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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1985 No. 1212**

**PARLIAMENT**

**The House of Commons Disqualification Order 1985**

*Made* - - - - *31st July 1985*

*Coming into Operation* *31st July 1985*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 31st day of July 1985

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas section 5 of the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 enables Her Majesty by Order in Council to amend Schedule 1 to that Act in accordance with a resolution of the House of Commons:

And whereas on 22nd July 1985 it was resolved by the House of Commons that Schedule 1 to the Act of 1975 be amended:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the said section 5 and in accordance with the said resolution, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the House of Commons Disqualification Order 1985.
2. Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (which specifies offices the holders of which are disqualified for membership of the House of Commons) shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in the Schedule to this Order.

*G.I. de Deney*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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## SCHEDULE

### AMENDMENTS OF SCHEDULE 1 TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DISQUALIFICATION ACT 1975

#### PART I OF SCHEDULE 1

1. After the entry beginning “Chief or other Social Security Commissioner for Northern Ireland” there shall be inserted:—

“Commissioner for the special purposes of the Income Tax Acts appointed under section 4 of the Taxes Management Act 1970.”

#### PART II OF SCHEDULE 1

##### **Additional entries**

2. There shall be inserted at the appropriate places:—

“A Dairy Produce Quota Tribunal constituted under the Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations 1984.  
The National Development Team for Mentally Handicapped People.”

##### **Entries omitted**

3. The following entries shall be omitted:—

“The Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations.  
The Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland.  
The Health and Safety Commission.  
The Home-Grown Cereals Authority.  
The Land Authority for Wales.  
The Manpower Services Commission.  
The National Dock Labour Board.  
The Northern Ireland Tourist Board  
The Red Deer Commission.”

#### PART III OF SCHEDULE 1

##### **Additional entries**

4. There shall be inserted at the appropriate places:—

“Chairman of the Business & Technician Education Council.  
Chairman of the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas.  
Chairman, Deputy Chairman or Managing Director of the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations.  
Chairman of the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland.

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Chairman of the Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland.  
Chairman of the Health and Safety Commission.  
Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority.  
Chairman of the Land Authority for Wales.  
Chairman of the Manpower Services Commission.  
Chairman of the Board of the National Advisory Body for Public Sector Higher Education.  
Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the National Dock Labour Board.  
Chairman of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.  
Chairman of the Northern Ireland Training Authority.  
Chairman of the Red Deer Commission.  
A full-time chairman of Social Security Appeal Tribunals and Medical Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland.  
Commons Commissioner.  
Director of British Telecommunications p.l.c. appointed by a Minister of the Crown or government department.  
Director of any company in receipt of financial assistance under section 5 of the Films Act 1985, being a director appointed by a Minister of the Crown or government department.  
Member of a panel appointed under section 97(2D)(a) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 of persons eligible to act as chairmen of Social Security Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland.  
Member of the Trinity House Lighthouse Board nominated by the Secretary of State.  
President of Social Security Appeal Tribunals and Medical Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland.”

### **Entries omitted**

5. The following entries shall be omitted:—

“Chairman of an Appeal Tribunal constituted in accordance with Schedule 4 to the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, or Senior Chairman in relation to such a tribunal.

Chairman of a Local Tribunal constituted under section 97(2) of, and Schedule 10 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975.

Constable, Lieutenant or Major of the Tower of London.

Director of ICL Public Limited Company nominated by a Minister of the Crown or government department.

Levy Exemption Referee for the purposes of the Industrial Training Act 1982.”

### **Other amendments**

6.—(1) In the entry “Chairman of a committee constituted under section 90 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960” for “section 90 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960” there shall be substituted “section 91 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984”.

(2) In the entry “Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the National Seed Development Organisation Limited” the words “or Vice-Chairman” shall be omitted.

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(3) In the entry “Director of Harland and Wolff Limited” for “Limited” there shall be substituted “p.l.c.”.

(4) In the entry “Director of Short Brothers Limited” for “Limited” there shall be substituted “p.l.c.”.

(5) In the entry “Member of the panel of persons appointed under Schedule 5 to the Rent (Scotland) Act 1971 to act as chairmen and other members of rent assessment committees” for “Schedule 5 to the Rent (Scotland) Act 1971” there shall be substituted “Schedule 4 to the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984”.

(6) In the entry “President, or member of a panel of chairmen, of industrial tribunals established under section 13 of the Industrial Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1964” for “section 13 of the Industrial Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1964” there shall be substituted “Article 30 of the Industrial Training (Northern Ireland) Order 1984”.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order amends the lists of offices which disqualify holders for membership of the House of Commons, and which are contained in Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975.