STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2009 No. 341

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Steps to Work) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

Made - - - -	*7th October 2009*
Coming into operation	*2nd November 2009*

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 21(2), 22A(3) 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 Social Security (Steps to Work) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 and shall come into operation on 2nd November 2009.

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations

2. In regulation 69(**3**) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**4**) (prescribed period for purposes of Article 21(2))—

(a) in paragraph (1)(e)(**5**) before "26 weeks" insert "subject to paragraph (1A),";

(b) after paragraph (1) insert—

"(1A) Where the Department is satisfied that the claimant has complied with the condition in paragraph (1B), paragraph (1)(e) applies as if the reference to 26 weeks were a reference to either—

(a) 4 weeks, or

(b) the period beginning on the day specified in paragraph (2) and ending on the last day of the benefit week in which the claimant complies with the condition,

(**1**) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15); Article 22A was inserted by paragraph 14 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**) Regulation 69 was substituted by regulation 2(3) of S.R. 2000 No. 9

(**4**) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2000 No. 9 and S.R. 2009 No. 141

(**5**) Paragraph (1)(e) was added by regulation 2(3)(c) of S.R. 2009 No. 141