STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 719

The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996

3.—(1) The Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 are amended as follows.

- (2) In regulation 1(3) (interpretation) at the appropriate place insert the following definition— ""long-term patient" means a person who—
 - (a) is a patient within the meaning of regulation 85(4); and
 - (b) has been such a patient for a continuous period of more than 52 weeks;".

(3) In regulation 3E(2)(d) (entitlement of a member of a joint-claim couple to a jobseeker's allowance without a claim being made jointly by the couple)(1), for "85" substitute "85A".

- (4) For regulation 105(2)(h) (notional income)(2) substitute—
 - "(h) any sum to which paragraph 42(2)(a) of Schedule 8 (capital to be disregarded) applies which is administered in the way referred to in paragraph 42(1)(a);
 - (ha) any sum to which paragraph 43(a) of Schedule 8 refers; or".
- (5) In regulation 113 (notional capital)—
 - (a) for paragraph (1)(c)(3) substitute—
 - "(c) any sum to which paragraph 42(2)(a) of Schedule 8 (capital to be disregarded) applies which is administered in the way referred to in paragraph 42(1)(a); or
 - (d) any sum to which paragraph 43(a) of Schedule 8 refers.";
 - (b) for paragraph (2)(e)(4) substitute—
 - "(e) any sum to which paragraph 42(2)(a) of Schedule 8 (capital to be disregarded) applies which is administered in the way referred to in paragraph 42(1)(a); or
 - (f) any sum to which paragraph 43(a) of Schedule 8 refers,".
- (6) In regulation 136A (treatment of payments from access funds)(5)—
 - (a) in paragraph (3)(6) omit "(which has the same meaning as in paragraph 15(2) of Schedule 7)";
 - (b) after that paragraph insert—

"(3A) In paragraph (3) "ordinary clothing or footwear" means clothing or footwear for normal daily use, but it does not include—

(a) school uniforms, or

⁽¹⁾ Regulation 3E(2)(d) inserted by S.I. 2000/1978.

⁽²⁾ Regulation 105(2)(h) inserted by S.I. 1997/2197.

⁽³⁾ Paragraph (1)(c) inserted by S.I. 1997/2197.

⁽⁴⁾ Paragraph (2)(e) inserted by S.I. 1997/2197.

⁽⁵⁾ Regulation 136A inserted by S.I. 2000/1922.

⁽⁶⁾ Paragraph (3) inserted by S.I. 2000/1922; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2001/3767 and 2003/455.

- (b) clothing or footwear used solely for sporting activities.".
- (7) In regulation 138 (income treated as capital)—
 - (a) in paragraph (3)(7) omit "(which has the same meaning as in paragraph 15(2) of Schedule 7)";
 - (b) after that paragraph insert—
 - "(4) In paragraph (3) "ordinary clothing or footwear" means clothing or footwear for normal daily use, but it does not include—
 - (a) school uniforms, or
 - (b) clothing or footwear used solely for sporting activities.".
- (8) In Schedule 1 (applicable amounts)—
 - (a) in paragraph 1(1)(c), (2)(c) and (3)(d) (personal allowances) for "paragraph 13(a)" substitute "paragraph 13(1)(a)";
 - (b) in paragraph 12 (higher pensioner premium)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (1) for "The" substitute "Subject to sub-paragraph (5), the";
 - (ii) after sub-paragraph (4) insert—
 - "(5) The condition is not satisfied if—
 - (a) the claimant is a single claimant or a lone parent and (in either case) is a long-term patient;
 - (b) the claimant is a member of a couple or polygamous marriage and each member of the couple or polygamous marriage is a long-term patient; or
 - (c) the claimant is a member of a couple or a polygamous marriage and a member of that couple or polygamous marriage is—
 - (i) a long-term patient; and
 - (ii) the only member of the couple or polygamous marriage to whom sub-paragraph (1)(b) or (c) refers.";
 - (c) in paragraph 13 (disability premium)—
 - (i) the existing provisions of paragraph 13 become sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph;
 - (ii) at the beginning of that sub-paragraph, for "The" substitute "Subject to subparagraph (2), the";
 - (iii) after that sub-paragraph, insert—

"(2) The condition is not satisfied if—

- (a) the claimant is a single claimant or a lone parent and (in either case) is a long-term patient;
- (b) the claimant is a member of a couple or polygamous marriage and each member of the couple or polygamous marriage is a long-term patient; or
- (c) the claimant is a member of a couple or polygamous marriage and a member of that couple or polygamous marriage—
 - (i) is a long-term patient; and
 - (ii) is the only member of the couple or polygamous marriage to whom the condition in sub-paragraph (1)(b) or (c) refers.";

⁽⁷⁾ Paragraph (3) inserted by S.I. 2000/1922; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2001/3767 and 2003/455.

