STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 192

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Made - - - - *27th June 2014*

Coming into operation *21st July 2014*

Approved by resolution of the Assembly on 2nd December 2014

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

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Jobseeker's Allowance (Homeless Claimants) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and shall come into operation on 21st July 2014.

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations

2. In Regulation 14 of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**3**) (circumstances in which a person is to be treated as available)—

(a) in paragraph (2)(**4**) for "paragraph (2ZB)" substitute "paragraphs (2ZB), (2ZC) and (2ZD)"; and

(b) after paragraph (2ZB)(**5**) insert—

"(2ZC) A person who has recently become homeless shall be treated as available for employment under paragraph (2)(b) only where he takes such steps as are reasonable for him to take to find living accommodation.

(2ZD) A person to whom paragraph (2ZC) applies may be treated as available for employment under paragraph (2)(b) for periods of longer than one week and on more than 4 occasions in any 12 months.".

(**1**) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15)
(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2008 No. 478
(**4**) Paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 11(5)(b) of S.R. 2008 No. 478
(**5**) Paragraph (2ZB) was inserted by regulation 11(5)(c) of S.R. 2008 No. 478