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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1997 No. 504**

**FAIR EMPLOYMENT**

**Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities)  
(Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997**

*Made - - - - 14th November 1997*

*Coming into operation 1st January 1998*

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 25(3) of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act 1989<sup>(1)</sup> (“the Act of 1989”), each person who, by virtue of the following Order, becomes a public authority for any of the purposes of sections 27 to 42 of that Act is:

- (1) a Minister of the Crown or the head of a Northern Ireland Department;
- (2) a body created by a statutory provision, within the meaning of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>(2)</sup>, or the holder of any office so created; or
- (3) a person appearing to the Department of Economic Development (“the Department”)<sup>(3)</sup> to exercise functions of a public nature;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with section 26(4) of the Act of 1989, it appears to the Department that some or all of the people who are employed by each person, who by virtue of the following Order becomes an employer for the purposes of sections 27 to 37 of that Act, who are in the service of the Crown for the purposes of the functions of those persons or who are treated by virtue of the following Order as so employed or as in such service, are employed or serve in Northern Ireland;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 25(1) and (2) of the Act of 1989 and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1998.

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(1) 1989 c. 32

(2) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(3) See section 47(5) of the Act of 1989 as read with section 57(1) of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act 1976 (c. 25); the Department of Manpower Services was renamed the Department of Economic Development by S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11) Article 3

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## **Interpretation**

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

## **Amendment of the Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) Order (Northern Ireland) 1989**

3. For the Schedule to the Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) Order (Northern Ireland) 1989(4) there shall be substituted the Schedule to this Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on

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14th November 1997.

*G. I. O'Doherty*  
Assistant Secretary

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(4) S.R. 1989 No. 475 as amended by S.R. 1990 No. 453; S.R. 1993 No. 4; S.R. 1993 No. 459; S.R. 1995 No. 10; S.R. 1995 No. 430 and S.R. 1996 No. 504

SCHEDULE

Article 3

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**Part I**

Public Authorities for the purposes of sections 27 to 42 of the Act of 1989

Agricultural Research Institute of Northern Ireland

Altnagelvin Hospitals Health and Social Services Trust

Armagh and Dungannon Health and Social Services Trust

Arts Council of Northern Ireland

Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland

Belfast City Hospital Health and Social Services Trust

Belfast Education and Library Board

Belfast Harbour Commissioners

British Broadcasting Corporation

Causeway Health and Social Services Trust

Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary

Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland

Citybus Limited

Coleraine Harbour Commissioners

Commission for Racial Equality for Northern Ireland

Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland

Construction Industry Training Board

Council for Catholic Maintained Schools

Craigavon Area Hospital Group Health and Social Services Trust

Craigavon and Banbridge Community Health and Social Services Trust

Any District Council

Down Lisburn Health and Social Services Trust

Eastern Health and Social Services Board

Enterprise Ulster

Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ireland

Fair Employment Commission for Northern Ireland

Fire Authority for Northern Ireland

Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland

Flexibus Limited

Foyle Fisheries Commission

Foyle Health and Social Services Trust

General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland

Green Park Health and Social Services Trust

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Homefirst Community Health and Social Services Trust  
Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland  
Labour Relations Agency  
Laganside Corporation  
Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland  
Local Enterprise Development Unit  
Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland  
Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners  
Mater Infirmorum Hospital Health and Social Services Trust  
Mental Health Commission for Northern Ireland  
National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Northern Ireland  
Newry and Mourne Health and Social Services Trust  
North Down and Ards Community Health and Social Services Trust  
North Eastern Education and Library Board  
North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust  
Northern Health and Social Services Board  
Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Services Trust  
Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service Agency  
Northern Ireland Central Services Agency for the Health and Social Services  
Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints  
Northern Ireland Community Relations Council  
Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment  
Northern Ireland Council for Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education  
Northern Ireland Economic Development Office  
Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority  
Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency  
Northern Ireland Health Promotion Agency  
Northern Ireland Housing Executive  
Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee  
Northern Ireland Railways Company Limited  
Northern Ireland Regional Medical Physics Agency  
Northern Ireland Tourist Board  
Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company  
Police Authority for Northern Ireland  
Post Office  
Probation Board for Northern Ireland  
Rathgael and Whiteabbey Schools Management Board  
Royal Group of Hospitals and Dental Hospital Health and Social Services Trust  
South and East Belfast Health and Social Services Trust  
South Eastern Education and Library Board

Southern Education and Library Board  
Southern Health and Social Services Board  
Sperrin Lakeland Health and Social Services Trust  
Sports Council for Northern Ireland  
Staff Commission for Education and Library Boards  
The Board of Governors of Stranmillis College of Education, Belfast  
Trustees of the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum  
Trustees of the Ulster Museum  
Ulster, North Down and Ards Hospitals Health and Social Services Trust  
Ulster Sheltered Employment Limited  
Ulsterbus Limited  
United Hospitals Health and Social Services Trust  
Warrenpoint Harbour Authority  
Western Education and Library Board  
Western Health and Social Services Board  
Youth Council for Northern Ireland

## Part II

Public Authorities for the purposes of sections 38 to 42 of the Act of 1989  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food  
Commissioners of Customs and Excise  
Secretary of State for Defence  
Secretary of State for Environment  
Secretary of State for the Home Department  
Board of Inland Revenue  
The Lord Chancellor  
The Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office  
The Director-General for Electricity Supply for Northern Ireland  
The Director-General of Gas for Northern Ireland  
The Director of Savings (Department for National Savings)  
Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland  
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland  
Secretary of State for Social Security  
Secretary of State for Trade and Industry  
Secretary of State for Transport  
Any Northern Ireland Department  
The Head of any Northern Ireland Department  
The governing body established under Article 10(1)(c) of the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 for any institution of further education

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Any Health and Social Services trust established after 1st January 1998 under Article 10(1) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.”

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order further amends the Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) Order (Northern Ireland 1989 (“the 1989 Order”) which specifies a number of persons or bodies as public authorities for certain purposes under Part II of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act 1989 (“the Act of 1989”) and provides for the persons who are to be treated for such purposes as the employees of some of those authorities.

The Schedule to the 1989 Order lists in Part I the bodies who are public authorities for the purposes of sections 27 to 42 of the Act of 1989 and in Part II the bodies who are public authorities for the purposes of sections 38 to 42 of the Act of 1989.

Article 3 of this Order substitutes a new Schedule to the 1989 Order. The only change of substance lies in the inclusion in Part I of the Commission for Racial Equality for Northern Ireland which was established under Article 42(1) of the Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.