

## SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 36(2)

### SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO CLAIMS FOR A JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE DURING PERIODS CONNECTED WITH PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**1.** In this Schedule and regulation 36(2)—

(a) “public holiday” means—

- (i) in England and Wales, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 <sup>M1</sup>,
- (ii) in Scotland, a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 or a local holiday;

(b) “Christmas and New Year holidays” means—

- (i) in England and Wales, the period beginning at the start of Christmas Day and terminating at the end of New Year's Day, or if New Year's Day is a Sunday at the end of 2nd January,
- (ii) in Scotland, the period beginning at the start of Christmas Day and terminating at the end of 2nd January, or where New Year's Day is a Saturday or a Sunday terminating at the end of 3rd January;

(c) “Easter Holidays” means the period beginning at the start of Good Friday and terminating at the end of Easter Monday;

(d) “office closure” means a period during which an appropriate office is closed in connection with a public holiday.

**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1971 c.80.

**2.** Where a claim for a jobseeker's allowance is made during any period set out in paragraph 3, the Secretary of State may treat that claim as a claim for a period, to be specified in a decision of the Secretary of State, not exceeding—

- (a) 35 days after the date of the claim where the claim is made during the period specified in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 3; or
- (b) 21 days after the date of claim where the claim is made during the period specified in either sub-paragraph (b) or (c) of paragraph 3.

**3.** For the purposes of paragraph 2 the periods are—

- (a) in the case of Christmas and New Year holidays, a period beginning with the start of the 35th day before the first day of office closure and terminating at the end of the last day of office closure;
- (b) in the case of Easter Holidays, a period beginning with the start of the 16th day before the first day of office closure and terminating at the end of the last day of office closure;
- (c) in the case of any other public holiday, a period beginning with the start of the 14th day before the first day of office closure and terminating at the end of the last day of office closure.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) Regulations 2013, SCHEDULE 4.