

**11 March 2009**

**Star Rating Employment Zone Contracts: changes from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009 as a result of transition to Jobseekers Regime Flexible New Deal**

Dear Provider

I am writing to let you know the arrangements we are making to the Employment Zone contracts Star Rating assessment to handle the transition from Employment Zone to Jobseekers Regime Flexible New Deal (JRFND).

From September 2009 Phase 1 of JRFND will replace 12 of the current 24 EZ contracts as shown in Annex 1. To facilitate this transition, from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009 both EZ stage's 1 and 2 provision in the EZ's in JRFND Phase 1 areas will last a maximum of 13 weeks. This is a change from the existing arrangements. Arrangement for EZ's in phase 2 of JRFND will continue unchanged.

We are unable to continue Star Rating all 24 EZ contracts after April as we will not be comparing like with like.

We will therefore carry out a final assessment of all 24 EZ contracts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 and publish the results.

From April 2009 we will continue Star Rating the remaining 12 contracts (the relative assessment KPI's being calculated out of 12 rather than 24) until the transition arrangements for phase 2 are announced. The next Star Rating would be in October 2009 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009. We would continue every six months thereafter until an appropriate cut-off for assessments.

If you have any questions about the arrangements please do not hesitate to contact me, either by phone or at [starrating@dwp.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:starrating@dwp.gsi.gov.uk)

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## Annex 1

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>JRFND Phase 1</b>	<b>JRFND Phase 2</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Pertemps</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Work Directions</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Working Links</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Brent and Haringey</b>	<b>Reed in Partnership</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Brent and Haringey</b>	<b>Work Directions</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Brent and Haringey</b>	<b>Working Links</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Brighton</b>	<b>Working Links</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Doncaster</b>	<b>Reed in Partnership</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Glasgow</b>	<b>Reed in Partnership</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Glasgow</b>	<b>Working Links</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Glasgow</b>	<b>Wise Group</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>HOVAC</b>	<b>Working Links</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Liverpool</b>	<b>Pertemps</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Liverpool</b>	<b>Reed in Partnership</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Liverpool</b>	<b>Sencia</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Middlesbrough</b>	<b>Pertemps</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>North W. Wales</b>	<b>Working Links</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Nottingham</b>	<b>Work Directions</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Plymouth</b>	<b>Working Links</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Southwark</b>	<b>Reed in Partnership</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Southwark</b>	<b>Work Directions</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Tower Hamlets and Newham</b>	<b>Reed in Partnership</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Tower Hamlets and Newham</b>	<b>TNG</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Tower Hamlets and Newham</b>	<b>Working Links</b>		<b>X</b>