STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1991 No. 2628

The Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

Special cases

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39.—(1) The Department may by regulations provide that in prescribed circumstances a case is to be treated as a special case for the purposes of this Order.

(2) Those regulations may, for example, provide for the following to be special cases—

(a) each parent of a child is [[F1]an absent parent] **[**[F2]a non-resident parent**]** in relation to the child;

(b) there is more than one person who is a person with care in relation to the same child;

(c) there is more than one qualifying child in relation to the same [[F3]absent parent] **[**[F4]non-resident parent**]** but the person who is the person with care in relation to one of those children is not the person who is the person with care in relation to all of them;

(d) a person is [[F5]an absent parent] **[**[F6]a non-resident parent**]** in relation to more than one child and the other parent of each of those children is not the same person;

(e) the person with care has care of more than one qualifying child and there is more than one [[F7]absent parent] **[**[F8]non-resident parent**]** in relation to those children;

(f) a qualifying child has his home in two or more separate households.

(3) The Department may by regulations make provision with respect to special cases.

(4) Regulations made under paragraph (3) may, in particular—

(a) modify any provision made by or under this Order, in its application to any special case or any special case falling within a prescribed category;

(b) make new provision for any such case; or

(c) provide for any prescribed provision made by or under this Order not to apply to any such case.

F1 Words in art. 39(2)(a) substituted (3.3.2003 for certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), ss. 25, 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11**; S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

F2 Words in art. 39(2)(a) substituted (3.3.2003 for certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), ss. 25, 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11**; S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

F3 Words in art. 39(2)(c) substituted (3.3.2003 for certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), ss. 25, 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11**; S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

F4 Words in art. 39(2)(c) substituted (3.3.2003 for certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), ss. 25, 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11**; S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

F5 Words in art. 39(2)(d) substituted (3.3.2003 for certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), ss. 25, 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11**; S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

F6 Words in art. 39(2)(d) substituted (3.3.2003 for certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), ss. 25, 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11**; S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

F7 Words in art. 39(2)(e) substituted (3.3.2003 for certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), ss. 25, 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11**; S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

F8 Words in art. 39(2)(e) substituted (3.3.2003 for certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), ss. 25, 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11**; S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

[[F9]Recovery of child support maintenance by deduction from benefit

40.—(1) This Article applies where—

(a) a non-resident parent is liable to pay a flat rate of child support maintenance (or would be so liable but for a variation having been agreed to), and that rate applies (or would have applied) because he falls within paragraph 4(1)(b) or (c) or 4(2) of Schedule 1; and

(b) such conditions as may be prescribed for the purposes of this Article are satisfied.

(2) The power of the Department to make regulations under section 5 of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 by virtue of subsection (1)(q) (deductions from benefits) may be exercised in relation to cases to which this Article applies with a view to securing that payments in respect of child support maintenance are made or that arrears of child support maintenance are recovered.

(3) For the purposes of this Article, the benefits to which section 5 of that Act applies shall be taken as including war disablement pensions and war widows' pensions (within the meaning of section 146(2) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (interpretation)).**]**

F9 Art. 40 substituted (22.11.2000 for certain purposes and 3.3.2003 for further certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), **ss. 20**, 68(2); S.R. 2000/358, art. 2(b), **Sch. Pt. II**; S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

[F10]Contribution to maintenance by deduction from benefit **N.I.**

40.—(1) This Article applies where—

(a) by virtue of paragraph 5(4) of Schedule 1, [[F11]an absent parent] **[**[F12]a non-resident parent**]** is taken for the purposes of that Schedule to have no [[F13]assessable] **[**[F14]calculable**]** income; and

(b) such conditions as may be prescribed for the purposes of this Article are satisfied.

(2) The power of the Department to make regulations under Article 52 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986[F15] by virtue of paragraph (1)(q) (deductions from benefits) may be exercised in relation to cases to which this Article applies with a view to securing that—

(a) payments of prescribed amounts are made with respect to qualifying children in place of payments of child support maintenance; and

(b) arrears of child support maintenance are recovered.

[[F16](3) Schedule 4C shall have effect for applying Articles 18, 19, 22 and 28ZA to 28ZC to any decision with respect to a person's liability under this Article, that is to say, his liability to make payments under regulations made by virtue of this Article.**]**

F10 Art. 40 substituted (22.11.2000 for certain purposes and 3.3.2003 for further certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), **ss. 20**, 68(2); S.R. 2000/358, art. 2(b), **Sch. Pt. II**; S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

F11 Words in art. 40(1)(a) substituted (3.3.2003 for certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), ss. 25, 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11**; S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

F12 Words in art. 40(1)(a) substituted (3.3.2003 for certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), ss. 25, 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11**; S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

F13 Word in art. 40(1)(a) substituted (3.3.2003 for certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), **ss. 1(2)(b)**, 68(2); S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

F14 Word in art. 40(1)(a) substituted (3.3.2003 for certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4), **ss. 1(2)(b)**, 68(2); S.R. 2003/53, art. 3(1), **Sch.**

