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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 12

#### STATE PENSION: AMENDMENTS

### PART 3

#### AMENDMENTS TO DO WITH STATE PENSION CREDIT

**72** The State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 is amended as follows.

##### Commencement Information

- I1** [Sch. 12 para. 72](#) in operation at 14.9.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/329](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- I2** [Sch. 12 para. 72](#) in operation at 6.4.2016 so far as not brought into operation earlier by an order, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

**73** In section 3 (savings credit), for subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) The first of the conditions mentioned in section 1(2)(c)(ii) is that the claimant—

- (a) has attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016 and has attained the age of 65 (before, on or after that date), or
- (b) is a member of a couple, the other member of which falls within paragraph (a).”.

##### Commencement Information

- I3** [Sch. 12 para. 73](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

**74** After that section insert—

#### “3ZA Power to limit savings credit for certain mixed-age couples

(1) Regulations may provide that, in prescribed cases, a person who is a member of a mixed-age couple is not entitled to a savings credit.

(2) For example, the regulations could provide that a member of a mixed-age couple is not entitled to a savings credit unless—

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- (a) the person has been awarded a savings credit with effect from a day before 6 April 2016 and was entitled to a savings credit immediately before that date, and
- (b) the person remained entitled to state pension credit at all times since the beginning of 6 April 2016.
- (3) In this section “mixed-age couple” means a couple (whenever formed) one member of which had attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016 and the other had not.”.

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**Commencement Information**

**I4** [Sch. 12 para. 74](#) in operation at 14.9.2015 by [S.R. 2015/329](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(c\)](#)

**75** In Schedule 1 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, omit paragraph 41.

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**Commencement Information**

**I5** [Sch. 12 para. 75](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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- specified provision(s) transitional provisions for effects of commencing S.I. 2017/297, art. 2 by [S.R. 2017/58](#) Order