



Government Circular No. 18/01

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY

THE JOBSEEKER'S ENHANCED ALLOWANCE  
(AMENDMENT) SCHEME 2001

*Approved by Tynwald 15<sup>th</sup> May 2001*

*Coming into operation in accordance with paragraph 1*

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Jobseeker's Enhanced Allowance (Amendment) Scheme 2001 and shall, subject to paragraph 3, come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2001.

**Amendment of the Jobseeker's Enhanced Allowance Scheme 1996**

2. (1) The Jobseeker's Enhanced Allowance Scheme 1996(a) shall be amended in accordance with the following sub-paragraph.

(2) Paragraph 4 (which provided for an increase in the rate of jobseeker's enhanced allowance payable in respect of an adult dependant of the claimant) shall be omitted.

**Transitional provision**

3. Paragraph 2 does not apply in relation to any particular claimant who, immediately before 1<sup>st</sup> June 2001, is entitled to an increase in the weekly rate of jobseeker's enhanced allowance by virtue of paragraph 4 of the Jobseeker's Enhanced Allowance Scheme 1996 until the day after his entitlement to such an increase ends.

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(a) G.C. 22/96.

Price: £0.30 Band: A

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Made 4th April 2001

*Chris Christison*

Minister for Health and Social Security

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Scheme)

1. The Jobseeker's Enhanced Allowance Scheme 1996 (the "principal Scheme") makes provision for an additional weekly payment ("a jobseeker's enhanced allowance") to be made to persons who are entitled to a contribution-based jobseeker's allowance where they become unemployed following a period of at least two years' employment in the Isle of Man, and may be supplemented by an increase in respect of an adult who is dependent on the beneficiary ("the adult dependency addition"), by virtue of paragraph 4 of the principal Scheme.
- 2.1 Paragraph 2 provides that, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2001, the adult dependency addition shall no longer be payable - by omitting paragraph 4 of the principal Scheme.
- 2.2 Paragraph 3 makes transitional provision so that those persons who are entitled to the addition immediately before 1<sup>st</sup> June 2001 will be unaffected by the change until their entitlement to the addition ends.
- 2.3 The number of individuals who are currently entitled to the addition is negligible.
- 2.4 The current practice of payment is considered unsatisfactory, since the addition is generally only payable to married persons in respect of their spouses - and does not accurately reflect the demography of the current labour-market.
- 2.5 This amendment removes the current overlap in adult dependency additions between jobseeker's enhanced allowance and income-based jobseeker's allowance. A couple, whether married or unmarried, will continue to be able to access a payment for an adult dependant in income-based jobseeker's allowance.