



Pension Schemes Act 1993

1993 CHAPTER 48

PART III

[^{F1}SCHEMES THAT WERE CONTRACTED-OUT ETC] AND
EFFECTS ON MEMBERS' STATE SCHEME RIGHTS ^{F1}...

CHAPTER I

[^{F1}SCHEMES THAT WERE CONTRACTED-OUT: GUARANTEED
MINIMUM PENSIONS AND ALTERATION OF SCHEME RULES ETC]

Alteration of [^{F1}rules by former salary related contracted-out schemes]

[^{F1}37 Alteration of rules of contracted-out schemes.

- [^{F2}(1) Except in prescribed cases, the rules of a scheme that was a salary related contracted-out scheme cannot be altered unless the alteration is of a prescribed description.
- (2) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (1) may operate so as to validate with retrospective effect any alteration of the rules which would otherwise be void under this section.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a scheme if no person is entitled to receive, or has accrued rights to, any benefits under the scheme attributable to a period when the scheme was contracted-out.]
- [The reference in subsection (3) to a person entitled to receive benefits under a scheme
- [^{F3}(4) includes a person who is so entitled by virtue of a qualifying relationship only in such cases as may be prescribed.
- (5) For that purpose a person is entitled to receive benefits by virtue of a qualifying relationship if the person is so entitled by virtue of being—
- (a) the widower of a female earner;
 - (b) the widower of a male earner;

Changes to legislation: Pension Schemes Act 1993, Section 37 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- (c) the widow of a female earner, except where it is a relevant gender change case; or
 - (d) the survivor of a civil partnership with an earner.
- (6) In relation to a widow of a female earner, the reference in subsection (5)(c) to a relevant gender change case is a reference to a case where—
- (a) the earner is a woman by virtue of a full gender recognition certificate having been issued under the Gender Recognition Act 2004, and
 - (b) the marriage of the earner and her widow (that ends with the earner's death) subsisted before the time when the certificate was issued.
- (7) This section is subject to regulations under section 38A.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 37 substituted (6.4.1996 for specified purposes, 6.4.1997 in so far as not already in force) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(1), **Sch. 5 para. 39**; S.I. 1996/778, art. 2(5)(a), **Sch. Pt. V**; S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), **Sch. Pt. II**
- F2** S. 37(1)-(3) substituted (7.7.2015 for specified purposes, 6.4.2016 in so far as not already in force) by Pensions Act 2014 (c. 19), s. 56(4), **Sch. 13 para. 24**; S.I. 2015/1475, **art. 2(1)(b)**
- F3** S. 37(4)-(7) substituted for s. 37(4) (E.W.) (13.3.2014 for specified purposes, 10.12.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 (c. 30), s. 21(3), **Sch. 4 para. 22(2)**; S.I. 2014/93, **art. 3(j)(vi)**; S.I. 2014/3169, **art. 2**
- S. 37(4)-(6) substituted for s. 37(4) (S.) (16.12.2014) by The Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 and Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3229), art. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 11(5)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 37(7) extended (S.) (16.11.2015) by Pension Schemes Act 2015 (c. 8), **ss. 81**, 89(1)(d); S.I. 2015/1851, **reg. 2(b)**

Changes to legislation:

Pension Schemes Act 1993, Section 37 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

View outstanding changes

Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 37(4) words substituted by [S.I. 2005/2050 art. 2\(1\)Sch. 1 para. 12](#)

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

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

- s. 46(1A)(1B) inserted by [2008 c. 30 s. 103\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 103(2)(4)(5) repealed (1.10.2014) without ever being in force by [2014 c. 19, Sch. 12 para. 96\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2014/2377, art. 2\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)\(3\)\(c\)](#))
- s. 46(1A) words substituted by [2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 10](#)
- s. 71(1)(aa) substituted by [2015 c. 8 s. 39\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 71(1A) inserted by [2015 c. 8 s. 39\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 71(7)-(10) substituted for s. 71(7)-(11) by [2015 c. 8 s. 39\(4\)](#)
- s. 82A inserted by [2015 c. 8 Sch. 1 para. 2](#)
- s. 83(1A)-(1AC) substituted for s. 83(1A) by [2015 c. 8 Sch. 1 para. 3](#)
- s. 84-84F substituted for s. 84 by [2015 c. 8 Sch. 1 para. 4](#)
- s. 85A inserted by [2015 c. 8 Sch. 1 para. 5](#)
- s. 86A86B inserted by [2015 c. 8 Sch. 1 para. 6](#)
- s. 94(2A)(a)(viii) inserted by [2014 c. 19 Sch. 17 para. 20\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 94(2A)(b)(vi) inserted by [2014 c. 19 Sch. 17 para. 20\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 101AI(8)(a)(viii) inserted by [2014 c. 19 Sch. 17 para. 20\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 101AI(8)(b)(vi) inserted by [2014 c. 19 Sch. 17 para. 20\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 113(4)(4A) substituted for s. 113(4) by [2015 c. 8 s. 38\(5\)](#)
- s. 113(5) words substituted by [2015 c. 8 s. 38\(6\)](#)
- s. 113(10) words substituted by [2015 c. 8 Sch. 2 para. 3](#)
- s. 145(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2004 c. 35 Sch. 12 para. 23](#)
- s. 146(6A) inserted by [2004 c. 35 Sch. 12 para. 24\(b\)](#)
- s. 175A inserted by [2008 c. 30 Sch. 10 para. 1](#)
- s. 185(2)(ca) inserted by [2018 c. 10 s. 19\(5\)](#)
- s. 186(3)(ba) inserted by [2015 c. 8 Sch. 1 para. 7](#)
- s. 186(3)(za) inserted by [2008 c. 30 s. 103\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 103(2)(4)(5) repealed (1.10.2014) without ever being in force by [2014 c. 19, Sch. 12 para. 96\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2014/2377, art. 2\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)\(3\)\(c\)](#))
- Sch. 3 para. A1 and cross-heading inserted by [2015 c. 8 Sch. 1 para. 8](#)