STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 209

IMMIGRATION

The Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*4th March 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*5th March 2026*
Coming into force - -	*27th March 2026*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 8 to the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999(**a**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 27th March 2026.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Amendment of the Asylum Support Regulations 2000

2. In regulation 20 of the Asylum Support Regulations 2000(**b**)—

(a) in paragraph (1)—

(i) at the end of sub-paragraph (j), omit "or";

(ii) in sub-paragraph (k), for "condition." substitute "condition; or";

(iii) after sub-paragraph (k), insert—

"(l) the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds to believe that the supported person(**c**) or a dependant of his for whom support is being provided has worked at a time when he was disqualified from working by reason of his immigration status.".

(b) in paragraph (6)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (e), for "dependant." substitute "dependant;";

(ii) after sub-paragraph (e), insert—

"(f) a person is disqualified from working by reason of his immigration status if he is so disqualified within the meaning given by section 24B(2) of the Immigration Act 1971(**d**) (illegal working).".

(**a**) 1999 c. 33. Schedule 8 was introduced by section 95(12). The meaning of "prescribed" is set out in section 167(1).
(**b**) S.I. 2000/704. Regulation 20 was substituted by S.I. 2005/11 and paragraph (6)(d) was substituted by S.I. 2017/1242.
(**c**) The meaning of "supported person" is set out in section 94(1) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
(**d**) 1971 c. 77. Section 24B was inserted by section 34(3) of the Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19).

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Home Office

4th March 2026

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

This instrument amends the Asylum Support Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/704) by inserting into regulation 20(1) provision that the Secretary of State may discontinue or suspend a person's asylum support if the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds to believe that that person has worked at a time when he was disqualified from working by reason of his immigration status.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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