



Jobseekers Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 18

PART I

THE JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Persons under 18

16 Severe hardship

- (1) If it appears to the Secretary of State—
 - (a) that a person—
 - (i) has reached the age of 16 but not the age of 18,
 - (ii) is not entitled to a jobseeker's allowance or to income support, and
 - (iii) is registered for training but is not being provided with any training,and
 - (b) that severe hardship will result to him unless a jobseeker's allowance is paid to him,the Secretary of State may direct that this section is to apply to him.
- (2) A direction may be given so as to have effect for a specified period.
- (3) The Secretary of State may revoke a direction if—
 - (a) it appears to him that there has been a change of circumstances as a result of which failure to receive a jobseeker's allowance need no longer result in severe hardship to the person concerned;
 - (b) it appears to him that the person concerned has—
 - (i) failed to pursue an opportunity of obtaining training; or
 - (ii) rejected an offer of training,and has not shown good cause for doing so; or
 - (c) he is satisfied that it was given in ignorance of some material fact or was based on a mistake as to some material fact and considers that, but for that ignorance or mistake, he would not have given the direction.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (4) In this section “period” includes—
- (a) a period of a determinate length;
 - (b) a period defined by reference to the happening of a future event; and
 - (c) a period of a determinate length but subject to earlier determination upon the happening of a future event.