F15 1986 NI 18

F16 1998 NI 10

Changes to legislation:
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- Order applied by S.R. 2014/191 reg. 7(1)
- Order applied in part (with modifications) by S.R. 2010/312 reg. 16Sch. 2
- Order power to apply (with modifications) conferred by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 3(4)
- Order transfer of functions by S.I. 2010/976 Sch. 17 para. 42
- Order words substituted by 2009 c. 1 (N.I.) Sch. 6 para. 1(1)(a)
- Order words substituted by 2009 c. 1 (N.I.) Sch. 6 para. 1(1)(b)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 1 para. 9(1) Sch. 1 para. 9 renumbered as Sch. 1 para. 9(1) by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 1 para. 8(1)
- Sch. 1 para. 9(2) added by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 1 para. 8(4)
- Sch. 1 para. 5A and cross-heading inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 1 para. 5(2)
- Sch. 1 para. 9(1)(ba) inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 1 para. 8(3)
- Sch. 1 para. 9(1)(za) inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 1 para. 8(2)
- Sch. 1 para. 5A(2) modified by S.R. 2012/428 reg. 3
- Sch. 1 para. 5A(2) modified by S.R. 2013/190 reg. 2
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 words substituted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 1 para. 2
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 10C(5A) omitted by S.I. 2019/1514 reg. 64(5)(b)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 10C(5) substituted for Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 10C(5)(6) by S.I. 2019/1514 reg. 64(4)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 6(5)(b)(i)(ii) substituted for Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 6(5)(b)(i)-(iii) by S.I. 2019/1514 reg. 64(5)(a)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 5(4) words inserted by 2007 c. 2 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 2(8)
- art. 2(3) added by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 4 para. 1(3)
- art. 4(4)(ba) inserted by 2022 c. 18 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 16
- art. 7(2A) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 127(2)(b)
- art. 7(3A)-(3C) inserted by 2023 c. 24 s. 4(2)(a)
- art. 7(4)(d) and word inserted by 2023 c. 24 s. 4(2)(b)(ii)
- art. 11(2A) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 126(1)
- art. 11(6)(a)(b) and word repealed by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 5
- art. 11A inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 128
- art. 16A(3A) inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 27(1)
- art. 16A(3A) substituted by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) s. 32(2)
- art. 16A(6) added by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) s. 32(3)
- art. 19(1)(c) repealed by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 5
- art. 22(1)(ba) inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 4 para. 1(5)
- art. 22(2)(aa) inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 4 para. 1(6)
- art. 22(2A)-(2C) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 11 para. 2
- art. 22(3A)-(3C) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 11 para. 3
- art. 22(5A) inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 4 para. 1(7)
- art. 22(7A) inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 4 para. 1(8)
- art. 27(2)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2019/1514 reg. 64(2)
- art. 27(2)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2019/1514 reg. 64(2)
- art. 28D(2A)(2B) inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 10(2)
- art. 28F(4)(a) words repealed by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 5
- art. 29(3)(c)(ca) substituted for art. 29(3)(c) by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) s. 31(2)
- art. 29(3A) inserted by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) s. 31(3)
- art. 29(4)-(7) added by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 12

- art. 29(4)-(7) excluded by S.R. 2016/390 reg. 6(1)
- art. 31(8)(9) substituted for art. 31(8) by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 13
- art. 32A-32D inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 14
- art. 32E-32K inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 15
- art. 32G(1) restricted by SR 1992/390 reg. 25N (as inserted) by S.R. 2009/286 reg. 2
- art. 32H(2)(b) restricted by SR 1992/390 reg. 25N (as inserted) by S.R. 2009/286 reg. 2
- art. 32L inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 16
- art. 32L(5) words inserted by S.I. 2019/1514 reg. 64(3)
- art. 32M32N inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 17
- art. 36B-36F inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 18
- art. 36G-36O inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 19
- art. 37(2A)-(2C) inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 20(1)
- art. 37(10)-(10C) substituted for art. 37(10) by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 20(2)
- art. 37(12) added by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 4 para. 1(14)
- art. 37A(A1)-(A4)(1) substituted for art. 37A(1) by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 21(1)
- art. 37A(10)-(10C) substituted for art. 37A(10) by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 21(2)
- art. 37A(12) added by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 4 para. 1(17)
- art. 38A(5)(c)(d) repealed by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 4 para. 1(29)(a)
- art. 38C inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 22
- art. 38D inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 23
- art. 38E inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 24
- art. 39(2)(g) added by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 28
- art. 40A inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 29
- art. 41(4)(5) inserted by S.I. 2011/1484 Sch. 7 para. 22
- art. 41(4) omitted by S.I. 2019/519 Sch. para. 20(a)
- art. 41(5) omitted by S.I. 2019/519 Sch. para. 20(b)
- art. 45A inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 25
- art. 45B45C inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 30
- art. 45D inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 31
- art. 46(1A)-(1C) inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 4 para. 1(19)
- art. 47A inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) s. 32
- art. 47A(6) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 11 para. 4
- art. 48(2B) inserted by 2008 c. 10 (N.I.) Sch. 4 para. 1(22)