STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 760

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Jobseeker's Allowance (Hardship) (Amendment) Regulations 2017

Made - - - -	*12th July 2017*
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Coming into force - -	*23rd October 2017*

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 19C(1) and (2)(a) and (e) and 36(2) and (4) of, and paragraph 10(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to, the Jobseekers Act 1995(**1**).

In accordance with section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**2**), the Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that the proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Jobseeker's Allowance (Hardship) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 23rd October 2017.

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996

2.—(1) The Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996(**3**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 140(1) (meaning of "person in hardship")—

(a) in sub-paragraph (g), after "physical" insert "or mental";

(b) in sub-paragraph (j), for "hardship." substitute "hardship; or";

(c) at the end of sub-paragraph (k) insert "; or";

(d) after sub-paragraph (k) insert—

(**1**) 1995 c.18. Section 19C is inserted by section 46(1) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c.5). Section 20(4) is amended by paragraph 29(5) of Schedule 8 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c.30) ("the 1999 Act"). Paragraph 10(1) is substituted by paragraph 16(5) of Schedule 7 to the 1999 Act. Paragraph 10(2) is amended by paragraph 16(6) of Schedule 7 to the 1999 Act and by paragraph 29(7) of Schedule 8 to that Act. Section 36(4) is amended by paragraph 63 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c.2). See section 35(1) for the meanings of "prescribed" and "regulations".

(**2**) 1992 c.5.

(**3**) S.I. 1996/207.