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The Jobseeker's Allowance (Domestic Violence) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013

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Coming into operation 29th October 2013

Approved by resolution of the Assembly on 28th January 2014

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 8B(4) of Schedule 1 to 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 (Domestic Violence) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 and shall come into operation on 29th October 2013.

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulation

2. In regulation 14A(10) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**3**) (circumstances in which a person is to be treated as available) for the definition of "domestic violence" substitute—

> ""coercive behaviour" means an act of assault, humiliation or intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish or frighten V;
>
> "controlling behaviour" means an act designed to make V subordinate or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance or escape or regulating their everyday behaviour;
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> "domestic violence" means any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling behaviour, coercive behaviour, violence or abuse including but not limited to—
>
> (a) psychological abuse;

(**1**) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15); paragraph 8B of Schedule 1 was inserted by section 23(1) of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (c. 13 (N.I.))
(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) S.R. 1996 No. 198; regulation 14A was inserted by regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2012 No. 155