
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 in relation to those persons who are undertaking qualifying courses as defined for the purposes of Parts II and IV of those Regulations by providing that refugees and persons given exceptional leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom on humanitarian grounds, may count periods of receipt of income support towards the 2 year qualifying period which a person must satisfy before he may undertake a qualifying course (regulation 2).

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8), are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.