STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 278

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SOCIAL SECURITY

The New Deal Pilot for 25 Plus (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made - - - -	*16th June 1999*
Coming into operation	*18th July 1999*

Whereas arrangements known as "the New Deal" have been made by the Department of Economic Development under section 1 of the Employment and Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1950 ("the 1950 Act")(**1**):

And whereas the New Deal includes an employment programme known as "the New Deal Pilot for 25 plus self employment route":

And whereas it appears to the Department of Economic Development that these arrangements make provisions for persons using facilities provided in pursuance of them to receive payments in connection with their use of those facilities:

Now, therefore, the Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 4 of the Employment and Training (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1988(**2**):

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the New Deal Pilot for 25 Plus (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 18th July 1999.

(2) In this Order—

"the 1950 Act" means the Employment and Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1950;

"the Department" means the Department of Economic Development;

"the intensive activity period of the New Deal Pilot for 25 plus" means the programme known as such and provided in pursuance of the New Deal arrangements for which only persons who are aged 25 years or over are eligible, and which includes, for any such person, jobsearch activity and one or more of the following, namely training, study, assistance in pursuing self-employed earner's employment and work experience;

(**1**) 1950 c. 29 (N.I.) Section 1 was amended by Article 3 of the Employment and Training (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/1087 (N.I. 10)) and Article 5 of the Industrial Training (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/1200 (N.I. 8))

(**2**) S.I. 1988/1087 (N.I. 10)

"participant" in relation to the New Deal arrangements means a person who is assisted by those arrangements for the purposes of section 1 of the 1950 Act;

"the New Deal arrangements" means the arrangements made by the Department under section 1 of the 1950 Act and known as "the New Deal";

"the self-employment route" in relation to any participant in the New Deal arrangements means the system whereby that person receives assistance in pursuing self-employed earner's employment whilst participating in the intensive activity period of the New Deal Pilots for 25 plus;

"training allowance" means a payment made directly by the Department to a participant in the New Deal arrangements in connection with his participation in one or more of the programmes provided in pursuance of those arrangements.

Treatment of persons and payments for the purposes of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 and other specified statutory provisions

2.—(1) Paragraph (2) applies for the purposes of—

(a) Part 1 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**3**);

(b) the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**4**); and

(c) the statutory provisions specified in the Schedule.

(2) If during any period or periods commencing with or falling after the date on which this Order comes into operation, a participant in the self-employment route within the intensive activity period of the New Deal Pilot for 25 plus receives, or is eligible to receive, either a mandatory top-up payment or other payment made to him in order to assist with the expenses of such participation, he is to be treated for that period, or those periods, and in respect of his participation as not being employed and any such payments made to such a person during that period or those periods in connection with his use of facilities shall be treated as a grant and not as a training allowance.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on

16th June 1999.

G. O'Doherty
Assistant Secretary

(**3**) 1992 c. 7
(**4**) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15)