STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 2016 No. 216

# The Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

## PART 8

## CLAIMANT RESPONSIBILITIES

### CHAPTER 2

### SANCTIONS

*Reduction periods*

**Low-level sanction**

**101.**—(1) This regulation specifies the reduction period for a sanctionable failure under Article 32 of the Order (other sanctions) where—

(a) the claimant falls within Article 26 (claimants subject to work preparation requirement) or 27 (claimants subject to all work-related requirements) of the Order on the date of that failure; and

(b) it is a failure to comply with—

(i) a work-focused interview requirement under Article 20(1),

(ii) a work preparation requirement under Article 21(1),

(iii) a work search requirement under Article 22(1)(b) (to take any particular action specified by the Department to obtain paid work etc.), or

(iv) a requirement under Article 28(1), (3) or (4) (connected requirements: interviews and verification of compliance).

(2) Where the claimant is aged 18 or over on the date of the sanctionable failure, the reduction period is the total of—

(a) the number of days beginning with the date of the sanctionable failure and ending with—

(i) the day before the date on which the claimant meets a compliance condition specified by the Department,

(ii) the day before the date on which the claimant falls within Article 24 of the Order (claimants subject to no work-related requirements),

(iii) the day before the date on which the claimant is no longer required to take a particular action specified as a work preparation requirement by the Department under Article 21, or

(iv) the date on which the award terminates (other than by reason of the claimant ceasing to be, or becoming, a member of a couple),

whichever is soonest, and

(b) whichever of the following number of days is applicable in the claimant's case—

(i) 7 days, if paragraphs (ii) and (iii) do not apply,

(ii) 14 days, if there was another sanctionable failure of a kind mentioned in paragraph (1) in the 364 days preceding the failure in question for which a 7 day reduction period applies, or

(iii) 28 days, if there was another sanctionable failure of a kind mentioned in paragraph (1) in the 364 days preceding the failure in question for which a 14 day or 28 days reduction period applies.

(3) Where the claimant is aged 16 or 17 years on the date of the sanctionable failure, the reduction period is—

(a) the number of days beginning with the date of the sanctionable failure and ending with —

(i) the day before the date on which the claimant meets a compliance condition specified by the Department,

(ii) the day before the date on which the claimant falls within Article 24 of the Order (claimants subject to no work-related requirements),

(iii) the day before the date on which the claimant is no longer required to take a particular action specified as a work preparation requirement by the Department under Article 21, or

(iv) the date on which the award terminates (other than by reason of the claimant ceasing to be, or becoming, a member of a couple),

whichever is soonest, and

(b) if there was another sanctionable failure of a kind mentioned in paragraph (1) within 364 days, but not within 13 days, beginning with the date of the current failure, 7 days.