
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2001 No. 78

**The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001**

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations

- 12.** In the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(1)—
- (a) in regulation 52 (persons treated as engaged in remunerative work) paragraphs (4) to (6)(2) shall be omitted;
 - (b) in paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 (housing costs: linking rules)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (1)—
 - (aa) in head (a)(ii)(3), after “12 weeks or less” there shall be inserted “or, as the case may be, 52 weeks or less,”;
 - (bb) in head (c)(iv) after “12 weeks” there shall be inserted “or, as the case may be, 52 weeks,”;
 - (cc) in head (d), after “12 weeks” there shall be inserted “or, as the case may be, 52 weeks,”;
 - (dd) in head (f)(iii), after “12 weeks” there shall be inserted “or, as the case may be, 52 weeks,”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (12)(4) after “(1)(a)(ii),” there shall be inserted “(1)(c)(iv),”;
 - (iii) after sub-paragraph (12) there shall be added the following sub-paragraphs—
 - “(13) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(a)(ii), (c)(iv), (d) and (f)(iii), the relevant period shall be—
 - (a) 52 weeks in the case of a person to whom sub-paragraph (14) applies;
 - (b) subject to sub-paragraph (12), 12 weeks in any other case.
 - (14) This sub-paragraph applies, subject to sub-paragraph (15), in the case of a person who, on or after 9th April 2001, has ceased to be entitled to a jobseeker's allowance because he or his partner or, where that person is a member of a joint-claim couple, the other member of that couple—
 - (a) has commenced employment as an employed earner or as a self-employed earner or has increased the hours in which he is engaged in such employment;
 - (b) is taking active steps to establish himself in employment as an employed earner or as a self-employed earner under any scheme for assisting persons to become so employed which is mentioned in regulation 19(1)

(1) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1996 No. 358, S.R. 1998 No. 324 and S.R. 1999 No. 381
(2) Paragraphs (4) to (6) were inserted by regulation 3 of S.R. 1999 No. 381
(3) Head (ii) was amended by regulation 29(5) of S.R. 1996 No. 358
(4) Sub-paragraph (12) was added by regulation 11(4) of S.R. 1998 No. 324

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(q) (circumstances in which a person is to be treated as actively seeking employment), or

(c) is participating in—

(i) a New Deal option;

(ii) the self-employment route,

and, as a consequence, he or his partner was engaged in remunerative work or failed to satisfy the conditions specified either in Article 4(1)(c) or in Article 5(1)(a) of the Order or the joint-claim couple of which he was a member failed to satisfy the condition in Article 5A(1)(a)(5) of the Order.

(15) Sub-paragraph (14) shall only apply to the extent that immediately before the day on which the person ceased to be entitled to an income-based jobseeker's allowance or the joint-claim couple of which he was a member ceased to be entitled to a joint-claim jobseeker's allowance, his housing costs were being met in accordance with paragraph 6(1)(a) or 7(1)(a) or would have been so met but for any non-dependant deduction under paragraph 17.”.

(5) Article 5A was inserted by Article 56 of and Schedule 7 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/3147 (N.I. 11))