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DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No.**

**The Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 2013**

**PART 2**

**Claimant responsibilities**

**Interpretation**

**4.—(1) In this Part—**

“relevant carer” means—

- (a) a parent of a child who is not the responsible carer, but has caring responsibilities for the child; or
- (b) a person who has caring responsibilities for a person who has a physical or mental impairment which makes those caring responsibilities necessary;

“responsible carer”, in relation to a child, means—

- (a) a person who is the only person responsible for the child; or
- (b) a person who is a member of a couple where—
  - (i) both members of the couple are responsible for the child; and
  - (ii) the person has been nominated by the couple jointly as responsible for the child;

“responsible foster parent”, in relation to a child, means—

- (a) a person who is the only foster parent in relation to the child; or
- (b) a person who is a member of a couple where—
  - (i) both members of the couple are foster parents in relation to the child; and
  - (ii) the person has been nominated by the couple jointly as the responsible foster parent;

“voluntary work preparation” means particular action taken by a claimant and agreed by the Secretary of State for the purpose of making it more likely that the claimant will obtain paid work, but which is not specified by the Secretary of State as a work preparation requirement under section 6C of the Act.

(2) The nomination of a responsible carer or responsible foster parent for the purposes of paragraph (1) may be changed—

- (a) once in a 12 month period, beginning with the date of the previous nomination; or
  - (b) on any occasion where the Secretary of State considers that there has been a change of circumstances which is relevant to the nomination.
- (3) Only one person may be nominated as a responsible carer or a responsible foster parent.
- (4) The nomination applies to all of the children for whom the claimant is responsible.