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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 4

#### TRANSITION RELATING TO PART 1

##### *Treatment of existing awards*

- 7.—(1) Regulations may—
- (a) make provision for converting existing awards into awards of an employment and support allowance, and with respect to the terms of conversion;
  - (b) make provision for the termination of existing awards in prescribed circumstances.
- (2) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1)(a) may, in particular—
- (a) make provision for conversion of an existing award—
    - (i) on application, in accordance with the regulations, by the person entitled to the award, or
    - (ii) without application;
  - (b) make provision about the conditions to be satisfied in relation to an application for conversion;
  - (c) make provision about the timing of conversion;
  - (d) provide for an existing award to have effect after conversion as an award of an employment and support allowance—
    - (i) of such a kind,
    - (ii) for such period,
    - (iii) of such an amount, and
    - (iv) subject to such conditions,as the regulations may provide;
  - (e) make provision for determining in connection with conversion of an existing award whether a person has limited capability for work-related activity.
  - [<sup>F1</sup>(f) make provision modifying the application of section 1A in relation to awards of an employment and support allowance to persons previously entitled to existing awards.]

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(3) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1)(a) may, in relation to existing awards which have been the subject of conversion under this paragraph, include provision about revision under Article 10 of the 1998 Order, or supersession under Article 11 of that Order in respect of the period before conversion.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Sch. 4 para. 7(2)(f) inserted (17.3.2016) by [The Welfare Reform \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/2006\)](#), arts. 2(2), **57(4)**; S.R. 2016/46, art. 5(a) (as substituted by S.R. 2016/166, art. 3)

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

**C1** Sch. 4 para. 7 Power to modify conferred (11.3.2017) by [The Welfare Reform and Work \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/999\)](#), arts. 2(1), **9(5)**; S.R. 2017/46, art. 2(a)

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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. 1(3)(za) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 67\(2\)](#)
- s. 1(3B) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 67\(3\)](#)
- s. 14(5) added by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 25\(2\)](#)
- s. 14(5) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 25\(2\)](#) by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 60\(7\)](#)
- s. 14(5) words substituted by [S.R. 2016/76 Sch. 6 para. 56\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 6(1)(da) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 5\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 6(2A) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 4B inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 67\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 12(4)(5) repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 12 Pt. 1](#)