
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 200

The Jobseeker's Allowance (Transitional Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Linking periods

3.—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, 2 or more jobseeking periods shall be treated as one jobseeking period where they are separated by a period comprising only—

- (a) any period of not more than 12 weeks;
- (b) a linked period;
- (c) any period of not more than 12 weeks falling between—
 - (i) any 2 linked periods, or
 - (ii) a jobseeking period and a linked period;
- (d) a period in respect of which the claimant is summoned to jury service.

(2) Linked periods for the purposes of these Regulations are any of the following periods—

- (a) to the extent specified in paragraph (3), any period throughout which the claimant is entitled to an invalid care allowance under section 70 of the Benefits Act;
- (b) any period throughout which the claimant is incapable of work, or is treated as incapable of work, in accordance with Part XIIA of the Benefits Act⁽¹⁾;
- (c) any period throughout which the claimant was entitled to a maternity allowance under section 35 of the Benefits Act;
- (d) any period throughout which the claimant was engaged in training.

(3) A period of entitlement to invalid care allowance shall be a linked period only where it enables the claimant to satisfy contribution conditions for entitlement to a contribution-based jobseeker's allowance which he would otherwise be unable to satisfy.