
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 216

The Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

PART 8

CLAIMANT RESPONSIBILITIES

CHAPTER 2

SANCTIONS

Reduction periods

Medium-level sanction

100.—(1) This regulation specifies the reduction period for a sanctionable failure under Article 32 of the Order (other sanctions) where it is a failure by the claimant to comply with—

- (a) a work search requirement under Article 22(1)(a) (to take all reasonable action to obtain paid work etc.), or
- (b) a work availability requirement under Article 23(1).

[^{F1}(2) The reduction in the circumstances described in the first column of the following table is the period set out in—

- (a) the second column, where the claimant is aged 18 or over on the date of the sanctionable failure;
- (b) the third column, where the claimant is aged 16 or 17 on the date of the sanctionable failure.

<i>Circumstances in which reduction period applies</i>	<i>Reduction period where claimant aged 18 or over</i>	<i>Reduction period where claimant aged 16 or 17</i>
Where there has been no previous sanctionable failure by the claimant that falls within paragraph (1)	28 days	7 days
Where there have been one or more previous sanctionable failures by the claimant that fall within paragraph (1) and the date of the most recent previous sanctionable failure is not within 365 days beginning with the date of the current sanctionable failure	28 days	7 days
Where there have been one or more previous sanctionable failures by the claimant that fall within paragraph (1) and the date of the most recent previous sanctionable failure is within 365 days, but not within 14 days, beginning with the date of the current sanctionable failure and the reduction		

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<i>Circumstances in which reduction period applies</i>	<i>Reduction period where claimant aged 18 or over</i>	<i>Reduction period where claimant aged 16 or 17</i>
period applicable to the most recent previous sanctionable failure is—		
(a) 7 days		14 days
(b) 14 days		14 days
(c) 28 days	91 days	
(d) 91 days	91 days	
Where there have been one or more previous sanctionable failures by the claimant that fall within paragraph (1) and the date of the most recent previous sanctionable failure is within 14 days beginning with the date of the current sanctionable failure and the reduction period applicable to the most recent previous sanctionable failure is—		
(a) 7 days		7 days
(b) 14 days		14 days
(c) 28 days	28 days	
(d) 91 days	91 days]

Textual Amendments

- F1** [Reg. 100\(2\)](#) substituted (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1(3) of the amending Rule) by [The Social Security \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2017 \(S.R. 2017/116\)](#), regs. 1(3), **9(12)**

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Rule (including any effects on those provisions):

- [reg. 5\(1\)\(c\)](#) inserted by [S.R. 2024/54 reg. 7\(2\)\(b\)](#)