STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 166

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

Made - - - - 2nd April 2004

Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 9(2)(a), 21(8)(b) and 36(2) of the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**), and now vested in it(**2**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation –

(a) subject to sub-paragraph (b) on 19th April 2004;

(b) on 18th October 2004 for persons who on 19th April 2004 are entitled to a jobseeker's allowance or have any earnings credited to them in accordance with regulation 8A of the Social Security (Credits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(**3**).

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations

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

(2) In regulation 18 (steps to be taken by persons actively seeking employment) for paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

> "(1) For the purposes of Article 9(1) (actively seeking employment) a person shall be expected to have to take more than two steps in any week unless taking one or two steps is all that is reasonable for that person to do in that week.".

(**1**) S.I.1995/2705 (N.I. 15)
(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) S.R. 1975 No. 113; regulation 8A was inserted by regulation 2(6) of S.R. 1996 No. 430
(**4**) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2000 No. 350