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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Jobseeker's Allowance and Mariners' Benefits) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1997

Made - - - - 10th March 1997
Coming into force 11th March 1997

Whereas a draft of these Regulations was laid before Parliament in accordance with section 37(2) of the Jobseekers Act 1995(a) and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for Social Security, in relation to regulation 6 of these Regulations, and the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, in relation to the remainder of the Regulations, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 6(2) and (4), 7(4), 35(1) and 36(2) of and paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Jobseekers Act 1995(b), sections 117(1) and 175(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(c), and of all other powers enabling each of them in that behalf, and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(d) hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Jobseeker's Allowance and Mariners' Benefits) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1997 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

(2) In these Regulations, "the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations" means the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996(e).

[Regulation 2 amends Regulation 14 of S.I. 1996/1517.]

[Regulation 3 adds paragraph (66) to Regulation 15 of S.I. 1996/1517.]

[Regulation 4 adds Regulation 18A to S.I. 1996/1517.]

[Regulation 5 deletes sub paragraph (i) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 19 of S.I. 1996/1517.]

[Regulation 6 revokes Regulation 6(3) of S.I. 1975/529.]

Signed in connection with regulation 6 of the Regulations by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Security.

Roger Evans
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Social Security.

10th March 1997

(a) 1995 c.18.

(b) Section 35(1) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning ascribed to the words "prescribed" and "regulations".

(c) 1992 c.4.

(d) See Section 173(5)(a) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c.5).

(e) S.I. 1996/207; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1996/1517.

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Signed in connection with the remainder of the Regulations by authority of the Secretary of State for Education and Employment.

7th March 1997

Eric Forth
Minister of State
Department for Education and Employment

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 ("the 1996 Regulations") and the Social Security (Mariners' Benefits) Regulations 1975.

Regulation 2 amends regulation 14 (circumstances in which a person is to be treated as available for employment) of the 1996 Regulations. It provides for a person to be treated as available for employment in a part-week at the beginning of a claim if the circumstances set out in regulation 14(2A) apply. A new regulation 14(2A), setting out those circumstances, is inserted into the 1996 Regulations by regulation 2(4) of these Regulations.

Regulation 3 amends regulation 15 (circumstances in which a person is not to be regarded as available for employment) of the 1996 Regulations by providing that a person is not to be regarded as available for employment for a part-week at the beginning of a claim unless he is treated as available for that part-week in accordance with regulation 14 of the 1996 Regulations.

Regulation 4 adds a new regulation 18A to the 1996 Regulations to make provision for determining whether a person is actively seeking employment in a part-week at the beginning of a claim for a jobseeker's allowance.

Regulation 5 amends regulation 19 (circumstances in which a person is to be treated as actively seeking employment) of the 1996 Regulations. It omits one of the circumstances where a person is treated as actively seeking employment under the 1996 Regulations, namely in a part-week at the beginning of a claim.

Regulation 6 revokes a provision in the Social Security (Mariners' Benefits) Regulations 1975 as this provision relates to the payment of Establishment Benefit under the Merchant Navy Established Service Scheme which is no longer paid.

