



Scotland Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 11

PART 3

WELFARE BENEFITS AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Employment support

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- (1) In Part 2 of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998, Section H3 (job search and support) is amended as follows.
- (2) For the heading “Exception” substitute “ Exceptions ”.
- (3) After that heading insert—

“Exception 1

The making by a person of arrangements for, or arrangements for the purposes of or in connection with a scheme for, any of the following purposes—

- (a) assisting disabled persons to select, obtain and retain employment;
- (b) assisting persons claiming reserved benefits who are at risk of long-term unemployment to select, obtain and retain employment, where the assistance is for at least a year;
- (c) assisting employers to obtain suitable employees who are persons referred to in paragraph (a) or (b).

The arrangements referred to in this exception include—

- (a) securing that the assistance referred to in this exception is provided by another person;
- (b) providing or arranging for the provision of facilities, support or services to any person;
- (c) the making of payments to any person.

The assistance referred to in this exception includes—

- (a) work search support,

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- (b) skills training, and
- (c) work placements for the benefit of the community.

In this exception—

- (a) “disabled person” has the same meaning as it has in the Equality Act 2010 as at 28 May 2015 (the date of introduction into Parliament of the Bill for the Scotland Act 2016);
 - (b) “reserved benefit” means a benefit which is to any extent a reserved matter.”
- (4) At the beginning of the existing exception which begins “The subject-matter of—” insert— “**Exception 2**”.
- (5) The Scotland Act 1998 has effect as if section 56(1)(g) of that Act included a reference to section 17B of the Jobseekers Act 1995.

Commencement Information

II [S. 31](#) in force at 5.9.2016 by [S.I. 2016/759](#), [reg. 3\(h\)](#)

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- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2017/455, reg. 3 by [S.I. 2019/1438 reg. 2](#)