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SCHEDULES

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SCHEDULE 1

Section 5.

TRANSITIONAL RATE OF STATE PENSION: CALCULATING THE AMOUNT

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

1.—(1) This Schedule sets out how to calculate the amounts used to work out the transitional rate of a person's state pension.

(2) Part 2 of the Schedule sets out how to calculate the amount for a person's pre-commencement qualifying years.

(3) Part 3 of the Schedule sets out how to calculate the amount for a person's post-commencement qualifying years (if any).

Commencement Information

II [Sch. 1 para. 1](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

PART 2

AMOUNT FOR PRE-COMMENCEMENT QUALIFYING YEARS

How to calculate the amount for pre-commencement qualifying years

2 A person's amount for pre-commencement qualifying years is calculated as follows.

Step 1 - calculate the person's pension under the old system Calculate the weekly rate based on the old state pension and graduated retirement benefit (see paragraph 3 for more about this).

Step 2 - calculate a pension based on the new system Calculate the weekly rate based on the new state pension (see paragraph 4 for more about this).

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Step 3 - take whichever rate is higher (the foundation amount) Take whichever of the rates found under Steps 1 and 2 is higher.

Step 4 - revalue to date when the person reached pensionable age Revalue the amount of that rate in accordance with paragraph 6.

The amount for the person's pre-commencement qualifying years is the amount as revalued under Step 4.

Commencement Information

I2 [Sch. 1 para. 2](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Step 1: calculation of the person's pension under the old system

3.—(1) For the purposes of Step 1 of the calculation in paragraph 2, the weekly rate based on the old state pension and graduated retirement benefit is—

- (a) the rate of any Category A retirement pension and graduated retirement benefit to which the person would have been entitled if the person had reached pensionable age on 6 April 2016, or
- (b) the rate of any graduated retirement benefit to which the person would have been entitled under section 35(7) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (persons not entitled to retirement pension) if the person had reached pensionable age on that date.

(2) The following rules apply for the purposes of calculating that rate.

(3) Calculate the rate that would have had effect on 6 April 2016 (but see subparagraph (6)).

(4) Ignore—

- (a) the amendments made by paragraphs 45 and 47 of Schedule 12 (which limit Category A retirement pensions and graduated retirement benefit to people who reach pensionable age before 6 April 2016);
- (b) any requirement to make a claim;
- (c) any provision suspending payment of, or disqualifying a person from receiving, any amount;
- (d) section 45B of the Contributions and Benefits Act (reduction of additional pension because of pension sharing);
- (e) section 36 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (graduated retirement benefit for widows etc.).

(5) Read the reference in section 45(4)(b) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (additional pension) to a person's working life as a reference to the period—

- (a) beginning with the tax year in which the person reached 16, and

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(b) ending with the tax year before the one in which the person actually reached pensionable age.

(6) If an order under section 132 or 132A of the Administration Act (up-rating) is made before 6 April 2016 and it provides for an increase to come into operation after that date, it is to be treated for the purposes of calculating the rate under this paragraph as having already come into operation.

(7) Where regulations under section 22(5ZA) of the Contributions and Benefits Act have the effect that a person is credited, on or after 6 April 2016, with earnings or contributions for a tax year starting before that date, the earnings or contributions are to be treated for the purposes of calculating the rate under this paragraph as having been credited before 6 April 2016.

(8) A determination under section 44A(2) of the Pension Schemes Act (contracting-out: reinstatement in state scheme following payment of contributions equivalent premium) made on or after 6 April 2016 is to be treated for the purposes of calculating the rate under this paragraph as having been made before 6 April 2016.

Commencement Information

I3 [Sch. 1 para. 3](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Step 2: calculation of a pension based on the new system

4.—(1) For the purposes of Step 2 of the calculation in paragraph 2, the weekly rate based on the new state pension is as follows.

(2) If the person has 35 or more pre-commencement qualifying years, the rate is equal to—

- (a) the full rate of the state pension on 6 April 2016, less
- (b) any amount to reflect contracting out under the old system (see paragraph 5).

(3) If the person has fewer than 35 pre-commencement qualifying years, the rate is equal to—

- (a) the appropriate proportion of the full rate of the state pension on 6 April 2016, less
- (b) any amount to reflect contracting out under the old system (see paragraph 5).

