



2012 CHAPTER 3

Part 5

Miscellaneous and General

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Grants by the Department to advisory bodies etc.

32.—(1) Section 169 of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 (grants by the Pensions Regulator to advisory bodies etc.) is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (2) add—

“(3) The Department may make grants on such terms and conditions as the Department thinks fit to any person or body of persons providing advice or assistance, or carrying out other prescribed functions, in connection with occupational or personal pensions.”.

(3) For the heading substitute “**Grants to advisory bodies etc.**”.

Service of documents and electronic working

33.—(1) After section 113 of the Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 insert—

“113A Service of documents and electronic working

113A. In Articles 2(7)(a), 277 and 278 of the 2005 Order (service of documents and electronic working) references to that Order are to be treated as including references to the following provisions of this Act—

Chapters 2 and 3 of Part 1;

section 59(1)(c);

Chapter 1 of Part 3.”.

(2) In section 59 of that Act (requirement to keep records) in subsection (1)(c) for “, on request, to the Regulator” substitute “to the Regulator on receiving a notification requesting them”.

General

Commencement

34.—(1) Any provision of Part 2 that amends another Act or Order so as—

- (a) to modify a power to make an order or regulations, or
- (b) to confer any such power,

comes into operation, for the purposes of the exercise of the power, on the day after this Act receives Royal Assent.

(2) The following provisions of this Act also come into operation on that day—

- (a) section 1 and Schedule 1;
- (b) section 23;
- (c) section 25;
- (d) section 26;
- (e) sections 28 to 31;
- (f) this section;
- (g) section 35.

(3) The other provisions of this Act come into operation on such day or days as the Department for Social Development may by order appoint.

(4) The Department for Social Development may by order make transitional, transitory or saving provision in connection with the coming into operation of any provision of this Act.

Short title

35. This Act may be cited as the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2012.