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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 7

JOINT CLAIMS FOR JOBSEEKER’S ALLOWANCE

Jobseekers Act 1995 (c.18)

- 2 (1) Section 1 (entitlement to jobseeker’s allowance) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2) (conditions of entitlement), for paragraph (d) (claimant must satisfy conditions set out in section 2 or 3) substitute—
- “(d) satisfies the conditions set out in section 2;”.
- (3) After subsection (2) insert—
- “(2A) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a claimant who is not a member of a joint-claim couple is entitled to a jobseeker’s allowance if he satisfies—
- (a) the conditions set out in paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (i) of subsection (2); and
- (b) the conditions set out in section 3.
- (2B) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a joint-claim couple are entitled to a jobseeker’s allowance if—
- (a) a claim for the allowance is made jointly by the couple;
- (b) each member of the couple satisfies the conditions set out in paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (i) of subsection (2); and
- (c) the conditions set out in section 3A are satisfied in relation to the couple.
- (2C) Regulations may prescribe circumstances in which subsection (2A) is to apply to a claimant who is a member of a joint-claim couple.
- (2D) Regulations may, in respect of cases where a person would (but for the regulations) be a member of two or more joint-claim couples, make provision for only one of those couples to be a joint-claim couple; and the provision which may be so made includes provision for the couple which is to be the joint-claim couple to be nominated—
- (a) by the persons who are the members of the couples, or
- (b) in default of one of the couples being so nominated, by the Secretary of State.”
- (4) In subsection (4)—
- (a) in the definition of “an income-based jobseeker’s allowance”, at the end insert “ or a joint-claim jobseeker’s allowance; ” and
- (b) after that definition insert—
- ““a joint-claim couple” means a married or unmarried couple who—

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- (a) are not members of any family whose members include a person in respect of whom a member of the couple is entitled to child benefit, and
 - (b) are of a prescribed description;
- “a joint-claim jobseeker’s allowance” means a jobseeker’s allowance entitlement to which arises by virtue of subsection (2B).”

Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 7 para. 2 wholly in force at 19.3.2001; Sch. 7 para. 2 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent see s. 89(1)(5); Sch. 7 para. 2 in force at 19.3.2001 by S.I. 2000/2958, art. 2(2)

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