(4) The “appropriate proportion”, in relation to a person, is—

$$\frac{1}{35} \times \text{the person's number of pre-commencement qualifying years}$$

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Commencement Information

I4 [Sch. 1 para. 4](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

5.—(1) In paragraph 4(2) and (3) references to an “amount to reflect contracting out under the old system” are to an amount equal to any difference between—

- (a) the amount of any additional pension included in the Category A retirement pension calculated for the purposes of Step 1 of the calculation in paragraph 2, and
- (b) the amount of any additional pension that would have been included if—
 - (i) sections 42 and 44A of the Pension Schemes Act were ignored, and
 - (ii) for the purposes of calculating the amounts referred to in section 45(2)(c) and (d) of the Contributions and Benefits Act any earnings paid to or for the benefit of the person in respect of contracted-out employment were treated as if they were not in respect of contracted-out employment.

(2) “Contracted-out employment” means employment qualifying a person for a pension provided by a salary related contracted-out scheme, a money purchase contracted-out scheme or an appropriate personal pension scheme (and expressions used in this definition have the same meaning as in the Pension Schemes Act).

Commencement Information

I5 [Sch. 1 para. 5](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Step 4: revaluation

6.—(1) This paragraph determines how the amount mentioned in Step 4 of the calculation in paragraph 2 is to be revalued for the purposes of that Step.

(2) If the amount is equal to or less than the full rate of the state pension on 6 April 2016, the amount is to be revalued in accordance with increases in the full rate of the state pension (see sub-paragraph (4)).

(3) If the amount is greater than the full rate of the state pension on 6 April 2016—

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(a) so much of the amount as is equal to the full rate of the state pension on 6 April 2016 is to be revalued in accordance with increases in the full rate of the state pension (see sub-paragraph (4)), and

(b) so much of the amount as exceeds the full rate of the state pension on that date is to be revalued in accordance with increases in the general level of prices (see sub-paragraph (5)).

(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (2) and (3)(a), an amount is revalued in accordance with increases in the full rate of the state pension by increasing it by the same percentage as any increase in the full rate of the state pension in the period—

(a) beginning with 6 April 2016, and

(b) ending with the day on which the person reached pensionable age.

(5) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(b), an amount is revalued in accordance with increases in the general level of prices by adding—

(a) the amount, and

(b) the amount multiplied by the revaluing percentage specified in the last order under section 130AC of the Administration Act to come into operation before the person reached pensionable age.

Commencement Information

16 [Sch. 1 para. 6](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

PART 3

AMOUNT FOR POST-COMMENCEMENT QUALIFYING YEARS

7.—(1) A person's amount for post-commencement qualifying years, (if any) is calculated as follows.

(2) If the person has 35 or more post-commencement qualifying years, the amount is equal to the full rate of the state pension on the day on which the person reached pensionable age.

(3) If the person has fewer than 35 post-commencement qualifying years, the amount is equal to the following proportion of the full rate of the state pension on the day on which the person reached pensionable age—

$$\frac{1}{35} \times \text{the person's number of post-commencement qualifying years}$$

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Commencement Information

I7 Sch. 1 para. 7 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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SCHEDULE 2

Section 5.

TRANSITIONAL RATE OF STATE PENSION: UP-RATING

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SCHEDULE 3

Section 7.

SURVIVOR'S PENSION UNDER SECTION 7: INHERITED AMOUNT

Introduction

1 This Schedule—

- (a) sets out the circumstances in which a person (the “pensioner”) is entitled to an inherited amount for the purpose of section 7, and
- (b) determines that amount.

Commencement Information

I12 Sch. 3 para. 1 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

Dead spouse or civil partner in old state pension system etc.

2.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the spouse or civil partner died before 6 April 2016,

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- (c) the pensioner was under pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died, and
- (d) the pensioner would, on reaching pensionable age, have been entitled to a Category B retirement pension under section 48B(4) or (4A) or 48BB of the Contributions and Benefits Act if the words “before 6 April 2016” were omitted.

(2) The inherited amount is equal to the weekly rate at which that Category B retirement pension would have been payable on the day on which the pensioner reached pensionable age if any element of the rate attributable to the basic pension were ignored.

