

# **Jobseeker's Agreement**

## **Background**

1. To be entitled to Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), claimants must, amongst other conditions, be available for and actively seek employment. At the beginning of a claim an adviser will check if there are any doubts about whether a jobseeker has satisfied the entitlement conditions and agree a Jobseeker's Agreement (JSAg).
2. A further entitlement condition for JSA is that the claimant must have entered into a JSAg which remains in effect. The JSAg is intended to:
  - set out details of a claimants availability for work including any 'pattern of availability' they have agreed to and any acceptable restrictions on their availability for work;
  - help claimants get back to work by agreeing the most appropriate steps for them to take when seeking employment;
  - provide a basis for their jobsearch activities to be monitored and reviewed.
3. Full details of completion and how to action doubts are detailed in the Jobseeker's Allowance claimants section of the Get Britain Working Guide.