
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 2705

The Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

Part II

The Jobseeker's Allowance

[^{F1}Work-related requirements]

[^{F1}Higher-level sanctions]

8J.—(1) The amount of an award of jobseeker's allowance is to be reduced in accordance with this Article in the event of a failure by a claimant which is sanctionable under this Article.

(2) It is a failure sanctionable under this Article if a claimant—

- (a) fails for no good reason to comply with a requirement imposed under a work preparation requirement to undertake a work placement of a prescribed description;
- (b) fails for no good reason to comply with a requirement imposed under a work search requirement to apply for a particular vacancy for paid work;
- (c) fails for no good reason to comply with a work availability requirement by not taking up an offer of paid work;
- (d) by reason of misconduct, or voluntarily and for no good reason, ceases paid work or loses pay.

(3) It is a failure sanctionable under this Article if, at any time before making the claim by reference to which the award is made, the claimant—

- (a) for no good reason failed to take up an offer of paid work, or
- (b) by reason of misconduct, or voluntarily and for no good reason, ceased paid work or lost pay.

(4) For the purposes of paragraphs (2) and (3) regulations may provide—

- (a) for circumstances in which ceasing to work or losing pay is to be treated as occurring or not occurring by reason of misconduct or voluntarily;
- (b) for loss of pay below a prescribed level to be disregarded.

(5) Regulations are to specify—

- (a) the amount of a reduction under this Article;
- (b) the period for which such a reduction has effect, not exceeding 18 months in relation to any failure sanctionable under this Article.

(6) Regulations under paragraph (5)(b) may in particular provide for the period of a reduction to depend on either or both of the following—

- (a) the number of failures by the claimant sanctionable under this Article;
- (b) the period between such failures.

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(7) Regulations may provide—

- (a) for cases in which no reduction is to be made under this Article;
- (b) for a reduction under this Article made in relation to an award that is terminated to be applied to any new award made within a prescribed period of the termination;
- (c) for the termination or suspension of a reduction under this Article.]

F1 Arts. 8-8M and cross-heading substituted (2.5.2016 for specified purposes, 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) for arts. 8-12 and cross-heading by [The Welfare Reform \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/2006\)](#), arts. 2(2), **55(4)**; S.R. 2016/215, art. 2(3)(a)(iii); S.R. 2017/190, art. 9 (with arts. 10-25)

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- Order modified by [S.R. 2019/211 art. 2\(2\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Affecting Order revoked (19.12.2020) without ever being in force by S.R. 2020/347, arts. 1(1), 2)
- Order modified by [S.R. 2024/21 art.002\(2\)\(c\)](#)

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- Sch. 1 para. 14(1) Sch. 1 para. 14 renumbered as Sch. 1 para. 14(1) by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 23\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(4) added by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 23\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 14(2) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 23\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 14A and cross heading inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 23\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 8ZA inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 66\(4\)](#)
- art. 3(1A) substituted for art. 3(2)-(2D) by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 3(2)(za) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 66\(2\)](#)
- art. 3(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 66\(3\)](#)
- art. 3A3B inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(3\)](#)
- art. 3A(6) repealed by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 Pt. 1](#)
- art. 5(1A) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 11\(3\)](#)
- art. 11(4A) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 25\(1\)](#) by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 7 para. 14\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 11(4A) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 25\(1\)](#)
- art. 13A-13C and cross-heading inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 3](#)
- art. 16(2A) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 16\(4\)](#)
- art. 17(1)(1A) substituted for art. 17(1) by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 17\(2\)](#)
- art. 17A(1A) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 18\(2\)](#)
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- art. 20A20B and cross-heading inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 4](#)
- art. 20C20D inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 5](#)