Commencement Information

I13 [Sch. 3 para. 2](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

3.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the spouse or civil partner reached pensionable age before 6 April 2016 but died on or after that date,
- (c) the pensioner was under pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died, and
- (d) the pensioner would, on reaching pensionable age, have been entitled to a Category B retirement pension under section 48BB of the Contributions and Benefits Act if in subsection (3) of that section—
 - (i) the words “before 6 April 2016” were omitted, and
 - (ii) the reference to a bereavement allowance were a reference to bereavement support payment under section 29 of this Act.

(2) The inherited amount is equal to the weekly rate at which that Category B retirement pension would have been payable on the day on which the pensioner reached pensionable age if section 48BB(8) and (9) of the Contributions and Benefits Act were ignored.

Commencement Information

I14 [Sch. 3 para. 3](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

4.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

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- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the spouse or civil partner reached pensionable age before 6 April 2016 but died on or after that date,
- (c) the pensioner was over pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died, and
- (d) the pensioner would, when the spouse or civil partner died, have been entitled to a Category B retirement pension under section 48B(1) or (1A) of the Contributions and Benefits Act if the words “before 6 April 2016” were omitted.

(2) The inherited amount is equal to the weekly rate at which that Category B retirement pension would have been payable on the day on which the spouse or civil partner died if any element of the rate attributable to the basic pension were ignored.

Commencement Information

I15 [Sch. 3 para. 4](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Dead spouse or civil partner in new state pension system

5.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the pensioner was over pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died,
- (c) the spouse or civil partner was, immediately before his or her death, entitled to a state pension payable at the transitional rate, and
- (d) that transitional rate exceeded the full rate of the state pension.

(2) The inherited amount is half of the amount by which the transitional rate of the state pension for the spouse or civil partner exceeded the full rate of the state pension immediately before the death.

Commencement Information

I16 [Sch. 3 para. 5](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

6.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

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- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the pensioner was under pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died,
- (c) the spouse or civil partner was, immediately before his or her death, entitled to a state pension payable at the transitional rate,
- (d) that transitional rate exceeded the full rate of the state pension, and
- (e) the pensioner did not marry or form a civil partnership after the death and before reaching pensionable age.

(2) The inherited amount is half of the amount by which the transitional rate of the state pension for the spouse or civil partner would have exceeded the full rate of the state pension if he or she had been alive on the day on which the pensioner reached pensionable age.

Commencement Information

I17 [Sch. 3 para. 6](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

7.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the pensioner was over pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died,
- (c) the spouse or civil partner was under pensionable age when he or she died but would have been entitled to a state pension payable at the transitional rate if he or she had reached pensionable age on the day of the death, and
- (d) that transitional rate would have exceeded the full rate of the state pension.

(2) The inherited amount is half of the amount by which the transitional rate of the state pension for the spouse or civil partner would have exceeded the full rate of the state pension if he or she had reached pensionable age on the day of the death.

Commencement Information

I18 [Sch. 3 para. 7](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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8.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the pensioner was under pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died,
- (c) the spouse or civil partner died on or after 6 April 2016,
- (d) the spouse or civil partner was under pensionable age when he or she died,
- (e) the spouse or civil partner would have been entitled to a state pension payable at the transitional rate if he or she had reached pensionable age on the same day as the pensioner,
- (f) that transitional rate would have exceeded the full rate of the state pension, and
- (g) the pensioner did not marry or form a civil partnership after the death and before reaching pensionable age.

(2) The inherited amount is half of the amount by which the transitional rate of the state pension for the spouse or civil partner would have exceeded the full rate of the state pension if he or she had reached pensionable age on the same day as the pensioner.

Commencement Information

119 Sch. 3 para. 8 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

Supplementary

9 When determining entitlement to, or calculating, an inherited amount under this Schedule based on entitlement to an old state pension or a state pension under this Part ignore—

- (a) any requirement to make a claim for that pension;
- (b) any provision suspending payment of, or disqualifying a person from receiving, any amount of that pension.

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120 Sch. 3 para. 9 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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SCHEDULE 4

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SCHEDULE 5

Section 9.

SURVIVOR'S PENSION UNDER SECTION 9: INHERITED DEFERRAL AMOUNT

Introduction

1 This Schedule—

- (a) sets out the circumstances in which a person (the “pensioner”) is entitled to an inherited deferral amount for the purpose of section 9, and
- (b) determines that amount.

