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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2008 No. 147 (C. 7)**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Welfare Reform (2007 Act) (Commencement No. 4 and  
Consequential Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008**

*Made - - - - 28th March 2008*

The Department for Social Development makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 59 and 60(1) of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007(1).

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform (2007 Act) (Commencement No. 4 and Consequential Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008.

(2) Article 3 shall come into operation on 1st April 2008.

(3) In this Order any reference to a numbered section or Schedule is to the section of, or Schedule to, the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 bearing that number.

**Appointed day**

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

- (a) section 36 (directions by Department);
- (b) section 45 (loss of benefit for commission of benefit offences); and
- (c) paragraphs 2 to 4 of Schedule 5 (minor and consequential amendments) and section 37 in so far as it relates to those paragraphs,

is 1st April 2008.

**Consequential provisions**

3.—(1) In paragraph 25 of Schedule 1 to the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999(2) (decisions against which no appeal lies) for “3 years” substitute “5 years”.

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(1) 2007 c. 2 (N.I.)

(2) S.R. 1999 No. 162; paragraph 25 was added by regulation 21 of S.R. 2002 No. 79

(2) In regulation 2(2) of the Social Security (Loss of Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002(3) (disqualification period) for “3 years” substitute “5 years”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 28th March 2008

(L.S.)

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Development

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Article 2 of this Order provides for the coming into operation of sections 36 (directions by Department) and 45 (loss of benefit for commission of benefit offences) of, and paragraphs 2 to 4 of Schedule 5 (minor and consequential amendments) to, the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 on 1st April 2008.

Article 3 amends the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 and the Social Security (Loss of Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 consequential upon the coming into operation of section 45.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

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

The following provisions of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 have been brought into operation by earlier commencement orders as from the dates shown.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.R. No.</i>
Section 30 (partially)	10th March 2008 7th April 2008	2008 No. 93 (C. 3)
Sections 38(1), 48 and 49	8th October 2007	2007 No. 429 (C. 27)
Section 52 (partially)	19th July 2007 10th August 2007	2007 No. 335 (C. 23)
Section 54 (partially)	8th October 2007 29th October 2007	2007 No. 429 (C. 27)
Sections 56 and 58 (partially)	8th October 2007 7th April 2008	2007 No. 429 (C. 27) 2008 No. 93 (C. 3)
Schedule 6 (partially)	19th July 2007 10th August 2007	2007 No. 335 (C. 23)
Schedule 7 (partially)	8th October 2007	2007 No. 429 (C. 27)
Schedule 8 (partially)	8th October 2007 7th April 2008	2007 No. 429 (C. 27) 2008 No. 93 (C. 3)

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