

QUALIFYING YOUNG PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN RELEVANT TRAINING SCHEMES

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INTRODUCTION

- 1 This memo provides guidance on the Social Security (Qualifying Young Persons Participating in Relevant Training Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations (SS (QYPPRTS) (Amdt) Regs 2017) ([S.I. 2017 No.987](#)) and come into force on 6.11.17¹.

1 SS (QYPPRTS)(Amdt) Regs 2017, reg 1

BACKGROUND

- 2 These changes insert a new definition of a relevant training scheme¹ into the UC Regulations and ensure that a qualifying young person (QYP – see ADM [E2092](#) - 93) participating in such a scheme under the ‘Youth Obligation’ is not prevented from claiming UC by virtue of the rules relating to receiving education (see ADM [E1013](#)).

1 SS (QYPPRTS)(Amdt) Regs 2017, reg 4(2)(a) & (b)

DEFINITION OF RELEVANT TRAINING SCHEME

- 3 Relevant training scheme means:
 1. a traineeship¹, or

2. a course or scheme which
 - 2.1 comprises education or training designed to assist a claimant to gain the skills needed to obtain paid work (or more paid work or better-paid work) **and**
 - 2.2 is attended by a claimant in the AWRR group² as a work preparation requirement or as a voluntary work preparation, **and**
 - 2.3 the claimant has been referred to by the Secretary of State.

1 UC Regs, reg 12(1B), 2 WR Act 12, s 22,

See ADM chapter [J2](#) for more information on the work-related groups and ADM chapter [J3](#) for work-related requirements.

Example

Pawel is aged 18 and has an award of UC. He lives in a digital/ full service area. Pawel is a QYP in the AWRR group. He is undertaking a number of training courses as directed by his work coach under the Youth Obligation scheme. As Youth Obligation training falls within the definition of a “relevant training scheme”, Pawel is not deemed to be ‘receiving education’, so does not fall foul of the ‘education condition’ and is still able to claim UC..

MISCELANEOUS CHANGES - NEW STYLE JSA AND UC

- 4 Where the definition of “traineeship” appears in the regulations¹, the ‘Chief Executive of Skills Funding’ is amended to ‘the Chief Executive of Education and Skills Funding’.

1 SS (QYPPRTS)(Amdt) Regs 2017, regs 4(2)(b)(ii) & 5, UC Regs, reg 12(1B)(a)(ii); JSA Regs 13, reg 45(1A)(a)(ii)

SAVINGS

- 5 The changes in this memo do not apply to a UC award unless it is one described in paragraph 6.
- 6 The awards are
 1. an award made to a person who at the time was living in a digital service area (known as the Full Service), whether or not they are still living there **or**

2. an award made to a person who is living in a digital service area, whether or not they were living there when the award began **or**
3. an award, other than in .1 or .2, made to a person who has lived in a digital service area at any time after it became a digital service area, but only if the award has been administered on the digital service computer system **or**
4. an award, other than in .1 - .3 made to
 - 4.1 members of a couple where a previous award ended on formation of the couple **or**
 - 4.2 a single claimant where a previous award ended when the claimant ceased to be a member of a couple

and the previous award was administered on the digital service computer system¹.

1 SS (QYPPR TS)(Amdt) Regs 2017, reg 6(1), UC (DS) Amdt Regs, reg 5(1)

7 A digital service area is¹

1. postcode districts SM5 2, SM6 7 and SM6 8 (i.e. the No. 28 and 50 relevant districts) **and**
2. one where
 - 2.1 no restrictions have been imposed on who may claim UC apart from the requirement to live in the relevant district, and the date from or period for which UC is claimed **or**
 - 2.2 restrictions on who may claim UC previously imposed have been removed.

1 SS (QYPPR TS)(Amdt) Regs 2017, reg 6(1), UC (DS) Amdt Regs, reg 5(3)

8 The digital service computer system is the computer system which is operated on behalf of the SoS in digital service areas¹. See ADM Chapter M5 for more information on digital service areas.

1 UC (DS) Amdt Regs, reg 5(3)

ANNOTATIONS

Please annotate the number of this memo (Memo ADM 25/17) against the following DMG paragraphs: E1013 (Heading), E1101 (Heading), E2092 (Heading) E2093, H6026 (Heading), H6027, H6033, R2008

CONTACTS

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