Commencement Information

127 [Sch. 5 para. 1](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Dead spouse or civil partner entitled to old state pension with deferral increase

2.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited deferral amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the spouse or civil partner was entitled to an old state pension with an increase under paragraph 1 or 2A of Schedule 5 to the Contributions and Benefits Act, and
- (b) the pensioner would, on reaching pensionable age or on the death of the spouse or civil partner, have been entitled to an old state pension if in the relevant provisions of the Contributions and Benefits Act—
 - (i) the words “before 6 April 2016” were omitted, and

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- (ii) any reference to a bereavement allowance included a reference to bereavement support payment under section 29 of this Act.

(2) The inherited deferral amount is equal to the amount by which the weekly rate of the old state pension for the pensioner would have been increased under paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 to the Contributions and Benefits Act on the day on which the pensioner became entitled to the inherited deferral amount.

(3) For the purposes of calculating the amount of that increase, paragraph 4(1A) of Schedule 5 to the Contributions and Benefits Act has effect as if after the words “apart from” (in each place) there were inserted “this paragraph and”.

Commencement Information

128 [Sch. 5 para. 2](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Dead spouse's or civil partner's entitlement to old state pension deferred at time of death

3.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited deferral amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the spouse's or civil partner's entitlement to an old state pension was deferred when he or she died, and
- (b) the pensioner would, on reaching pensionable age or on the death of the spouse or civil partner, have been entitled to an old state pension if in the relevant provisions of the Contributions and Benefits Act—
 - (i) the words “before 6 April 2016” were omitted, and
 - (ii) any reference to a bereavement allowance included a reference to bereavement support payment under section 29 of this Act.

(2) The inherited deferral amount is equal to the amount by which the weekly rate of the old state pension for the pensioner would have been increased under paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 to the Contributions and Benefits Act on the day on which the pensioner became entitled to the inherited deferral amount.

(3) For the purposes of calculating the amount of that increase—

- (a) a pensioner who is not entitled to a choice under section 8 is to be treated as having met the condition in paragraph 4(1)(c) of Schedule 5 to the Contributions and Benefits Act,
- (b) a pensioner who has chosen under section 8 to be paid a state pension under section 9 is to be treated as having met the condition in paragraph 4(1)(b) of Schedule 5 to the Contributions and Benefits Act, and

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(c) paragraph 4(1A) of Schedule 5 to the Contributions and Benefits Act has effect as if after the words “apart from” (in each place) there were inserted “ this paragraph and ”.

(4) In this paragraph “deferred” has the meaning given by section 55(3) of the Contributions and Benefits Act.

Commencement Information

I29 [Sch. 5 para. 3](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

“The relevant provisions” of the Contributions and Benefits Act

4 For the purposes of this Schedule “the relevant provisions” of the Contributions and Benefits Act are those mentioned in section 8(9)(b).

Commencement Information

I30 [Sch. 5 para. 4](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Supplementary

5 When determining entitlement to, or calculating, an inherited deferral amount under this Schedule based on entitlement to an old state pension ignore—

- (a) any requirement to make a claim for that pension;
- (b) any provision suspending payment of, or disqualifying a person from receiving, any amount of that pension.

Commencement Information

I31 [Sch. 5 para. 5](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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SCHEDULE 6

Section 11.

REDUCED RATE ELECTIONS: EFFECT ON RATE OF SECTION 4 PENSION

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SCHEDULE 7

Section 12.

REDUCED RATE ELECTIONS: BASIC AMOUNT OF STATE PENSION UNDER SECTION 12

1 This Schedule—

- (a) sets out the circumstances in which a woman is entitled to a basic amount for the purpose of section 12, and
- (b) determines that basic amount.

Commencement Information

I38 Sch. 7 para. 1 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

2.—(1) A woman is entitled to a basic amount under this paragraph if she has reached pensionable age, and—

- (a) she is married to a person who has reached pensionable age, or
- (b) she is in a civil partnership with a person who has reached that age.

(2) The basic amount is the amount specified in paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act on the day on which the woman became entitled under this paragraph.

