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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 376**

**The Universal Credit Regulations 2013**

**PART 8**

**CLAIMANT RESPONSIBILITIES**

**CHAPTER 2**

**SANCTIONS**

*Reduction periods*

**Medium-level sanction**

**103.**—(1) This regulation specifies the reduction period for a sanctionable failure under section 27 of the Act (other sanctions) where it is a failure by the claimant to comply with—

- (a) a work search requirement under section 17(1)(a) (to take all reasonable action to obtain paid work etc.); or
- (b) a work availability requirement under section 18(1).

[<sup>F1</sup>(2) The reduction in the circumstances described in the first column of the following table is the period set out in—

- (a) the second column, where the claimant is aged 18 or over on the date of the sanctionable failure;
- (b) the third column, where the claimant is aged 16 or 17 on the date of the sanctionable failure.

Circumstances in which reduction period applies	Reduction period where claimant aged 18 or over	Reduction period where claimant aged 16 or 17
Where there has been no previous sanctionable failure by the claimant that falls within paragraph (1)	28 days	7 days
Where there have been one or more previous sanctionable failures by the claimant that fall within paragraph (1) and the date of the most recent previous sanctionable failure is not within 365 days beginning with the date of the current sanctionable failure	28 days	7 days
Where there have been one or more previous sanctionable		

failures by the claimant that fall within paragraph (1) and the date of the most recent previous sanctionable failure is within 365 days, but not within 14 days, beginning with the date of the current sanctionable failure and the reduction period applicable to the most recent previous sanctionable failure is—

(a) 7 days	—	14 days
(b) 14 days	—	14 days
(c) 28 days	91 days	—
(d) 91 days	91 days	—

Where there have been one or more previous sanctionable failures by the claimant that fall within paragraph (1) and the date of the most recent previous sanctionable failure is within 14 days beginning with the date of the current sanctionable failure and the reduction period applicable to the most recent previous sanctionable failure is—

(a) 7 days	—	7 days
(b) 14 days	—	14 days
(c) 28 days	28 days	—
(d) 91 days	91 days	—

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Reg. 103(2) substituted (with application in accordance with reg. 2 of the amending S.I.) by [The Social Security \(Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/678\)](#), regs. 1, **5(8)**

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Universal Credit Regulations 2013, Section 103.