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CHAPTER 2

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- 1. (1) The first condition is that— (a) the claimant has...
- 2. (1) The second condition is that— (a) the claimant has...
- 3. (1) For the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2—

Condition relating to youth

- 4. (1) The third condition is that— (a) the claimant was...

“Relevant benefit week”

- 5. In this Part of this Schedule, “relevant benefit week” means...

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- 6. (1) The conditions are that the claimant—

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Periods of less than a week

3. Regulations may make provision in relation to—

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4. (1) Regulations may provide for circumstances in which a period...

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- 4A Regulations may prescribe circumstances in which a person may be...

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5. Regulations may make provision for the purposes of this Part...

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8. (1) Regulations may provide that in prescribed circumstances a claimant...

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9. Regulations may make provision— (a) for a person to be...

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10. Regulations may prescribe circumstances in which a person is to...

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10A (1) This paragraph applies to any regulations made under paragraph...

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10B Regulations may for any purpose of this Part specify circumstances...

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11. Regulations may provide for— (a) an employment and support allowance,...

Attribution of reductions in cases where allowance taken to consist of two elements

12. Where an employment and support allowance is taken by virtue...

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14. This Part shall have effect with prescribed modifications in relation...

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1. In Article 131 of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order...

The Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (NI 23)

2. (1) The Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 is amended...

The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7)

3. (1) The Contributions and Benefits Act is amended as follows....

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The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

4. (1) The Administration Act is amended as follows.

The Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 2)

5. (1) The Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 is amended as...

The Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 15)

6. (1) The Jobseekers Order is amended as follows.

The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 18)

7. In Article 25 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order...

The Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 22)

8. In Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995...

The Industrial Tribunals (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 18)

9. (1) The Industrial Tribunals (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 is amended...

The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (NI 10)

10. (1) The 1998 Order is amended as follows.

The Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33)

11. In section 115 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999...

The Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (NI 11)

12. In Article 69 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern...

The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4)

13. (1) The 2000 Act is amended as follows.

The Social Security Fraud Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (c. 17)

14. (1) The Social Security Fraud Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 is...

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1. (1) Regulations may make such provision as the Department considers...

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3. Regulations may— (a) make provision excluding the making of a...

Award of employment and support allowance for pre-commencement period

4. Regulations may— (a) make provision for an employment and support...

Matching of awards of employment and support allowance

5. (1) For the purposes of this paragraph, an award of...
6. (1) For the purposes of this paragraph an award of...

Treatment of existing awards

7. (1) Regulations may— (a) make provision for converting existing awards...

Transitional allowances

8. Regulations may— (a) make provision for a person's continuing entitlement...
9. (1) Regulations may prescribe circumstances in which a person who...

Post-commencement up-rating of incapacity benefit and severe disablement allowance

10. Regulations may provide for section 132 of the Administration Act...

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11. In this Schedule— “appointed day” means the day appointed for...

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The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

1. The Administration Act is amended as follows.
2. In section 128E (information about attainment of standards), in subsection...
3. (1) Section 128F (enforcement notices) is amended as follows.
4. (1) Section 128G (enforcement determinations) is amended as follows.
5. In section 167(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “prescribe” at...

The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4)

6. In Schedule 7 to the 2000 Act (housing benefit: revisions...

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COMPENSATION) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER
1979

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RELATING TO PART 4

The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7)

1. (1) The Contributions and Benefits Act is amended as follows....

The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

2. (1) The Administration Act is amended as follows.

The Deregulation and Contracting Out (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 11)

3. In Article 17 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out (Northern...

The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (NI 10)

4. In Article 38(7) of the 1998 Order (principles applicable on...

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