

Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements – classes of persons) Instrument 2018 (No. 1)

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements – classes of persons) Instrument 2018 (No. 1)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 1 July 2018.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 500(2) of the *Social Security Act 1991.*

4 Definitions

Note: A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in the Act, including the following:

(a) member of a couple;

(b) PP child; and

(c) parenting payment.

In this instrument:

***Act*** means the *Social Security Act 1991*.

***early school leaver*** means a person who is under 22 years of age and has not completed the final year of secondary school or an equivalent level of education.

***jobactive employment region*** means the geographical regions in Australia in which employment services are delivered by jobactive employment service providers.

***jobless family*** means the person, and if the person is a member of a couple, the person’s partner, has not engaged in work in the 6 month period immediately prior to the day referred to in subsection 6(1).

***Job Seeker Classification Instrument*** means the tool used by the Human Services Department 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.

***listed local government area*** means the following local government areas, as determined by the relevant State/Territory government, as at 4 April 2016:

1. Alice Springs (NT)
2. Darwin (NT)
3. Palmerston (NT)
4. Brighton (Tas)
5. Burnie (Tas)
6. Armadale (WA)
7. Bassendean (WA)
8. Bayswater (WA)
9. Belmont (WA)
10. Broome (WA)
11. Canning (WA)
12. Cockburn (WA)
13. East Fremantle (WA)
14. Fremantle (WA)
15. Gosnells (WA)
16. Greater Geraldton (WA)
17. Kalamunda (WA)
18. Kwinana (WA)
19. Melville (WA)
20. Mosman Park (WA)
21. Mundaring (WA)
22. South Perth (WA)
23. Swan (WA)
24. Victoria Park (WA)
25. Playford (SA)
26. Port Adelaide Enfield (SA)
27. Port Augusta (SA)
28. Whyalla (SA)
29. Burdekin (QLD)
30. Cairns (QLD)
31. Cassowary Coast (QLD)
32. Douglas (QLD)
33. Logan (QLD)
34. Mackay (QLD)
35. Rockhampton (QLD)
36. Toowoomba (QLD)
37. Townsville (QLD)
38. Greater Shepparton (VIC)
39. Hume (VIC)
40. Mildura (VIC)
41. Ashfield (NSW)
42. Ballina (NSW)
43. Bankstown (NSW)
44. Bellingen (NSW)
45. Byron (NSW)
46. Clarence Valley (NSW)
47. Coffs Harbour (NSW)
48. Dubbo (NSW)
49. Gloucester (NSW)
50. Great Lakes (NSW)
51. Greater Taree (NSW)
52. Kempsey (NSW)
53. Kyogle (NSW)
54. Leichhardt (NSW)
55. Lismore (NSW)
56. Marrickville (NSW)
57. Nambucca (NSW)
58. Orange (NSW)
59. Port Macquarie (NSW)
60. Randwick (NSW)
61. Richmond Valley (NSW)
62. Shellharbour (NSW)
63. Sydney (NSW)
64. Wellington (NSW)
65. Tamworth (NSW)
66. Tweed (NSW)
67. Wyong (NSW)

***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 Human Services Department 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 Schedule 1

The instrument that is specified in Schedule 1 is repealed as set out in item 1 to the Schedule.

6 Class of persons – Targeted Participant

(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 July 2018, the person:

(a) resides in a jobactive employment region, but not in a listed local government area;

(b) has been receiving parenting payment (partnered or single) for a continuous period of at least 6 months immediately prior to the day;

(c) has a youngest PP child who is at least 12 months and under 6 years of age;

(d) has not engaged in work in the 6 month period immediately prior to the day; and

(e) the person:

(i) is an early school leaver; or

(ii) is part of a jobless family, and has a youngest PP child who is at least 5 years of age; or

(iii) has been assessed as highly disadvantaged by their Job Seeker Classification Instrument, and has a youngest PP child who is at least 3 years of age.

(2) Despite subsection 6(1), a person will cease to be in this specified class of persons if the person ceases to meet the requirements of subsection 6(1)(a) or (c).

7 Class of persons – Intensive Participant

(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 July 2018, the person:

(a) resides in a jobactive employment region and in a listed local government area;

(b) has been receiving parenting payment (partnered or single) for a continuous period of at least 6 months immediately prior to the day;

(c) has a youngest PP child who is at least 6 months and under 6 years of age;

(d) has not engaged in work in the 6 month period immediately prior to the day; and

(e) the person:

(i) is an early school leaver; or

(ii) has a youngest PP child who is at least 5 years of age; or

(iii) has been assessed as highly disadvantaged by their Job Seeker Classification Instrument.

(2) For subsection 500(2) of the Act, a person is also in this specified class of persons if, on 30 June 2018, the person is in the ‘Participating Parent’ class of persons in section 5 of the *Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements – classes of persons) Specification 2016 (No. 1).*

(3) Despite subsections 7(1) and 7(2), a person will cease to be in this specified class of persons if:

(a) the person ceases to meet the requirements of subsection 7(1)(a); or

(b) the person’s youngest PP child reaches 6 years of age.

Schedule 1—Repeals

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

1 The whole of the instrument

Repeal the instrument.