STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 107

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made - - - - 10th March 1999
Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(2)

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(a) to (c), 131(1), 132(3) and (4)(b) and 171(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and Articles 2(2), 6(5), 8(4), 9(4), 10(2)(d)(ii) and 36 of the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**2**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(a) to (c), 131(1), 132(3) and (4)(b) and 171(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and Articles 2(2), 6(5), 8(4), 9(4), 10(2)(d)(ii) and 36 of the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**2**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation:—

(a) in the case of regulations 1, 2 and 3, on 5th April 1999;

(b) in the case of regulations 4 and 5, on the 6th April 1999 save that in the case of a claimant for family credit or disability working allowance who has an award of either of those benefits which is current on 5th April 1999, regulations 4 and 5 shall have effect in his case as from the day following the expiration of that award.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(**1**) 1992 c. 7
(**2**) S.I.1995/2705 (N.I. 15)
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(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

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) to (6).

(2) In regulation 14(1)(**5**) (circumstances in which a person is to be treated as available) after sub-paragraph (j)(**6**) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—

"(ja) notwithstanding regulation 15(a), if he is participating in a programme provided by the Venture Trust in pursuance of an arrangement made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department with the Trust, for a maximum of 4 weeks and one such programme in any period of 12 months;".

(3) In regulation 19(1) (circumstances in which a person is to be treated as actively seeking employment) after sub-paragraph (j)(**7**) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—

"(ja) in any week during which he is participating for not less than 3 days in a programme provided by the Venture Trust in pursuance of an arrangement made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department with the Trust, for a maximum of 4 weeks and one such programme in any period of 12 months;".

(4) In regulation 30(c) (circumstances in which a claimant is to be regarded as having good cause for failing to comply with a notice under regulation 23) for "(k)" there shall be substituted "(ja)".

(5) In regulation 47(3)(b) (jobseeking period) the words from "or, where good cause" to the end of the sub-paragraph shall be omitted.

(6) In Schedule 2 (housing costs) in paragraph 13(6)(b) for "regulation 9" there shall be substituted "regulation 8A or 8B"(**8**).

Amendment of the Income Support (General) Regulations

3. In Schedule 3 to the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**9**) (housing costs) in paragraph 14(5)(b) for "regulation 9" there shall be substituted "regulation 8A or 8B".

Amendment of the Family Credit (General) Regulations

4. In regulation 13A of the Family Credit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**10**) (treatment of child care charges)—

(a) in paragraph (1) after "is incurring" there shall be inserted "or in the case of a claimant to whom paragraph (6A) applies, will incur";

(b) in paragraph (2) at the end of the definition of "relevant child care charges"(**11**) there shall be added—

"or, in the case of a claimant to whom paragraph (6A) applies, with paragraphs (6B) and (6C)";

(**4**) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1996 No. 358 and S.R. 1997 No. 138
(**5**) Paragraph (1) was amended by S.R. 1997 No. 138
(**6**) Sub-paragraph (j) was substituted by regulation 5(2)(b) of S.R. 1996 No. 358
(**7**) Sub-paragraph (j) was substituted by regulation 7(3) of S.R. 1996 No. 358
(**8**) In S.R. 1975 No. 113 regulations 8A and 8B were inserted by regulation 2(6) of S.R. 1996 No. 430
(**9**) S.R. 1987 No. 459; Schedule 3 was substituted by Schedule 1 to S.R. 1995 No. 301 and paragraph 14 was amended by regulation 2 of S.R. 1995 No. 434
(**10**) S.R. 1987 No. 463; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1994 No. 274, S.R. 1995 No. 86, S.R. 1996 No. 476, S.R. 1997 No. 515 and S.R. 1998 No. 2
(**11**) The definition of "relevant child care charges" was amended by regulation 4 of S.R. 1995 No. 86, regulation 4 of S.R. 1996 No. 476, regulation 2 of S.R. 1997 No. 515 and regulation 4 of S.R. 1998 No. 2