

*These notes refer to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland)  
2008 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 11 February 2008*

# Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 2: Occupational and personal pension schemes**

##### **Contracting-out**

##### ***Section 13: Abolition of contracting-out for defined contribution pension schemes***

*Section 13(1)* provides that contracting-out certificates for money purchase occupational pension schemes and appropriate scheme certificates (i.e. contracting-out certificates for personal pension schemes) will be cancelled from the date that this subsection is brought into operation (“the abolition date”).

*Subsections (4) to (9)* contain provision regarding regulations which may be made under *this section*. Regulations which amend or repeal any relevant statutory provision (as defined in *subsection (13)*) are subject to the confirmatory procedure in the Assembly. Other regulations are subject to the negative resolution procedure unless they are made together with regulations subject to confirmatory procedure (*subsections (9) and (10)*).

##### Dispute resolution