



2010 CHAPTER 13

PART 1

SOCIAL SECURITY

Miscellaneous

Exemption from jobseeking conditions for victims of domestic violence

23.—^{F1}(1) In Schedule 1 to the Jobseekers Order (supplementary provisions), after paragraph 8A insert—

“**8B.**—(1) This paragraph applies if domestic violence has been inflicted on or threatened against a person (“V”) in prescribed circumstances.

(2) The Department must exercise the powers to make regulations under Articles 8(4) and 9(4) so as to secure that, for an exempt period, V is treated as—

- (a) being available for employment; and
- (b) actively seeking employment.

(3) If V has not entered into a jobseeker's agreement before the exempt period begins, the Department must also exercise the power to make regulations under Article 11(10) so as to secure that V is treated as having entered into a jobseeker's agreement which is in force for the exempt period.

(4) In this paragraph—

“domestic violence” has such meaning as may be prescribed;

“exempt period” means a period of 13 weeks beginning no later than a prescribed period after the date (or last date) on which the domestic violence was inflicted or threatened.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2010, Section 23. (See end of Document for details)*

(5) Regulations may make provision for the purposes of this paragraph prescribing circumstances in which domestic violence is, or is not, to be regarded as being inflicted on or threatened against a person.”.

(2) In Article 37(1)(c) of that Order (regulations subject to the confirmatory procedure), after “or paragraph” insert “ 8B or ”.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 23 repealed (27.9.2017 for specified purposes and subsequently on the days on which and for the purposes for which "the amending provisions" are brought into force by secondary legislation) by [The Welfare Reform \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/2006\)](#), art. 2(2), [Sch. 12 Pt. 4](#); S.R. 2017/190, [art. 9](#) (with arts. 10-25)

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