Regulations made by the Department for Social Development and laid before the Assembly under Article 37(2) of the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, for approval of the Assembly before the expiration of 6 months from the date of their coming into operation.

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 226

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Jobseeker's Allowance (Maternity Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

Made - - - -	*15th September 2014*
Coming into operation	*16th September 2014*

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 3(2C), 8(4) and 36(2)(a) of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to, the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**), and now vested in it(**2**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Jobseeker's Allowance (Maternity Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and shall come into operation on 16th September 2014.

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations

2.—(1) The Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**3**) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In regulation 3E(2)(h)(**4**) (entitlement of a member of a joint-claim couple to a jobseeker's allowance without a claim being made jointly by the couple) after "section 35" insert or "35B".

(3) For regulation 15(1)(c)(**5**) (circumstances in which a person is not to be regarded as available) substitute—

(**1**) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15); Article 3(2C) was inserted by paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 7 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11)) and Article 36(2) was amended by paragraph 55 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/671)

(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

(**3**) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2000 No. 350, S.R. 2002 No. 236 and S.R. 2008 No. 290

(**4**) Regulation 3E was inserted by regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2000 No. 350; paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 2(b)(i) of S.R. 2002 No. 236 and in other ways that are not relevant to these Regulations

(**5**) Regulation 15 was amended by regulation 3(2) of S.R. 2008 No. 290 and in other ways that are not relevant to these Regulations