Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 8

PART II

ADJUDICATION

Determination of questions of special difficulty

[F1 54 Assessors.

(1) Where it appears to an authority to which this section applies that a matter before the authority involves a question of fact of special difficulty, then, unless regulations otherwise provide, the authority may direct that in dealing with that matter they shall have the assistance of one or more assessors.

(2) The authorities to which this section applies are—

(a) two or more adjudicating medical practitioners acting together;

(b) two or more specially qualified adjudicating medical practitioners, appointed by virtue of section 60 below, acting together;

(c) a social security appeal tribunal;

(d) a disability appeal tribunal;

(e) a medical appeal tribunal;

(f) a Commissioner;

(g) the Department.**]**

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 54 ceased to have effect (5.7.1999, 6.9.1999, 5.10.1999, 18.10.1999 and 29.11.1999 for different purposes, otherwise*prosp.*) by virtue of S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10), **arts. 1(2)**, 39(3); S.R. 1999/310, art. 2(1)(b), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 4, 14); S.R. 1999/371, art. 2(b), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 4, 18); S.R. 1999/407, art.

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2(b), **Sch.** (with art. 4); S.R. 1999/428, art. 2(b), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 4, 16) and S.R. 1999/472, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 20-22) (subject to art. 2(2) of the said S.R. 1999/472)

S. 54 repealed (29.11.1999 for certain purposes, otherwise*prosp.*) by S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10), arts. 1(2), 78(2), **Sch. 7**; S.R. 1999/472, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 20-22) (subject to art. 2(2) of the said S.R. 1999/472)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2018/1125 reg. 8 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2018/1125, reg. 8 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24), s. 4(3), Sch. 5 para. 4(4))
- Act modified by S.R. 2019/211 art. 2(2)(a) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Affecting Order revoked (19.12.2020) without ever being in force by S.R. 2020/347, arts. 1(1), 2)

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

- s. 101(1)(4)(5)s. 101(6)(a)(b) words repealed by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 12 Pt. 1
- s. 2A(9) added by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) Sch. 1 para. 24
- s. 2G(1)(d) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 65(5)
- s. 5(1A)-(1C) inserted by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) s. 18(2)(c)
- s. 31A(1A) words substituted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 4 para. 11(a)(ii)
- s. 104A(1A)-(1C) inserted by 2007 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 42(3)
- s. 110A inserted by 2007 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 43
- s. 110A repealed by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 12 Pt. 1
- s. 110A heading word inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 114(4)
- s. 110A(2) words substituted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 114(5)(a)
- s. 110A(2)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 114(5)(b)
- s. 110A(4)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 114(6)
- s. 110ZA inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 114(2)
- s. 110ZA repealed by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 12 Pt. 1
- s. 116E and cross-heading inserted by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) s. 16(3)
- s. 126(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 126(2) by 2007 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 35
- s. 130AB inserted by 2008 c. 13 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 14
- s. 140C inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 2 para. 20
- s. 166(2)(ac) inserted by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) s. 17