

*These notes refer to the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (c.24)  
which received Royal Assent on 12 November 2009*

# WELFARE REFORM ACT 2009

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### SCHEDULES

#### *Schedule 1: Amendments connected to section 4*

##### **Part 1**

##### **19: Certain circumstances in which a jobseeker's allowance is not payable**

298. *New section 19* of the Jobseekers Act 1995 describes circumstances in which JSA can be disallowed for a 'relevant period' because the claimant has failed to satisfy the requirements under *sections 18A and 18B* of that Act even though the claimant may meet the other conditions for entitlement to the benefit. This applies to claims which are not part of a joint-claim.
299. *Subsections (2) and (3)* list the circumstances in which JSA can be disallowed under this section with respect to claimants who are required to meet the jobseeking conditions and to those claimants who are not so required.
300. *Subsections (4) and (5)* provide a power that will enable regulations to be made to determine the 'relevant period' over which the sanction is to apply for claimants not required to meet the jobseeking conditions. The sanction period must be at least one week and not more than 26 weeks.
301. *Subsection (6)* provides for regulations to prescribe circumstances which must be taken into account and those which must not be taken into account in determining the sanction period for claimants required to meet the jobseeking conditions.