

Draft Regulations laid before the Assembly under section 2(14) of the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022, for approval by resolution of the Assembly

DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2024 No. 0000

PERIOD PRODUCTS (FREE PROVISION)

**The Period Products (Department of Justice Specified
Public Service Bodies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024**

Made - - - - *xxxx 2024*
Coming into operation *xxxx 2024*

The Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(1), (7)(a) and (b) and (13) of the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022(1) and after consultation in accordance with section 2(8)(a) of that Act, makes the following Regulations.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Period Products (Department of Justice Specified Public Service Bodies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024 and shall come into operation on xxxx 2024.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“accommodation” means accommodation leased or owned by a specific public service body for the purpose of effecting its statutory functions;

“PSNI” means the Police Service of Northern Ireland as established under the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000(2);

“NIPB” means the Northern Ireland Policing Board as established under the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000;

“OPONI” means the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland as established under the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998(3);

“PBNI” means the Probation Board for Northern Ireland as established under the Probation Board (Northern Ireland) Order 1982(4);

(1) 2022 c.25 (N.I.)
(2) 2000 c.32 [to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations]
(3) 1998 c.32 [to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations]
(4) S.I. 1982 713 (N.I. 10) [to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations]

“CJINI” means the office of the Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland as established under the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002⁽⁵⁾;

“NIPF” means the Northern Ireland Police Fund as established under the Northern Ireland Police Fund Regulations 2016⁽⁶⁾;

“RUCGF” means The Royal Ulster Constabulary GC Foundation as established under the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000;

“PRRT” means the Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust as established under the Police Rehabilitation and Retaining Trust Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014⁽⁷⁾;

“service users” means persons who are in the premises of a specified public service body to make use of the services to the public provided there by the specified public body;

“staff” means employees or agency workers in the premises of a specified public service body;

“the Act” means the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022; and

“visitors” means persons with legitimate reason for being in the premises of a specified public service body, such as attending meetings or events or providing a function or service.”

Specified public service bodies

3. The bodies listed in the Schedule are specified as public service as public service bodies to which the duty in section 2(3) of the Act applies.

Description of premises and persons

4. For the purposes of section 2(3) of the Act—

- (a) the descriptions of premises listed in column 2 of the Table below are to be treated as being premises of the specified public service body listed at column 1; and
- (b) the descriptions of persons listed in column 3 of the Table below are to be treated as being in the premises of the specified public body listed at column 1.

Table 1

	<i>Column 1 – Specified Public Service Body</i>	<i>Column 2 – Descriptions of Premises</i>	<i>Column 3 – Descriptions of Persons in Premises</i>
(a) (i)	PSNI	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public and which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(a) (ii)	PSNI	PSNI administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors

(5) 2002 c.26 [to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations]

(6) S.R. 2016 No. 14

(7) S.R. 2014 No.163

	<i>Column 1 – Specified Public Service Body</i>	<i>Column 2 – Descriptions of Premises</i>	<i>Column 3 – Descriptions of Persons in Premises</i>
(b) (i)	NIPB	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public and which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(b) (ii)	NIPB	NIPB administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors
(c) (i)	OPONI	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public and which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(c) (ii)	OPONI	OPONI administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors
(d) (i)	PBNI	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public and which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(d) (ii)	PBNI	PBNI administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors
(e) (i)	CJINI	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public and which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(e) (ii)	CJINI	CJINI administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors

	<i>Column 1 – Specified Service Body</i>	<i>Column 2 – Descriptions of Premises</i>	<i>Column 3 – Descriptions of Persons in Premises</i>
(f) (i)	NIPF	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public and which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(f) (ii)	NIPF	NIPF administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors
(g) (i)	RUCGCF	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(g) (ii)	RUCGCF	RUCGCF administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors
(h) (i)	PRRT	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(h) (ii)	PRRT	PRRT administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on xxxx 2024

Minister's signature
Minister of Justice

SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

Specified Public Service Bodies

Public Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)
Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB)
Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (OPONI)
Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI)
Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland (CJINI)
Northern Ireland Police Fund (NIPF)
Royal Ulster Constabulary GC Foundation (RUCGCF)
Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust (PRRT)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made under section 2(1) of the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022. They specify the public service bodies within the functions of the Department of Justice that are subject to the duty to ensure that period products are obtainable free of charge by persons on their premises who need to use them. They provide, for the purposes of the Act, descriptions of the premises to be treated as premises.

These Regulations and Explanatory Memorandum have been produced and are available online alongside this Statutory Rule at www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr.