



2010 CHAPTER 13

PART 1

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

**Power to direct claimant to undertake specific work-related activity**

**10.** In section 15 of the Welfare Reform Act (directions about work-related activity), for subsections (1) and (2) substitute—

“(1) In prescribed circumstances, the Department or the Department for Employment and Learning may by direction given to a person subject to a requirement imposed under section 13(1) provide that the activity specified in the direction is—

- (a) to be the only activity which, in the person’s case, is to be regarded as being work-related activity; or
- (b) to be regarded, in the person’s case, as not being work-related activity.

(1A) But a direction under subsection (1) may not specify medical or surgical treatment as the only activity which, in any person’s case, is to be regarded as being work-related activity.

(2) A direction under subsection (1) given to any person—

- (a) must be reasonable, having regard to the person’s circumstances;
- (b) must be given to the person by being included in an action plan provided to the person under section 14; and

(c) may be varied or revoked by a subsequent direction under subsection (1).”