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CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 6) (EMERGENCY MEASURES IN THE  
PUBLIC INTEREST-JOBSEEKER'S BENEFIT) REGULATIONS 2020

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I, REGINA DOHERTY, Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection, having regard to the continuing risks to public health arising from COVID-19 and the consequent impact on employers and employees, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 4 (as adapted by the Social Protection (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2017 (No. 366 of 2017)) and 62(4) (amended by section 7 of the Health (Preservation and Protection and other Emergency Measures in the Public Interest) Act 2020 (No. 1 of 2020)) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 (No. 26 of 2005), with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, hereby make the following Regulations:

**Citation and construction**

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No. 6) (Emergency Measures in the Public Interest-Jobseeker's Benefit) Regulations 2020.

(2) These Regulations and the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 to 2020 shall be construed together as one and may be cited together as the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 to 2020.

**Commencement**

2. These Regulations come into operation on 19 March 2020.

**Emergency measures in the public interest - jobseeker's benefit.**

3. The Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 are amended by the insertion of the following article after article 52G:

**“Emergency measures in the public interest - jobseeker’s benefit.**

52H. (1) Subject to sub-article (2), section 62(4) shall not apply from 19 March 2020 until the date specified in sub-article (2).

(2) This article shall cease to have effect on 19 June 2020.”.

The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform consents to the forgoing Regulations.



L.S.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
7 May, 2020.

PASCHAL DONOHOE,  
Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.



L.S.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
8 May, 2020.

REGINA DOHERTY,  
Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)*

These Regulations temporarily extend, until 19 June 2020, the period whereby the rule in section 62(4) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 is suspended. That rule, which provides that Jobseeker's Benefit is paid only from the fourth day of unemployment will be waived until 19 June 2020.

These Regulations also reposition this provision within the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) Regulations 2007 as article 52H.

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