
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Steps to Work (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009

Treatment of persons and payments for the purposes of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 and other specified statutory provisions

2.—(1) The provisions of this Article apply for the purposes of—

- (a) Part 1 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992⁽¹⁾;
- (b) the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995⁽²⁾; and
- (c) the statutory provisions specified in the Schedule.

(2) If, for any period commencing on or after the day on which this Order comes into operation, a Steps to Work participant receives, or is eligible to receive, a training allowance, that person is to be treated for that period and in respect of that person's participation in Steps to Work as not being employed but as participating in arrangements for training under section 1 of the Employment and Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1950.

(3) Except as mentioned in paragraph (4), any payment made to a Steps to Work participant during that period in connection with that person's use of facilities provided in pursuance of those arrangements is to be treated in the same manner as a payment of training allowance made in respect of such training.

(4) Paragraph (3) does not apply in respect of any trading payment made to a Steps to Work participant who is receiving assistance in pursuing self-employed earner's employment whilst participating in that programme.

(1) 1992 c. 7.

(2) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15).