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PART VIII

STATE PENSIONS

Entitlement to more than one pension

Persons entitled to more than one Category B retirement pension

272. In section 43(3) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (persons entitled to more than one retirement pension)—

(a) for paragraph (a) substitute—

“(a) to both a Category A retirement pension and one or more Category B retirement pensions under this Part for the same period,

(aa) to more than one Category B retirement pension (but not a Category A retirement pension) under this Part for the same period, or”, and

(b) for the words from “paragraph (a)” to “above” substitute “paragraph (a), (aa) or (b) (as the case may be)”.

Deferral of state pension

Deferral of retirement pensions and shared additional pensions

273.—(1) For section 55 of the Contributions and Benefits Act (increase of retirement pension where entitlement is deferred) substitute—

“55 Pension increase or lump sum where entitlement to retirement pension is deferred

(1) Where a person’s entitlement to a Category A or Category B retirement pension is deferred, Schedule 5 to this Act has effect.

(2) In that Schedule—

paragraph A1 makes provision enabling an election to be made where the pensioner’s entitlement is deferred

paragraphs 1 to 3 make provision about increasing pension where the pensioner’s entitlement is deferred

paragraphs 3A and 3B make provision about lump sum payments where the pensioner’s entitlement is deferred

paragraph 3C makes provision enabling an election to be made where the pensioner’s deceased spouse has deferred entitlement

paragraphs 4 to 7 make provision about increasing pension where the pensioner's deceased spouse has deferred entitlement

paragraphs 7A and 7B make provision about lump sum payments where the pensioner's deceased spouse has deferred entitlement

paragraphs 7C to 9 make supplementary provision.

(3) For the purposes of this Act a person's entitlement to a Category A or Category B retirement pension is deferred if and so long as that person—

(a) does not become entitled to that pension by reason only—

(i) of not satisfying the conditions of section 1 of the Administration Act (entitlement to benefit dependent on claim), or

(ii) in the case of a Category B retirement pension payable by virtue of a spouse's contributions, of the spouse not satisfying those conditions with respect to his Category A retirement pension, or

(b) in consequence of an election under section 54(1) above, falls to be treated as not having become entitled to that pension,

and, in relation to any such pension, "period of deferment" shall be construed accordingly."

(2) For section 55C of that Act (increase of shared additional pension where entitlement is deferred) substitute—

"55C Pension increase or lump sum where entitlement to shared additional pension is deferred

(1) Where a person's entitlement to a shared additional pension is deferred, Schedule 5A to this Act has effect.

(2) In that Schedule—

paragraph 1 makes provision enabling an election to be made where the person's entitlement is deferred

paragraphs 2 and 3 make provision about increasing pension where the person's entitlement is deferred

paragraphs 4 and 5 make provision about lump sum payments where the person's entitlement is deferred.

(3) For the purposes of this Act, a person's entitlement to a shared additional pension is deferred—

(a) where he would be entitled to a Category A or Category B retirement pension but for the fact that his entitlement is deferred, if and so long as his entitlement to such a pension is deferred, and

(b) otherwise, if and so long as he does not become entitled to the shared additional pension by reason only of not satisfying the conditions of section 1 of the Administration Act (entitlement to benefit dependent on claim),

and, in relation to a shared additional pension, "period of deferment" shall be construed accordingly."

(3) In paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the 1995 Order (which, with effect from 6th April 2010, amends the existing law regarding the deferment of pensions), for sub-paragraph (5) (commencement) substitute—

"(5) The preceding sub-paragraphs shall come into operation as follows—

(a) sub-paragraphs (1) and (4) shall come into operation on 6th April 2005;

(b) sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) shall have effect in relation to incremental periods (within the meaning of Schedule 5 to the Contributions and Benefits Act) beginning on or after that date.”

(4) Schedule 9 (which contains further amendments relating to the deferral of retirement pensions and shared additional pensions) has effect.

Miscellaneous

Disclosure of state pension information

274.—(1) Section 38 of the 2000 Act (disclosure of state pension information) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (2), for the words from the beginning to “information”, substitute “The Department may, in the prescribed manner, disclose or authorise the disclosure of any information”.

(3) After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) For the purposes of this section and of any regulations made under it, anything done by or in relation to a person who—

(a) provides, or proposes to provide, relevant services to a person falling within subsection (3) (“the qualifying person”), and

(b) is authorised in writing by the qualifying person to act for the purposes of this section,

is treated as done by or in relation to the qualifying person.

In paragraph (a) “relevant services” means services that may involve the giving of advice or forecasts to which information to which this section applies may be relevant.”

(4) In subsection (7)—

(a) omit the word “and” at the end of paragraph (c), and

(b) after paragraph (d) add—

“and

(e) a projection of the amount of any lump sum to which that individual is likely to become entitled, or might become entitled in particular circumstances.”

(5) In subsection (11)—

(a) for the definitions of “basic retirement pension” and “additional retirement pension”, substitute—

““additional retirement pension” means any additional pension or shared additional pension under the Contributions and Benefits Act, or any graduated retirement benefit under sections 35 and 36 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966;

“basic retirement pension” means any basic pension under the Contributions and Benefits Act;”,

(b) after the definition of “employer”, insert—

““lump sum” means a lump sum under Schedule 5 or 5A to the Contributions and Benefits Act;”, and

(c) for the definitions of “trustee” and “manager”, substitute—

““trustee or manager”, in relation to an occupational or personal pension scheme, means—

- (a) in the case of a scheme established under a trust, the trustee or trustees of the scheme, and
- (b) in any other case, the person or persons responsible for the management of the scheme.”.