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Amendments*

**Government amendments are denoted by an asterisk*

SECTION 9

1. In page 11, between lines 19 and 20, to insert the following:

- (2) The Minister shall, within six months of the passing of this Act, prepare and lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas, a report to include—
- (a) an estimation of the potential cost of calculating this scheme on the basis of 1,560 contributions rather than 2,080, and
 - (b) a comparison of the likely difference between a 1,560 contributory requirement and a 2,080 in terms of weekly income levels for those affected.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

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2. In page 17, between lines 11 and 12, to insert the following:

“Amendment of section 242 of Principal Act

27. Section 242 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (4)—

(i) by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (a):

“(a) his or her public services card,”,

and

(ii) by the substitution of following paragraphs for paragraph (b):

“(b) a card that has been issued to the person by the Minister under section 264 and such other information or documentation as the Minister, an officer of the Minister or a payment service provider, as the case may be, may reasonably require for the purposes of authenticating the identity of that person,

(c) an Irish Passport and such other information or documentation as the Minister, an officer of the Minister or a payment service

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provider, as the case may be, may reasonably require for the purposes of authenticating the identity of that person, or

- (d) such information or documentation as the Minister, an officer of the Minister or a payment service provider, as the case may be, may reasonably require for the purposes of authenticating the identity of that person.”,

(b) in subsection (6)—

- (i) by the substitution of the following subparagraph for subparagraph (b)(ii):

“(ii) such other information or documentation as the Minister, an officer of the Minister or a payment service provider, as the case may be, may reasonably require for the purposes of authenticating the identity of the appointed person, or”,

and

- (ii) by the insertion of the following new paragraph after paragraph (b):

“(c) such information or documentation as the Minister, an officer of the Minister or a payment service provider, as the case may be, may reasonably require for the purposes of authenticating the identity of the appointed person.”,

and

- (c) in subsection (7), by the substitution of following subsection for subsection (7):

“(7) Where a person fails to comply with subsection (4) or (6), payment of benefit may be withheld until such time as the identity of the person is authenticated. Possession or production of a public service card shall not be a mandatory requirement for the payment of a benefit.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

- 3. In page 17, between lines 11 and 12, to insert the following:

“Amendment of section 263 of Principal Act

- 27. Section 263 of the Principal Act is amended by the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (3):

“(3) A person shall produce his or her public service card or other appropriate form of identification at the request of a specified body for the purposes of a transaction. No specified body shall make possession of a public service card a mandatory requirement for the purposes of a transaction.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

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4. In page 22, after line 33, to insert the following:

“Amendment of section 2 of Civil Registration Act 2004 (as amended)”

32. Section 2 of the Civil Registration Act 2004 (as amended by the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015) is amended in subsection (1) by the substitution of the following for the definition of “Act of 2015” (as meaning the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015):

“ ‘Second Act of 2015’ means the Children and Family Relationship Act 2015;”.”.

—*Senators Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield.*

5. In page 22, after line 33, to insert the following:

“Amendment of First Schedule to Civil Registration Act 2004 (as amended)”

32. The First Schedule to the Act of 2004 is amended—

(a) by the insertion in Part 1 of the following after “Birth surname of parent’s mother.”:

“Surname.

Birth surname.

Address.

Occupation of parent.

Former surname(s) (if any) of parent.”,

and

(b) by the insertion in Part 2 of the following after “Birth surname of parent’s mother.”:

“Surname.

Birth surname.

Address.

Occupation of parent.

Former surname(s) (if any) of parent.”.”.

—*Senators Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield.*

6. In page 22, after line 33, to insert the following:

“Report on back to education allowance availability”

32. The Minister for Employment and Social Protection shall, within six months of the

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passing of this Act, prepare and lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas a report on the availability of the back to education allowance, to include:

- (a) analysis of the uptake of the scheme;
- (b) identification of anomalies in the availability of the scheme; and
- (c) policy options for the extension of the allowance to those studying an adult education qualification.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

7. In page 22, after line 33, to insert the following:

“Report on working family payments and involuntary underemployment

32. The Minister for Employment and Social Protection shall, within eight months of the passing of this Act and following an appropriate public consultation, prepare and lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas, a report on in-work social protection payments and involuntary underemployment to include:

- (a) quantitative and qualitative analysis of involuntary underemployment in Ireland and, in particular, the costs of involuntary underemployment in respect of working family payments;
- (b) recommendations of future policy options in respect of involuntary underemployment; and
- (c) such related matters as the Minister considers appropriate.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

8. In page 22, after line 33, to insert the following:

“Report on jobseeker’s transitional payment supports

32. The Minister shall, within six months of the passing of this Act, prepare and lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas a report on employment, training and educational opportunities and supports for those on jobseeker’s transitional payment to include:

- (a) recommendations to improve casework and employment, training and educational opportunities for those on jobseeker’s transitional payment, including high-quality part-time opportunities;
- (b) analysis of how childcare, transport and other public services may facilitate or support access to employment, education or training for those on jobseeker’s transitional payment;
- (c) policy options around the extension of jobseeker’s transitional payment to include one parent families with a child up to eighteen years of age; and
- (d) policy options around the extension of jobseeker’s transitional payment to include a foster parent of a child up to eighteen years of age.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

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9. In page 22, after line 33, to insert the following:

“Report on voluntary labour activation

32. The Minister for Employment and Social Protection shall, within eight months of the passing of this Act, prepare and lay a report before the Houses of the Oireachtas examining potential improvements to voluntary access to INTREO and Local Employment Service (LES) employment, training and educational opportunities and supports for those not on the Live Register.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

10. In page 22, after line 33, to insert the following:

“Report in respect of qualified adults scheme

32. The Minister for Employment and Social Protection shall, within eight months of the passing of this Act, prepare and lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas a report on the potential to introduce voluntary access to a scheme for qualified adults based on principles similar to those underpinning the jobseeker’s transitional payment, including targeted casework and the waiver of any requirement for full time availability.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*