

# Sanction Levels

## **A higher level sanction applies where a claimant:**

- Fails for no good reason to apply for a particular vacancy
- Fails for no good reason to take up an offer of paid work
- By reason of misconduct or voluntarily and for no good reason ceases paid work
- By reason of misconduct or voluntarily and for no good reason loses pay

## **A medium level sanction applies where a claimant:**

- Fails for no good reason to undertake all reasonable work search action
- Fails for no good reason to be able and willing to take up work

## **A low level sanction applies where the claimant:**

- Fails for no good reason to undertake particular, specified work search action\*
- Fails for no good reason to comply with a work preparation requirement
- Fails for no good reason to comply with an interview requirement (this includes self employed claimants who fail to attend an interview during the start up period)
- Fails for no good reason to comply with a requirement to provide evidence or confirm compliance
- Fails for no good reason to comply with a requirement to report any specified changes in their circumstances relevant to work related requirements (at present this will only apply to failure to report a loss of a job within 5 days)

**A lowest level sanction applies where the claimant:**

- Fails for no good reason to comply with a work focused interview requirement

\* All failures to comply with specific work search requirements will be sanctioned at the low level with the exception of failures to apply for a particular vacancy, which have been notified to them by a person acting on behalf of the Secretary of State. These failures are subject to higher level sanctions.