



Social Security Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 24

Benefits under the principal Act

11 Requalification for unemployment benefit

In section 18 of the principal Act, for subsection (2) (requalification for unemployment benefit) there shall be substituted—

- “(2) A person who has exhausted his right to unemployment benefit requalifies for it on the next occasion when, having again been in employment as an employed earner, he makes a claim for that benefit in circumstances such that the requalification conditions are satisfied with respect to each of at least 13 weeks in the period of 26 weeks immediately preceding—
- (a) the day on which the claim is made, or
 - (b) if he would not requalify by reference to that day, his first day of unemployment since he was last in employment as an employed earner.
- (2A) For the purposes of subsection (2) above the requalification conditions are satisfied with respect to any week if—
- (a) the person in question has been in employment as an employed earner in that week;
 - (b) he has worked in such employment for at least 16 hours in that week; and
 - (c) the week begins after the last day for which he was entitled to unemployment benefit.
- (2B) Subsection (2) above shall have effect in prescribed cases with the substitution for the reference to 26 weeks of a reference to such longer period as may be prescribed.”