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**The Social Insurance (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit)
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1999**

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Laid before the States

Coming into operation 17th August, 1999

THE GUERNSEY SOCIAL SECURITY AUTHORITY, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 21, 23, 48 and 116 of the Social Insurance (Guernsey) Law, 1978, as amended^a, hereby orders:-

Amendment

1. In paragraph (1) of regulation 1 of the Social Insurance (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) (Guernsey) Regulations, 1978, as amended^b ("the principal regulations"), immediately preceding the definition of "relevant contribution year", there is inserted the following:

"“period of incapacity for work” means any two days of incapacity for work, whether consecutive or not, within a period of six consecutive days; and any two such periods, not separated by a period of more than 13 weeks ("week" for this purpose meaning any period of seven consecutive days), shall be treated as one period of incapacity for work;

“period of interruption of employment” means any two days of unemployment, whether consecutive or not, within a period of six consecutive days, or a period of incapacity for work; and any two such periods, not separated by a period of more than 13 weeks ("week" for this purpose meaning any period of seven consecutive days), shall be treated as one period of interruption of employment.”

^a Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXVI, p. 292; Vol. XXVII, pp. 238, 307 and 392; Vol. XXIX, pp. 24, 148 and 422; No. V of 1990; Nos. V and XII of 1993; Ordinance No. XIV of 1993; Ordres en Conseil No. V of 1994, Nos. VI and XIII of 1995; No. I of 1998; No. VI of 1999.

^b S.I. 1978 No. 29; S.I. 1979 No. 12; S.I. 1981 Nos. 10 and 30; S.I. 1982 No. 9; S.I. 1984 No. 20; S.I. 1996 No. 31; S.I. 1997 No. 33; S.I. 1998 No. 24; S.I. 1999 No. 1.

2. Immediately before regulation 2. of the principal regulations there is inserted the following additional heading and regulation:

“ *Waiting days*

1A (1) A person shall be entitled to unemployment benefit for the first three days of any claim only if he has a further nine days of interruption of employment within the same period of interruption of employment.

(2) A person shall be entitled to sickness or industrial injury benefit for the first three days of any claim only if he has a further nine days of interruption of employment or incapacity for work within the same period of interruption of employment.”.

3. In regulation 10 of the principal regulations, the words following “section twenty-four of the Law,” are replaced by “the prescribed earnings shall be a sum which is greater than, or equal to, one fifty-second of the lower annual income limit.”

Citation

4. These regulations may be cited as the Social Insurance (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1999.

Commencement

5. These regulations shall come into force on the 17th day of August, 1999.

Dated this 17th day of August, 1999.



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President of the Guernsey Social Security Authority,
for and on behalf of the Authority.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)
Regulations 1 and 2 replace complex technical provisions concerned with the administration of claims to unemployment and incapacity benefits which have now been deleted from the body of the Social Insurance Law. There is no effect on the payment of claims.
Regulation 3 concerns re-qualification for unemployment benefit, changing the requirement that at least 20 hours should be worked in a week for it to be effective, to one based on earnings.