
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 897

The Social Security (Work-focused Interviews) Regulations 2000

PART II

WORK-FOCUSED INTERVIEWS

Continuing entitlement dependent upon an interview

6.—(1) A relevant person who has not attained [^{F1}pensionable age] and who is entitled to a specified benefit shall be required to take part in an interview as a condition of his continuing to be entitled to the full amount of benefit which is payable apart from these Regulations where paragraph (2) applies and—

- (a) in the case of a lone parent who [^{F2}resides in an area identified in Schedule 1A and who] is not entitled to either incapacity benefit or severe disablement allowance, [^{F3}paragraph (3) applies]; or
- (b) in any other case, any of the circumstances specified in paragraph (4) apply [^{F4}or where paragraph (4A) applies].

(2) This paragraph applies in the case of a person who has taken part in a work-focused interview, or who would have taken part in such an interview but for the requirement being waived in accordance with regulation 7 or deferred in accordance with regulation 8.

[^{F5}(3) A lone parent to whom paragraph (1)(a) applies shall be required to take part in an interview—

- (a) after the expiry of six months from the date on which—
 - (i) he took part in an interview under regulation 4; or
 - (ii) a determination was made under regulation 7(1) that he was to be treated as having taken part in an interview under regulation 4;
- (b) where the lone parent took part, failed to take part or was treated as having taken part, in an interview pursuant to the requirement arising in sub-paragraph (a), after the expiry of six months from the date on which—
 - (i) he took part in that interview;
 - (ii) he failed to take part in that interview; or
 - (iii) a determination was made under regulation 7(1) that he was to be treated as having taken part in that interview; and
- (c) where the lone parent took part, failed to take part or was treated as having taken part, in an interview pursuant to the requirement arising in sub-paragraph (b), after the expiry of twelve months from the date on which—
 - (i) he last took part in an interview;
 - (ii) he last failed to take part in an interview; or

(iii) a determination was last made under regulation 7(1) that he was to be treated as having taken part in an interview.]

(4) The circumstances specified in this paragraph are those where—

[^{F6}(a) it is determined in accordance with a personal capability assessment that a person is incapable of work [^{F7}and therefore, continues to be entitled to a specified benefit];]

(b) a person's entitlement to [^{F8}carer's allowance ceases whilst entitlement to a] specified benefit continues;

(c) a person becomes engaged or ceases to be engaged in part-time work;

(d) a person has been undergoing education or training arranged by a personal adviser and that education or training comes to an end; and

(e) a person who has not attained the age of 18 and who has previously undertaken an interview attains the age of 18.

[^{F9}(4A) A requirement to take part in an interview arises under this paragraph where a person—

(a) resides in an area identified in Schedule 1A; and

(b) has not been required to take part in an interview by virtue of paragraph (4) for at least 36 months.]

(5) In this regulation—

^{F10} ...

[^{F11}“pensionable age”, in the case of a man born before 6th April 1955, means the age when a woman born on the same day as the man would attain pensionable age;]

“personal capability assessment” means an assessment in accordance with regulations made under section 171C of the Contributions and Benefits Act ^{M1}.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 6(1) substituted (6.4.2010) by The Social Security (Work-focused Interviews etc.) (Equalisation of State Pension Age) Amendment Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/563), regs. 1, **3(a)**
- F2** Words in reg. 6(1)(a) inserted (22.10.2001) by Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/3210), reg. 1, Sch. 2 para. 2(3)(a)(i)(**aa**)
- F3** Words in reg. 6(1)(a) substituted (22.10.2001) by Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/3210), reg. 1, Sch. 2 para. 2(3)(a)(i)(**bb**)
- F4** Words in reg. 6(1)(b) added (22.10.2001) by Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/3210), reg. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 2(3)(a)(ii)**
- F5** Reg. 6(3) substituted (22.10.2001) by Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/3210), reg. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 2(3)(b)**
- F6** Reg. 6(4)(a) substituted (14.8.2000) by The Social Security (Work-focused Interviews for Lone Parents) and Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/1926), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 5(a)**
- F7** Words in reg. 6(4)(a) added (22.10.2001) by Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/3210), reg. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 2(3)(c)**
- F8** Words in reg. 6(4)(b) substituted (31.10.2005) by Social Security (Work-focused Interviews) Amendment Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2727), regs. 1(1), **5(3)(a)**
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- F10** Words in reg. 6(5) omitted (31.10.2005) by virtue of Social Security (Work-focused Interviews) Amendment Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2727), regs. 1(1), **5(3)(b)**

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