
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 ("the 1996 Regulations") by inserting new regulation 13A which applies to lone parents who are responsible for, and a member of the same household as, a child under the age of 13.

It is normally a condition of entitlement to jobseeker's allowance that claimants are willing and able to take up employment of at least 40 hours per week, but regulation 13A provides for an easement in the case of lone parents to whom the new provision applies. They will be able to restrict their availability for employment to the child's normal school hours.

Consequential amendments are also made to other provisions of the 1996 Regulations concerning a claimant's availability for work, the contents of a jobseeker's agreement and good cause for the purposes of section 19 of the Jobseekers Act 1995.

A full impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on the private or voluntary sectors.