
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 10

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998**

Made - - - - *21st January 1998*

Coming into operation *5th April 1999*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 36(1) and (2)(a) of, and paragraphs 4 and 10 of Schedule 1 to, the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995⁽¹⁾, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 and shall come into operation on 5th April 1999.

(2) In these Regulations, “the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996⁽²⁾.

Amendment of regulation 46 of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations

2. In regulation 46(2) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (waiting days), for “3” there shall be substituted “7”.

Consequential amendment

3. In regulation 141(2) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations⁽³⁾ (circumstances in which an income-based jobseeker's allowance is payable to a person in hardship), for “4th” there shall be substituted “8th”.

Transitional provision

4. Regulations 2 and 3 shall not apply in the case of a person—

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1995/2705 (N.I. 15)

⁽²⁾ S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1996 Nos. 358 and 503

⁽³⁾ Paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 26(2) of S.R. 1996 No. 358 and regulation 2(15) of S.R. 1996 No. 503

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- (a) who has made a claim for a jobseeker's allowance before 5th April 1999 or who is treated as having made a claim for a jobseeker's allowance before that date, and
- (b) in respect of whom 5th April 1999 is one of the first 3 days of a jobseeking period.

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

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21st January 1998.

John O'Neill
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 by increasing the number of waiting days before which a person may be entitled to a jobseeker's allowance from 3 to 7 (regulation 2).

Regulation 3 makes a consequential amendment and regulation 4 makes a transitional provision.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8), are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.