STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2002 No. 236

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Jobseeker's Allowance (Joint Claims) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002

Made - - - -	*4th July 2002*
Coming into operation	*28th October 2002*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 3(2C) and (4) 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 (Joint Claims) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 and shall come into operation on 28th October 2002.

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations

2. In the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**3**) –

(a) in regulation 3A(1)(**4**) (prescribed description of a joint-claim couple for the purposes of Article 3(4)) for "19th March 1976" there shall be substituted "28th October 1957";

(b) in regulation 3E(2)(**5**) (entitlement of a member of a joint-claim couple to a jobseeker's allowance without a claim being made jointly by the couple) –

(i) after "joint-claim" there shall be inserted "couple";

(ii) at the end of sub-paragraph (j), "or" shall be omitted;

(iii) after sub-paragraph (k) there shall be added the following sub-paragraph – "or

(l) where the other member was entitled to an income-based jobseeker's allowance on 27th October 2002, save that this sub-paragraph shall apply only until the day on which he is required to attend at a place specified by an employment officer in a notification given or sent to him.".

(**1**) S.I.1995/2705 (N.I. 15); Article 3(2C) was inserted, and Article 3(4) was amended, by Schedule 7 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11))
(**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 and S.R. 2001 No. 120
(**4**) Regulation 3A was inserted by regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2000 No. 350 and amended by regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2001 No. 120
(**5**) Regulation 3E was inserted by regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2000 No. 350 and amended by regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2001 No. 120