



Jobseekers Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 18

PART I

THE JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Persons under 18

17 Reduced payments.

[^{F1}(1) Regulations may provide for the amount of an income-based jobseeker's allowance [^{F2}payable in respect of] any young person to whom this section applies to be reduced—

- (a) in such circumstances,
- (b) by such a percentage, and
- (c) for such a period,

as may be prescribed.

[^{F3}(1A) Regulations may provide for the amount of a joint-claim jobseeker's allowance payable in respect of any joint-claim couple where a member of the couple is a young person to whom this section applies to be reduced—

- (a) in such circumstances,
- (b) by such a percentage, and
- (c) for such a period,

as may be prescribed.]

(2) This section applies to any young person in respect of whom—

- (a) a direction is in force under section 16; and
- (b) [^{F4}any] of the conditions mentioned in subsection (3) is satisfied.

(3) The conditions are that—

- (a) the young person was previously entitled to an income-based jobseeker's allowance and that entitlement ceased by virtue of the revocation of a direction under section 16;

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- [^{F5}(b) he has given up a place on a training scheme, or failed to attend such a scheme on which he has been given a place, and no certificate has been issued to him under subsection (4);
- (c) he has lost his place on such a scheme through misconduct.]
- [^{F6}(4) Where a young person who has given up a place on a training scheme, or failed to attend such a scheme on which he has been given a place—
- (a) claims that there was [^{F7}a good reason] for his doing so; and
- (b) applies to the Secretary of State for a certificate under this subsection, the Secretary of State shall, if he is satisfied that there was [^{F7}a good reason], issue a certificate to that effect and give a copy of it to the young person.
- (5) In this section—
- “training scheme” has such meaning as may be prescribed;
- “young person” means a person who has reached the age of 16 but not the age of 18.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 15-17 repealed (29.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.7.2013 and 29.7.2013 for specified purposes, 28.10.2013 for specified purposes, 25.11.2013 for specified purposes, 24.2.2014 and 7.4.2014 for specified purposes, 23.6.2014 and further specified dates for specified purposes, 15.9.2014 and further specified dates for specified purposes) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\), s. 150\(3\), Sch. 14 Pt. 1; S.I. 2013/983, arts. 4\(1\)\(c\), 5, Sch. 1](#) (with [arts. 6, 9\(1\), 22, Sch. 4](#)) (as amended: (1.7.2013) by S.I. 2013/1511; (29.10.2013) by S.I. 2013/2657; (16.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1452; (30.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1661; (28.7.2014) by S.I. 2014/1923; (15.9.2014) by S.I. 2014/2321; (17.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3067; (21.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3094; (19.1.2015) by S.I. 2015/32 (as amended (10.2.2015) by S.I. 2015/101); (10.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/634; and (20.7.2015) by S.I. 2015/1537); [S.I. 2013/1511, art. 4, Sch.](#) (as amended: (29.10.2013) by S.I. 2013/2657; (16.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1452; (30.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1661; (28.7.2014) by S.I. 2014/1923; (17.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3067; (19.1.2015) by S.I. 2015/32; (10.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/634; and (20.7.2015) by S.I. 2015/1537); [S.I. 2013/2657, art. 4, Sch.](#) (with [art. 6](#)) (as amended: (16.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1452; (30.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1661; (28.7.2014) by S.I. 2014/1923; (17.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3067; (19.1.2015) by S.I. 2015/32; (10.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/634; and (20.7.2015) by S.I. 2015/1537); [S.I. 2013/2846, art. 4, Sch.](#) (with [art. 5](#)) (as amended: (16.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1452; (30.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1661; (28.7.2014) by S.I. 2014/1923; (17.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3067; (19.1.2015) by S.I. 2015/32; (10.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/634; and (20.7.2015) by S.I. 2015/1537); [S.I. 2014/209, art. 4, Sch.](#) (as amended: (16.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1452; (30.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1661; (28.7.2014) by S.I. 2014/1923; (17.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3067; (19.1.2015) by S.I. 2015/32; (10.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/634; and (20.7.2015) by S.I. 2015/1537); [S.I. 2014/1583, art. 4, Sch.](#) (as amended (30.6.2014) by S.I. 2014/1661; (28.7.2014) by S.I. 2014/1923; (17.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3067; (19.1.2015) by S.I. 2015/32; (10.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/634; and (20.7.2015) by S.I. 2015/1537); [S.I. 2014/2321, art. 4](#) (as amended: (17.11.2014) by S.I. 2014/3057; (19.1.2015) by S.I. 2015/32; (10.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/634; and (20.7.2015) by S.I. 2015/1537)
- F2** Words in s. 17(1) substituted (11.11.1999) by 1999 c. 30, ss. 70, 89(4)(b), [Sch. 8 Pt. V para. 29\(4\)](#)
- F3** S. 17(1A) inserted (19.3.2001) by 1999 c. 30, s. 59, [Sch. 7 para. 11](#); [S.I. 2000/2958, art. 2\(2\)](#)
- F4** Word in s. 17(2)(b) substituted (18.10.1999 for specified purposes and otherwise *prosp.*) by 1998 c. 14, ss. 86(1), 87(2), [Sch. 7 para. 140\(1\)](#); [S.I. 1999/2860, art. 2\(c\), Sch. 1](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [Schs. 16-18](#)) (as amended (25.11.1999) by [S.I. 1999/3178, art. 3\(20\), Sch. 20 paras. 1\(a\), 2\(a\)](#))
- F5** S. 17(3)(b)(c) substituted for s. 17(3)(b) (18.10.1999 for specified purposes and otherwise *prosp.*) by 1998 c. 14, ss. 86(1), 87(2), [Sch. 7 para. 140\(2\)](#); [S.I. 1999/2860, art. 2\(c\), Sch. 1](#) (subject to

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transitional provisions in **Schs. 16-18**) (as amended (25.11.1999) by S.I. 1999/3178, art. 3(20), Sch. 20 paras. 1(a), **2(a)**)

F6 S. 17(4)(5) substituted (18.10.1999 for specified purposes and otherwise *prosp.*) by 1998 c. 14, ss. 86(1), 87(2), **Sch. 7 para. 140(3)**; (subject to transitional provisions in Schs. 16-18) (as amended (25.11.1999) by S.I. 1999/3178, art. 3(20), Sch. 20 paras. 1(a), **2(a)**)

F7 Words in s. 17(4) substituted (22.10.2012) by Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5), ss. 48, 150(3), **Sch. 7 para. 3**; S.I. 2012/2530, art. **2(2)(f)**

Commencement Information

I1 S. 17 wholly in force at 7.10.1996; s. 17 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 41(2); s. 17(1) in force (12.12.1995) for the purpose of authorising the making of regulations by S.I. 1995/3228, art. 2(b), **Sch.**; s. 17 in force (7.10.1996) in so far as not already in force by S.I. 1996/2208, art. **2(b)**

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