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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1996 No. 26 (C. 3)**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Jobseekers (1995 Order) (Commencement  
No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996**

*Made - - - - 5th February 1996*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 1(2) of the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Jobseekers (1995 Order) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996.

(2) In this Order, “the Order” means the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

**Appointed days**

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of—

- (a) Articles 1 (title and commencement), 2 (interpretation), 11(13) (meaning of “employment officer”), 21(10)(a) (meaning of “employment officer”), 31 (pilot schemes), 36 (regulations and orders) and 37 (assembly, etc. control) of the Order, is 5th February 1996;
- (b) the provisions of the Order specified in the Schedule for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, is 5th February 1996;
- (c) Articles 29 and 35(3) and (7) of the Order (employment of long-term unemployed: deductions by employers)—
  - (i) for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, is 5th February 1996, and
  - (ii) for all other purposes, is 6th April 1996;
- (d) Article 30 of the Order (expedited claims for housing benefit)—
  - (i) for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, is 5th February 1996, and
  - (ii) for all other purposes, is 1st April 1996;

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- (e) Articles 34 (inspection), 35 (offences) and 38(3) (financial arrangements) of the Order and paragraph 24 of Schedule 2 to the Order (questions for adjudication by the Department) and Article 40(2) of the Order in so far as it relates to it, is 6th April 1996.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on

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5th February 1996.

*W. G. Purdy*  
Assistant Secretary

## SCHEDULE

Article 2(b)

**Provisions coming into operation on 5th February 1996**

Provisions of the Order	Subject matter
Article 4(1)(c) and (4)(b)	Contribution conditions for a jobseeker's allowance
Article 5(1)(f)(iii), (2), (3) and (4)	The income-based conditions
Article 6(1)(b), (2), (4), (5) and (12)	Amounts payable by way of a jobseeker's allowance
Article 7(3)	Duration of contribution-based jobseeker's allowance
Article 8(2), (3), (4), (5), (7) and (8)	Availability for employment
Article 9(2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (8)	Actively seeking employment
Article 10	Attendance, information and evidence
Article 11(1), (8), (10), (11) and (12)	The jobseeker's agreement
Article 12(1), (6)(c) and (7)	Variation of jobseeker's agreement
Article 13(2), (5), (7) and (8)	Jobseeker's agreement: reviews and appeals
Article 14	Income and capital: general
Article 15	Income and capital: income-based jobseeker's allowance
Article 17(1), (2)(d), (5) and (6)	Effect of trade dispute on other claimants
Article 19(1)	Reduced payments
Article 21(2), (4), (7), (8) and (10)(c)	Circumstances in which a jobseeker's allowance is not payable
Article 22(3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8)	Exemptions from Article 21
Article 23 and Schedule 1	Supplementary provisions
Article 24	Members of the forces
Article 25(1), (3) and (4)	Recovery of sums in respect of maintenance
Article 28	Back to work bonus
Article 32	Termination of awards
Article 39	Transitional provisions
Paragraph 13(5) of Schedule 2 and Article 40(1) in so far as it refers to it	Prescribed categories of persons for the purpose of income support

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order provides for the coming into operation on 5th February 1996 of provisions in the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (“the Order”) authorising the making of regulations.

It further provides—

- (a) for Article 31 of the Order, which relates to the making of pilot schemes, to come into operation on 5th February 1996;
- (b) for the provisions in Article 30 of the Order, which relate to expedited claims for housing benefit, to come into operation on 1st April 1996;
- (c) for the provisions of Articles 29 and 35(3) and (7) of the Order, which relate to deductions which may be made by employers when they employ long-term unemployed people, to come into operation on 6th April 1996;
- (d) for Articles 34 (inspection) and 35 (offences) of the Order, and the provisions of the Order relating to finance and Departmental questions, also to come into operation on 6th April 1996.