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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2014 No. 150**

**The Jobseeker's Allowance (Schemes for Assisting Persons to Obtain Employment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014**

**PART 3**

**Hardship**

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

(2) In regulation 140 (meaning of “person in hardship”)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(f)(i)(1) before “Article 21” insert “a jobseeker's allowance is not payable pursuant to regulations made under Article 19A of the Order (“work for your benefit” schemes etc.) or because”;
- (b) in paragraph (2)(2) for “or (4B)” substitute “, (4B) or (4C)”;
- (c) after paragraph (4B)(3) insert—

“4C) In paragraph (2), a “person in hardship” does not include a claimant who is required at that time to participate in a scheme prescribed in regulation 3 of the Jobseeker's Allowance (Schemes for Assisting Persons to Obtain Employment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.”.

(3) In regulation 141(6)(4) (circumstances in which an income-based jobseeker's allowance is payable to a person in hardship) before “Article 21” insert “regulations made under Article 19A of the Order (“work for your benefit” schemes etc.)”.

**Hardship for joint-claim couples**

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

(2) In regulation 146A(5) (meaning of “couple in hardship”)—

- (a) in paragraph (2)(6) for “or (5A)” substitute “, (5A) or (5B)”;
- (b) after paragraph (5A)(7) insert—

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(1) Paragraph (1)(f)(i) was amended by regulation 2(13) of [S.R. 2012 No. 44](#)  
(2) Paragraph (2) was amended by Article 9(5)(i) of [S.R. 1999 No. 428 \(C. 32\)](#), paragraph 45(b) of Schedule 2 to, [S.R. 2000 No. 350](#) and regulation 2(6)(a) of [S.R. 2009 No. 141](#)  
(3) Paragraph (4B) was inserted by regulation 2(6)(c) of [S.R. 2009 No. 141](#)  
(4) Regulation 141(6) was amended by regulation 2(14) of [S.R. 2012 No. 44](#)  
(5) Regulation 146A was inserted by regulation 2(3) of [S.R. 2000 No. 350](#)  
(6) Paragraph (2) was amended by regulation 2(8)(a) of [S.R. 2009 No. 141](#)  
(7) Paragraph (5A) was inserted by regulation 2(8)(c) of [S.R. 2009 No. 141](#)

“(5B) In paragraph (2), a “couple in hardship” does not include a joint-claim couple either or both of whom are at that time required to participate in a scheme prescribed in regulation 3 of the Jobseeker’s Allowance (Schemes for Assisting Persons to Obtain Employment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.”.

(3) In regulation 146C(6)(**8**) (circumstances in which a joint-claim jobseeker’s allowance is payable where a joint-claim couple is a couple in hardship) before “Article 22A(5)(a)” insert “regulations made under Article 19A of the Order (“work for your benefit” schemes etc.)”.

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(8) Regulation 146C was inserted by regulation 2(3) of [S.R. 2000 No. 350](#) and paragraph (6) was amended by regulation 2(16) of [S.R. 2012 No. 44](#)