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**NORTHERN IRELAND
SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Jobseeker's Allowance (Members of the Forces) (Joint
Claims: Consequential Amendments) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2001**

<i>Made</i> - - - - -	<i>15th March 2001</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>16th March 2001</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>19th March 2001</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 24 of the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(a) and of all others powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Jobseeker's Allowance (Members of the Forces) (Joint Claims: Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into force on 19th March 2001.

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance (Members of the Forces) Regulations

2.—(1) The Jobseeker's Allowance (Members of the Forces) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1997(b) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 4 (entitlement to jobseekers allowance), after "Article 21(6)(a)" there shall be inserted "or Article 22A(2)(d)(c)".

(3) In regulation 5, after "Article 21(6)(b) and (d)" there shall be inserted "and Article 22A(2)(e) and (g)".

Northern Ireland Office

15th March 2001

John Reid
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

(a) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15).

(b) S.I. 1997/932.

(c) Article 22A was inserted by paragraph 14 of Schedule 7 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11)).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Jobseeker's Allowance (Members of the Forces) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1997 to—

- (a) provide that a member of a joint-claim couple shall be treated as though he had lost his job through misconduct where he is discharged, cashiered or otherwise dismissed as a consequence of being convicted on any proceedings under the Naval Discipline Act 1957, the Army Act 1955 or the Air Force Act 1955 or by any civil court (regulation 2(2));
- (b) ensure that a member of a joint-claim couple is not disqualified from receiving joint-claim jobseeker's allowance where he is discharged from Her Majesty's Forces at his own request (regulation 2(3)).

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