
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1993 No. 1754

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and
Invalidity Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1993**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>14th July 1993</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>21st July 1993</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>11th August 1993</i>

The Secretary of State for Social Security, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 57(1)(a)(i) and 175 (1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992⁽¹⁾, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals to make these Regulations should not be referred to it⁽²⁾, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1993 and shall come into force on 11th August 1993.

(2) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations 1983⁽³⁾.

Amendment of regulation 1 of the principal Regulations

2. In paragraph (2) of regulation 1 of the principal Regulations (interpretation) after the definition of “unemployment benefit office” there shall be inserted the following definitions—

““voluntary body” means a body the activities of which are carried out otherwise than for the purpose of profit;

“volunteer” means a person who is engaged in voluntary work with a charity or voluntary body, or who is engaged in voluntary work otherwise than for a member of his family, where the only payment received by him or due to be paid to him by virtue of being so engaged,

(1) 1992 c. 4.

(2) (See the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5), section 173(1)(b).

(3) S.I. 1983/1598; section 24(3) of the Employment Act 1988 (c. 19), paragraphs 1 and 4 of Schedule 5 to the Employment Act 1989 (c. 38) and S.I. 1988/1843 provide respectively that any reference to an officer of the Manpower Services Commission, Training Commission or the Department of Health and Social Security shall be treated as if they were respectively references to an officer of the Training Commission, Department of Employment or Department of Social Security.

is a payment in respect of any expenses reasonably incurred by him in the course of being so engaged;”.

Amendment of regulation 12 of the principal Regulations

3. In regulation 12 of the principal Regulations (availability of persons requiring 24 hours' notice of job opportunities)—

(a) for the heading to regulation 12 there shall be substituted the following headings—

“Availability of persons requiring notice of job opportunities”;

(b) for paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

“(1) Subject to paragraph (1A), where on any day a person is engaged, whether by contract or otherwise, in providing a service with or without remuneration and the circumstances are such that it would not be reasonable to require him, as a condition of qualifying for unemployment benefit, to make himself available at less than 24 hours' notice—

- (a) for employment in employed earner's employment;
- (b) for interview in connection with any such employment for which an opportunity arises; or
- (c) for interview by an officer of the Department of Employment, a local education authority or the Department of Social Security in connection with his availability for employment generally or in a particular case;

he shall be deemed on that day to be available for employment in employed earner's employment if ready on being given not less than 24 hours' notice to undertake employment or attend for interview, as the case may require.

(1A) Where on any day a person is engaged in providing a service as a volunteer and the circumstances are such that it would not be reasonable to require him, as a condition of qualifying for unemployment benefit, to make himself available at less than 48 hours' notice—

- (a) for employment in employed earner's employment;
- (b) for interview in connection with any such employment for which an opportunity arises; or
- (c) for interview by an officer of the Department of Employment, a local education authority or the Department of Social Security in connection with his availability for employment generally or in a particular case;

he shall be deemed on that day to be available for employment in employed earner's employment if ready on being given not less than 48 hours' notice to undertake employment or attend for interview, as the case may require.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Security.

14th July 1993

Henley
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Social Security

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations 1983 (“the Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit Regulations”) by making special provision for a person engaged in voluntary work.

Regulation 3 amends regulation 12 of the Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit Regulations by providing that a person who is engaged in voluntary work otherwise than for a member of his family shall be deemed to be available for employment on that day if he would be ready for employment on 48 hours' notice. Regulation 3 makes further minor amendments to regulation 12.

These Regulations do not impose any costs on business.