- (d) in paragraph 15(7) (severe disability premium)(8) for "the date on which an award is made" substitute "the date on which the award is first paid";
- (e) for paragraph 15A(2) (enhanced disability premium)(9) substitute—

"(2) The condition is not satisfied where the person to whom sub-paragraph (1) refers is—

- (a) a child or young person—
 - (i) whose capital if calculated in accordance with Part 8 of these Regulations in like manner as for the claimant, except as provided in regulation 106(1), would exceed £3,000; or
 - (ii) who is a long-term patient;
- (b) a single claimant or a lone parent and (in either case) is a long-term patient;
- (c) a member of a couple or polygamous marriage and each member of the couple or polygamous marriage is a long-term patient; or
- (d) a member of a couple or polygamous marriage who is-
 - (i) a long-term patient; and
 - (ii) the only member of the couple or polygamous marriage to whom subparagraph (1) refers.";
- (f) for paragraph 16 (disabled child premium)(10) substitute—

"Disabled Child Premium

16.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the condition is that where the child or young person for whom the claimant or a partner of his is responsible and who is a member of the claimant's household is—

- (a) in receipt of disability living allowance or is no longer in receipt of that allowance because he is a patient provided that the child or young person continues to be a member of the family; or
- (b) blind or treated as blind within the meaning of paragraph 14(1)(h) and (2).
- (2) The condition is not satisfied in respect of a child or young person-
 - (a) whose capital, if calculated in accordance with Part 8 of these Regulations in like manner as for the claimant, except as provided in regulation 106(1), would exceed £3,000; or
 - (b) who is a long-term patient.";
- (g) in paragraph 20(5) (weekly amounts of premiums specified in Part 3)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a) for "paragraph 13(a)" substitute "paragraph 13(1)(a)";
 - (ii) in paragraph (b) for "paragraph 13(b)" substitute "paragraph 13(1)(b)";
- (h) in paragraph 20F (higher pensioner premium)(11)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (1) for "The" substitute "Subject to sub-paragraph (5), the";
 - (ii) after sub-paragraph (4) insert—

⁽⁸⁾ Paragraph 15 amended by S.I. 2003/511.

 ⁽⁹⁾ Paragraph 15A inserted by S.I. 2000/2629; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2003/455 and 1195. Sub-paragraph (2) (a) omitted by S.I. 2003/455 although it remains in force in relation to certain claimants: see regulation 1(6) and (7) of S.I. 2003/455.

 ⁽¹⁰⁾ Paragraph 16 omitted by S.I. 2003/455 although it remains in force in relation to certain claimants: see regulation 1(6) and (7) of S.I. 2003/455.

⁽¹¹⁾ Part IVA of Schedule 1 inserted by S.I. 2000/1978.

"(5) The condition is not satisfied if the member of the joint-claim couple to whom sub-paragraph (1) refers is a long-term patient.";

(i) for paragraph 20G (disability premium) substitute—

"Disability Premium

20G.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the condition is that a member of a joint-claim couple has not attained the age of 60 and satisfies any one of the additional conditions specified in paragraph 20H.

- (2) The condition is not satisfied if—
 - (a) paragraph (1) only refers to one member of a joint-claim couple and that member is a long-term patient; or
 - (b) paragraph (1) refers to both members of a joint-claim couple and both members of the couple are long-term patients.";
- (j) in paragraph 20I(6) (severe disability premium)(12) for "the date on which the award is made" substitute "the date on which the award is first paid";
- (k) for paragraph 20IA(2) (enhanced disability premium)(13) substitute—
 - "(2) The condition is not satisfied if—
 - (a) paragraph (1) only refers to one member of a joint-claim couple and that member is a long-term patient; or
 - (b) paragraph (1) refers to both members of a joint-claim couple and both members of the couple are long-term patients."; and
- (l) in paragraph 20M(3) (weekly amounts of premiums specified in Part 4A), for "paragraph 20G" substitute "paragraph 20G(1)".
- (9) In Schedule 5 (applicable amounts in special cases)—
 - (a) in the heading, for "Regulation 85" substitute "Regulations 85 and 85A".
 - (b) omit paragraph 1A in Columns (1) and (2)(14);
 - (c) omit paragraph 2 in Columns (1) and (2)(15).

(10) In Schedule 5A (applicable amounts of joint-claim couples in special cases)(16), omit paragraph 1A in Columns (1) and (2).

(11) In paragraph 32(1) of Schedule 7 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings)(17), for "whether or not the payment is charitable or voluntary" substitute "except a charitable or voluntary payment disregarded under paragraph 15".

⁽¹²⁾ Paragraph 20I(6) amended by S.I. 2003/511.

⁽¹³⁾ Paragraph 20IA inserted by S.I. 2000/2629. Sub-paragraph (2) was amended by S.I. 2003/1195.

⁽¹⁴⁾ Paragraph 1A inserted by S.I. 2005/3360.

⁽¹⁵⁾ Paragraph 2 omitted by S.I. 2003/455 although it remains in force in relation to certain claimants: see regulation 1(6) and (7) of S.I. 2003/455.

⁽¹⁶⁾ Schedule 5A inserted by S.I. 2000/1978. Paragraph 1A was inserted by S.I. 2005/3360.

⁽¹⁷⁾ Paragraph 32(1) amended by S.I. 2005/2687 and S.I. 2006/2378.