim couple claiming a joint-claim jobseeker’s allowance, apply in accordance with this section.
- (2) Where each member of the couple is prevented by section 14 from being entitled to a jobseeker’s allowance, the couple are not entitled to a joint-claim jobseeker’s allowance.
- (3) But where only one member of the couple is prevented by that section from being entitled to a jobseeker’s allowance, the couple are not for that reason alone prevented from being entitled to a joint-claim jobseeker’s allowance.
- (4) Section 15(1) does not have effect in relation to the couple but, except in prescribed circumstances, section 15(2) applies for the purposes of calculating the couple’s entitlement to a joint-claim jobseeker’s allowance where—
  - (a) a member of the couple, or
  - (b) any other person who is a member of any family of which the couple are members,is, or would be, prevented by section 14 from being entitled to a jobseeker’s allowance.
- (5) Where section 15(2) applies in relation to the couple by virtue of subsection (4) above, that provision and section 15(4) apply with the following modifications—
  - (a) references to the claimant are to be taken as references to the couple;
  - (b) references to “A” are to the person mentioned in subsection (4)(a) or (b) above;
  - (c) section 15(2)(b) has effect as if for “where the claimant and A are a married or unmarried couple,” there were substituted “where A is a member of the couple,”; and
  - (d) section 15(2)(c)(ii) has effect as if for “of his family” there were substituted “of any family of which the couple are members”.