



# Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2010

## CHAPTER 13

### WELFARE REFORM ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2010

#### PART 1

#### SOCIAL SECURITY

##### *“Work for your benefit” schemes etc.*

1. Schemes for assisting persons to obtain employment: “work for your benefit” schemes etc.

##### *Revised system of working-age benefits*

2. Work-related activity: income support claimants and partners of claimants
3. Lone parents
4. Entitlement to jobseeker's allowance without seeking employment etc.
5. Couples where at least one member capable of work
6. Statutory sick pay and employment and support allowance
7. Transitional provision relating to sections 4 to 6
8. Assembly procedure: regulations imposing work-related activity requirements on lone parents of children under 7

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### *Abolition of income support*

9. Abolition of income support

#### *Work-related activity for claimants of employment and support allowance*

10. Power to direct claimant to undertake specific work-related activity

#### *Contributory jobseeker's allowance and employment and support allowance*

11. Conditions for contributory jobseeker's allowance
12. Conditions for contributory employment and support allowance

### *Disability living allowance*

13. Mobility component

### *Abolition of adult dependency increases*

14. Maternity allowance and carer's allowance

### *Community care grants*

15. Community care grants relating to specified goods or services
16. Community care grants: reviews and information
17. Regulations relating to information: Assembly control

### *Payments on account*

18. Payments on account

### *Benefit sanctions for offenders*

19. Loss of benefit provisions
20. Jobseeker's allowance: sanctions for violent conduct etc. in connection with claim
21. Repeal of sections 53 to 57 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000

### *Pilot scheme*

22. Period for which pilot schemes have effect etc.

### *Miscellaneous*

23. Exemption from jobseeking conditions for victims of domestic violence
24. Good cause for failure to comply with regulations etc.

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25. Jobseekers' agreements and action plans: well-being of children
26. Contracting out functions under Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995
27. Attendance in connection with jobseeker's allowance: sanctions
28. Social security information and employment or training information
29. Persons under pensionable age to take part in work-focused interviews etc.
30. Minor amendments

## PART 2

### CHILD MAINTENANCE

31. Payments of child support maintenance
32. Child support maintenance: offences relating to information

## PART 3

### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

33. Consequential amendments of orders and regulations
34. Repeals
35. Interpretation
36. Commencement
37. Short title

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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1 — AMENDMENTS CONNECTED TO SECTION 4 PART 1 — AMENDMENTS OF JOBSEEKERS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1995

#### *Introduction*

1. The Jobseekers Order is amended as follows.

#### *Work-focused interviews etc.*

2. In Article 10(1) (attendance, information and evidence), after “other than...”
3. After Article 13 insert— Work-focused interviews etc. Persons not required...

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*Directions given by officers of Departments etc.*

4. After Article 20 insert— Claimants to comply with directions etc....
5. Before Article 21 (but after the italic heading immediately before...
6. For Articles 21 and 22 substitute— Certain circumstances in which...
7. For Articles 22A and 22B substitute— Certain circumstances in which...

*Other amendments*

8. In Article 2(2) (interpretation)— (a) after the definition of “the...
9. In Article 3(4) (the jobseeker's allowance), for the definition of...
10. In Article 4(1) (the contribution-based conditions), for “Article 3(2)(d)” substitute...
11. (1) Article 5 (the income-based conditions) is amended as follows....
12. In Article 5A(1) (the conditions for claims by joint-claim couples),...
13. In Article 6(11A) (amount payable by way of a jobseeker's...
14. In Article 11 (the jobseeker's agreement)— (a) in paragraph (2),...
15. In Article 12 (variation of jobseeker's agreement)—
16. (1) Article 16 (trade disputes) is amended as follows.
17. (1) Article 17 (effect on other claimants) is amended as...
18. (1) Article 17A (trade disputes: joint-claim couples) is amended as...
19. After Article 17A insert— Other provision relating to a person's...
20. In— (a) Article 19A(8) (schemes for assisting persons to obtain...
21. In Article 24(2) (members of the forces), for “Article 21(6) (b)”...
22. In Article 36(4)(b) (regulations and orders), which is inserted by...
23. (1) Schedule 1 (supplementary provisions) is amended as follows.

PART 2 — AMENDMENTS OF OTHER STATUTORY PROVISIONS

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*The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)*

24. In section 2A of the Administration Act (claim or full...

*The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (NI 10)*

25. In paragraph 3(d) of Schedule 3 to the 1998 Order...

*The Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 (c. 2)*

26. In section 1(6) of the Welfare Reform Act (employment and...

SCHEDULE 2 — ABOLITION OF INCOME SUPPORT:  
CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

*The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)*

1. In section 72 of the Administration Act (income support and...

*The Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 15)*

2. The Jobseekers Order is amended as follows.  
3. In Article 4(1) (the contribution-based conditions), at the end of...  
4. In Article 5A(1)(c) (the conditions for claims by joint-claim couples),...

*The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4)*

5. In section 53(2) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social...

*The Social Security Fraud Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (c. 17)*

6. The 2001 Act is amended as follows.  
7. In section 5B(5) (loss of benefit in case of conviction,...  
8. In section 6(2) (loss of benefit for commission of benefit...

*The Age-Related Payments (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 (NI 11)*

9. In Article 4(3)(b) of the Age-Related Payments (Northern Ireland) Order...

SCHEDULE 3 — LOSS OF BENEFIT PROVISIONS: FURTHER  
AMENDMENTS

PART 1 — FURTHER AMENDMENTS OF SOCIAL SECURITY  
FRAUD ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2001

1. (1) Section 6 of the 2001 Act (loss of benefit...  
2. (1) Section 7 of the 2001 Act (effect of offence...  
3. (1) Section 8 of the 2001 Act (effect of offence...

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4. (1) Section 9 of the 2001 Act (power to supplement...
  5. (1) Section 10 of the 2001 Act (loss of benefit...
  6. (1) Section 12 of the 2001 Act (interpretation of sections...
- PART 2 — RELATED AMENDMENTS OF OTHER STATUTORY PROVISIONS

*The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)*

7. In section 149 of the Administration Act (functions of Social...

*The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (NI 10)*

8. In paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to the 1998 Order...

SCHEDULE 4 — REPEALS

PART 1 — ABOLITION OF INCOME SUPPORT

PART 2 — ABOLITION OF ADULT DEPENDENCY INCREASES

PART 3 — SOCIAL SECURITY: OTHER REPEALS

PART 4 — CHILD MAINTENANCE

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