STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 233

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Jobseeker's Allowance (Extended Period of Sickness) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Made - - - -	*17th May 2016*
Coming into operation	*23rd May 2016*

The Department for Communities makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**), and now vested in it(**2**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Jobseeker's Allowance (Extended Period of Sickness) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 and come into operation on 23rd May 2016.

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations

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

(2) In regulation 55 (short periods of sickness) after paragraph (6)(**4**) add—

"(7) For the purposes of calculating the number of occasions under paragraph (3), any occasion to which regulation 55ZA applies to the claimant is to be disregarded.".

(3) In regulation 55ZA(**5**) (extended period of sickness)—

(a) In paragraph (1)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (b) after "disablement" insert "("the initial condition")";

(ii) in sub-paragraph (c)(i)—

(**1**) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15); paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 provides that questions about whether a person has limited capability for work are to be determined for the purposes of that Order in accordance with Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 (c. 2 (N.I.)), as the Department considers appropriate in the person's case

(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481 and section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.5 (N.I.))

(**3**) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Regulation is S.R. 2015 No. 138

(**4**) Paragraph 6 was added by regulation (2)(4)(e) of S.R. 2015 No. 138

(**5**) Regulation 55ZA was inserted by regulation 2(5) of S.R. 2015 No. 138