
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Social Security (Work-focused Interviews for Lone Parents) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

Requirement for lone parents claiming or entitled to income support to take part in an interview

- 2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and regulations 4 to 6, a lone parent who—
- (a) makes a claim for income support in respect of himself is required to take part in an interview, or
 - (b) is entitled to income support, and—
 - (i) has not—
 - (aa) previously taken part, or
 - (bb) failed to take part in an interview,is required to take part in an interview, or
 - (ii) has previously taken part or failed to take part in an interview is required to take part in an interview after the expiry of one year from the date on which—
 - (aa) he last took part in an interview;
 - (bb) a determination was last made under regulation 6(2) that he is to be treated as having taken part in that interview, or, as the case may be,
 - (cc) he last failed to take part in an interview,whichever is latest.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), an officer shall inform the lone parent of the place and time of the interview and the time of the interview shall in a case to which paragraph (1)(a) or (b)(ii) applies be as soon as is reasonably practicable after the date on which the requirement to take part in an interview arises.

(3) An officer may determine that an interview is to take place in the home of a lone parent where it would in the opinion of the officer be unreasonable to expect that person to attend elsewhere because that person's personal circumstances are such that attending elsewhere would cause him undue inconvenience or endanger his health.