
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996.

Regulation 2 amends regulation 72 so that, irrespective of their period of entitlement to a jobseeker's allowance, a claimant will not generally be able to show good cause for failing to carry out a jobseeker's direction or to apply for or accept certain types of employment if the reason for the failure relates to the time it would take, or normally take, for them to travel for those purposes by a route and means appropriate to their circumstances and to the employment, or to the carrying out of the jobseeker's direction, where that time is less than one hour and thirty minutes.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions 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.