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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 15

#### FINANCIAL RELIEF IN THE HIGH COURT OR A COUNTY COURT ETC.: NORTHERN IRELAND

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 15: functions transferred (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), art. 15(1), **Sch. 17 para. 21(b)** (with arts. 15(6), 28-31)

### [<sup>F1</sup>PART 3A

#### PENSION COMPENSATION SHARING ORDERS ON OR AFTER DISSOLUTION OR NULLITY ORDER

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 15 Pt. 3A inserted (6.4.2011) by [Pensions \(No. 2\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 13\)](#), ss. 98, 118, **Sch. 5 para. 15** (as amended by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), art. 15(5), **Sch. 18 para. 175** (with arts. 28-31)); S.R. 2011/108, **art. 2(2)**, Sch.

#### *Circumstances in which pension compensation sharing orders may be made*

- 14A (1) The court may make a pension compensation sharing order—
- on making a dissolution or nullity order, or
  - at any time afterwards.
- (2) In this Schedule “pension compensation sharing order” means a pension compensation sharing order under this Part.

#### *Pension compensation sharing orders*

- 14B (1) A pension compensation sharing order is an order which—
- provides that one civil partner's shareable rights to PPF compensation that derive from rights under a specified pension scheme are to be subject to pension compensation sharing for the benefit of the other civil partner, and
  - specifies the percentage value to be transferred.
- (2) Shareable rights to PPF compensation are rights in relation to which pension compensation sharing is available under—
- Chapter 1 of Part 3 of the [Pensions \(No. 2\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008](#), or
  - Chapter 1 of Part 3 of the [Pensions Act 2008](#).

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- (3) In sub-paragraph (1) “specified” means specified in the order.

*Pension compensation sharing orders: apportionment of charges*

- 14C The court may include in a pension compensation sharing order provision about the apportionment between the civil partners of any charge under—
- (a) section 95 of the Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (charges in respect of pension compensation sharing costs), or
  - (b) section 117 of the Pensions Act 2008.

*Restrictions on making pension compensation sharing orders*

- 14D (1) A pension compensation sharing order may not be made in relation to rights to PPF compensation that—
- (a) are the subject of pension attachment,
  - (b) derive from rights under a pension scheme that were the subject of pension sharing between the civil partners,
  - (c) are the subject of pension compensation attachment, or
  - (d) are or have been the subject of pension compensation sharing between the civil partners.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(a), rights to PPF compensation “are the subject of pension attachment” if any of the following three conditions is met.
- (3) The first condition is that—
- (a) the rights derive from rights under a pension scheme in relation to which an order was made under Part 1 imposing a requirement by virtue of paragraph 20(2), and
  - (b) that order, as modified under paragraph 26, remains in force.
- (4) The second condition is that—
- (a) the rights derive from rights under a pension scheme in relation to which an order was made under Part 1 imposing a requirement by virtue of paragraph 20(5), and
  - (b) that order—
    - (i) has been complied with, or
    - (ii) has not been complied with and, as modified under paragraph 27, remains in force.
- (5) The third condition is that—
- (a) the rights derive from rights under a pension scheme in relation to which an order was made under Part 1 imposing a requirement by virtue of paragraph 21, and
  - (b) that order remains in force.
- (6) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(b), rights under a pension scheme “were the subject of pension sharing between the civil partners” if the rights were at any time the subject of a pension sharing order in relation to the civil partnership or a previous civil partnership between the same parties.

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- (7) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(c), rights to PPF compensation “are the subject of pension compensation attachment” if there is in force a requirement imposed by virtue of Part 5 relating to them.
- (8) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(d), rights to PPF compensation “are or have been the subject of pension compensation sharing between the civil partners” if they are or have ever been the subject of a pension compensation sharing order in relation to the civil partnership or a previous civil partnership between the same parties.

*When pension compensation sharing orders may take effect*

- 14E
- (1) A pension compensation sharing order is not to take effect unless the dissolution or nullity order on or after which it is made has been made final.
  - (2) No pension compensation sharing order may be made so as to take effect before the end of such period after the making of the order as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Department of Justice.
  - (3) The power to make regulations under sub-paragraph (2) is exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979.
  - (4) Regulations under sub-paragraph (2) are subject to negative resolution (within the meaning of section 41(6) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954).

*Interpretation*

- 14F
- In this Schedule—
- “PPF compensation” means compensation payable under the pension compensation provisions;
  - “the pension compensation provisions” means—
    - (a) Chapter 3 of Part 3 of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (pension protection) and any regulations or order made under it,
    - (b) Chapter 1 of Part 3 of the Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (pension compensation sharing) and any regulations or order made under it, and
    - (c) any provision corresponding to the provisions mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) in force in Great Britain.]

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**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. 3(1)(e) and word inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 76\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 3(1A)(1B) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 76\(3\)](#)
- s. 3(3)(4) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 76\(4\)](#)
- s. 19(4)(c) and word inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 76\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 19(5A)(5B) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 76\(8\)](#)
- s. 19(7A) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 76\(9\)](#)
- s. 102(8A) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(2\)](#)
- s. 103(10) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(5\)](#)
- s. 108(5) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(8\)](#)
- s. 213(1A) inserted by [2013 c. 30 Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)](#)