STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 358 (C. 16)

CHILD SUPPORT PENSIONS SOCIAL SECURITY

The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security (2000 Act) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made - - - - *21st November 2000*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 68(2) (*a*) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000(1) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security (2000 Act) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000.

(2) In this Order "the Act" means the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000.

Appointed days

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of—

- (a) the provisions of the Act specified in Part I of the Schedule, is 22nd November 2000;
- (b) the provisions of the Act specified in Part II of the Schedule for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, is 22nd November 2000;
- (c) paragraph 25 of Schedule 3 to the Act (amendment of statutory provisions relating to child support) and section 25 of the Act in so far as it relates to it, is 1st January 2001;
- (d) the provisions of the Act specified in Part III of the Schedule in so far as not already in operation, is 1st January 2001; and
- (e) the provisions of the Act specified in Part IV of the Schedule for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations or orders, is 8th January 2001.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 21st November 2000.

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John O'Neill Senior Officer of the Department for Social Development

SCHEDULE

Article 2

Part I

Provisions coming into operation on 22nd November 2000

| Provisions of the Act | Subject Matter |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Section 37 | Sharing of state scheme rights |
| Section 63 | Child benefit disregards |
| Section 64 | Social Security Advisory Committee |
| The following paragraphs of Schedule 5 and section 52 in so far as it relates to them— | Pensions: miscellaneous amendments |
| paragraph 7 | Trustees of schemes |
| paragraph 8 | Register of disqualified trustees |
| paragraph 11 | Orders and regulations |
| The following paragraphs of Schedule 6, and paragraph 1 of that Schedule and section 58 in so far as relating to them— | Social security investigation powers |
| paragraph 7 | Breach of regulations |
| paragraph 8 in so far as it inserts section 115CA(1) into the Administration Act for the purposes of construing section 107 of that Act as amended by paragraph 7 | Insertion of section 115CA |
| Schedule 9, Part III(10) and section 67 in so far as it relates to that repeal | Repeals |

Part II

Provisions coming into operation on 22nd November 2000 for the purpose only of making regulations

| Provisions of the Act | Subject Matter |
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| Section 3 | Applications by persons claiming or receiving benefit |
| Section 4 | Default and interim maintenance decisions |
| Section 5 | Departure from usual rules for calculating maintenance |
| Section 7 | Variations: revision and supersession |
| Section 9 | Decisions superseding earlier decisions |
| Section 10 | Appeals to appeal tribunals |
| Section 16 | Disqualification from driving |

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| Provisions of the Act | Subject Matter |
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| Section 17 | Financial penalties |
| Section 18 | Reduced benefit decisions |
| Section 19 | Voluntary payments |
| Section 20 | Recovery of child support maintenance by deduction from benefit |
| Section 21(3) | Jurisdiction |
| Section 24 | Regulations |
| Section 26 | Temporary compensation payment scheme |
| Section 28 | Transitional provisions, savings, etc. |
| Section 60 | Discretionary financial assistance with housing |
| Section 62 | Recovery of housing benefit |
| Schedule 1 and section 1(3) | Substituted Part I of Schedule 1 to the Child Support Order |
| Schedule 2 and section 6 | Substituted Schedules 4A and 4B to the Child Support Order |
| Schedule 3, paragraph 26 and section 25 in so far as it relates to it | Fees |
| The following paragraphs of Schedule 7, and paragraph 1 of that Schedule and section 59 in so far as relating to them— | Housing benefit: revisions and appeals |
| paragraph 3 | Revision of decisions |
| paragraph 4 | Decisions superseding earlier decisions |
| paragraph 6 | Appeal to appeal tribunal |
| paragraph 8 | Appeal from tribunal to Commissioner |
| paragraph 9 | Appeal from Commissioner on point of law |
| paragraph 10 | Procedure |
| paragraph 12 | Matters arising as respects decisions |
| paragraph 13 | Suspension in prescribed circumstances |
| paragraph 14 | Suspension for failure to furnish information, etc. |
| paragraph 15 | Termination in cases of a failure to furnish information, etc. |
| paragraph 16 | Decisions involving issues that arise on appeal in other cases |
| paragraph 19 | Correction of errors and setting aside of decisions |
| paragraph 20 | Regulations |

| Provisions of the Act | Subject Matter |
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| paragraph 21 | Consequential amendment of the Administration Act |
| paragraph 23 | Interpretation |

Part III

Provisions coming into operation on 1st January 2001 in so far as not already in operation

| Provisions of the Act | Subject Matter |
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| Section 7 in so far as it relates to Article 28G(2) of the Child Support Order | Variations: revision and supersession |
| Section 26 | Temporary compensation payment scheme |

Part IV

Provisions coming into operation on 8th January 2001 for the purpose only of making regulations or orders

| Provisions of the Act | Subject Matter |
|-----------------------|--|
| Section 29 | Earnings from which pension derived |
| Section 30 | Calculation |
| Section 31 | Calculation of Category B retirement pension |
| Section 32 | Revaluation |
| Section 33 | Supplementary |
| Schedule 4 | Additional pension |

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides for the coming into operation of provisions of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 as follows—

22nd November 2000 for provisions relating to-

the sharing of state scheme rights,

child benefit disregards,

the Social Security Advisory Committee,

pensions miscellaneous amendments and repeals, and

social security investigation powers;

22nd November 2000 for provisions relating to-

child support,

discretionary financial assistance with housing,

recovery of housing benefit, and

housing benefit revision and appeals,

for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations;

1st January 2001 for a further provision relating to child support; and

8th January 2001 for provisions relating to state second pension for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations or orders.

The impact on business of the commencement of provisions in the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 is detailed in the Regulatory Impact Assessment relating to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill. A copy of that Assessment may be obtained, free of charge, from Social Security Policy and Legislation Division, Castle Buildings, Stormont, Belfast BT4 3SQ.