
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations replace a pilot scheme established by the Social Security (Intensive Activity Period 50 to 59 Pilot) Regulations 2004 (S.I.2004/868) (“the 2004 Regulations”), which related to persons who claimed a jobseeker's allowance and who fulfilled the criteria specified in regulation 3 of those regulations as to age, period over which they had been receiving benefit and the location of the appropriate offices at which they were claiming benefit, as identified in the Schedule to those Regulations.

These Regulations provide for an extended Pilot Scheme which is to last for 1 year from 4th April 2005 to 3rd April 2006 unless revoked with effect from an earlier date.

Regulation 3 amends regulation 75(1)(a)(iv) of the Jobseekers Allowance Regulations (S.I. 1996/207) with the effect that if a person without good cause refuses or fails to participate in the employment programme known as the Intensive Activity Period or gives up his place on this programme, he will be subject to a sanction under section 19 or 20A of the Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18). The effect of this will be the loss or reduction of his jobseeker's allowance for a period of two, four or twenty-six weeks.

Regulation 3 further provides that where a person on the Intensive Activity Period informs the Secretary of State of a change of address that results in an employment officer notifying him to under regulation 23 or 23A of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 to attend a place that is not an appropriate office for the purposes of these Regulations then any sanctions incurred by that person for refusing or failing to participate in, or giving up his place on the programme shall end and these Regulations shall no longer apply to that person.

Regulation 4 provides that a person who was participating in the 2004 Regulations will be subject to these Regulations from the date that the 2004 Regulations expire.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for the instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Social Security (Intensive Activity Period 50 to 59 Pilot) Regulations 2005.