

Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements – classes of persons) Specification 2016 (No. 1)

*Social Security Act 1991*

I, MICHAELIA CASH, Minister for Employment, make the following instrument under subsection 500(2) of the *Social Security Act 1991* (the Act)*.*

Dated 8 January 2016

MICHAELIA CASH

Minister for Employment

**1 Name of instrument**

This instrument is the *Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements – classes of persons) Specification 2016 (No. 1).*

**2** **Commencement**

This instrument commences on 1 April 2016.

3 Revocation of previous instrument

The *Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements – classes of persons) (DEEWR) Specification 2011 (No. 1)* is revoked.

4 Definitions

In this instrument:

***Job Seeker Classification Instrument*** means the tool used by the Department of Human Services to measure a job seeker’s relative level of disadvantage based on the expected difficulty in finding the job seeker employment because of the job seeker’s personal circumstances and labour market skills.

***location*** means the Local Government Areas of:

1. Logan (QLD);
2. Rockhampton (QLD);
3. Playford (SA);
4. Bankstown (NSW);
5. Wyong (NSW);
6. Shellharbour (NSW);
7. Greater Shepparton (VIC);
8. Hume (VIC);
9. Burnie (TAS); or
10. Kwinana (WA).

***work*** means:

1. work which generates employment income; or
2. work where the person carries on a business, and where the most recent information reported to the Department of Human Services in relation to the profitability of the business was that the business was generating a profit.

Note: See the definition of ***employment income*** in subsection 8(1) of the Act*.*

**5 Class of persons – Participating Parent**

1. For subsection 500(2) of the Act, a person is in a specified class of persons if, on a particular day on or after 1 April 2016, the person:
2. resides in a location;
3. has been receiving parenting payment (partnered or single) for a continuous period of at least 6 months immediately prior to the day;
4. has a youngest PP child aged between 6 months and under 6 years;
5. has not been receiving a pensioner education supplement in the 3 month period immediately prior to the day;
6. has not engaged in work in the 6 month period immediately prior to the day; and
7. the person:
   1. is an early school leaver – aged under 22 and has not completed the final year of secondary school or an equivalent level of education and is not undertaking full-time study; or
   2. has a youngest PP child who is aged 5 years; or
   3. has been assessed as eligible for assistance by their Job Seeker Classification Instrument.
8. For subsection 500(2) of the Act, a person is also in the specified class of persons if, on 31 March 2016, the person is in the specified class of persons of ‘teenage parent’ in section 4 of the *Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements – classes of persons) (DEEWR) Specification 2011 (No. 1).*
9. Despite subsections 5(1) and 5(2), a person will cease to be in the specified class of persons if the person ceases to meet the requirements of subsection 5(1)(a) or (c).