Commencement Information

I39 Sch. 7 para. 2 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

3.—(1) A woman is entitled to a basic amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) on reaching pensionable age she is not married or in a civil partnership but she has been married or in a civil partnership before, or
- (b) on reaching pensionable age she was married or in a civil partnership and the marriage or civil partnership has come to an end (because of the death of her spouse or civil partner or otherwise).

(2) The basic amount is the amount of the basic pension specified in section 44(4) of the Contributions and Benefits Act on the day on which the woman became entitled under this paragraph.

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Commencement Information

I40 Sch. 7 para. 3 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

4 A woman who is entitled to a basic amount under paragraph 3 is not entitled to a basic amount under paragraph 2.

Commencement Information

I41 Sch. 7 para. 4 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

SCHEDULE 8

Section 13.

PENSION SHARING: APPROPRIATE WEEKLY RATE UNDER SECTION 13

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Introduction

1 This Schedule sets out the appropriate weekly rate of a person's state pension under section 13.

Commencement Information

I42 Sch. 8 para. 1 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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Appropriate weekly rate for pensioner with old state scheme pension credit

2.—(1) This paragraph sets out the appropriate weekly rate if the person is entitled to a state pension under section 13 because of an old state scheme pension credit.

(2) If the person became entitled to the old state scheme pension credit in or after the final relevant year, the appropriate weekly rate is a weekly rate equal to the person's notional rate.

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(3) If the person became entitled to the old state scheme pension credit before the final relevant year, the appropriate weekly rate is a weekly rate equal to the person's notional rate multiplied by the appropriate revaluation percentage.

(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), a person's "notional rate" is the weekly rate of a notional pension under section 13 the cash equivalent of which would, on the valuation day, have been equal to the amount of the old state scheme pension credit.

(5) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (4) assume that the notional pension becomes payable on the later of—

- (a) the day on which the person reaches pensionable age, and
- (b) the valuation day.

(6) The "appropriate revaluation percentage" is the percentage specified, in relation to earnings factors for the tax year in which the person became entitled to the old state scheme pension credit, by the last order under section 130 of the Administration Act to come into operation before the end of the final relevant year.

(7) In this paragraph—

"final relevant year" means the tax year immediately before that in which the person reaches pensionable age;

"valuation day" means the day on which the person became entitled to the old state scheme pension credit.

Commencement Information

143 [Sch. 8 para. 2](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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Appropriate weekly rate for pensioner with new state scheme pension credit

3.—(1) This paragraph sets out the appropriate weekly rate if the person is entitled to a state pension under section 13 because of a new state scheme pension credit.

(2) If the person was over pensionable age when he or she became entitled to the new state scheme pension credit, the appropriate weekly rate is a weekly rate equal to the amount of the credit.

(3) If the person was under pensionable age when he or she became entitled to the new state scheme pension credit, the appropriate weekly rate is a weekly

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rate equal to the amount of the credit multiplied by the appropriate revaluation percentage.

(4) The “appropriate revaluation percentage” is the percentage specified, in relation to the tax year in which the person became entitled to the new state scheme pension credit, by the last order under section 130AD of the Administration Act to come into operation before the person reached pensionable age.

Commencement Information

I44 Sch. 8 para. 3 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

Supplementary

4.—(1) Regulations may make provision about the calculation and verification of notional rates under paragraph 2.

(2) The regulations may, in particular, provide—

- (a) for calculation or verification in such manner as may be approved by or on behalf of the Government Actuary, or
- (b) for things done under the regulations to be required to be done in accordance with guidance from time to time prepared by a person specified in the regulations.

Commencement Information

I45 Sch. 8 para. 4 in operation at 16.7.2015 for specified purposes by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(2)(i)

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SCHEDULE 9

Section 13.

PENSION SHARING: UP-RATING STATE PENSION UNDER SECTION 13

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SCHEDULE 10

Section 14.

PENSION SHARING: APPROPRIATE WEEKLY REDUCTION UNDER SECTION 14

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

Introduction

1 This Schedule sets out the appropriate weekly reduction in the rate of a person's state pension for the purposes of section 14.

Commencement Information

I52 [Sch. 10 para. 1](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

Appropriate weekly reduction for person subject to old state scheme pension debit

2.—(1) This paragraph sets out the appropriate weekly reduction if the person is subject to an old state scheme pension debit.

(2) If the person became subject to the old state scheme pension debit in or after the final relevant year, the appropriate weekly reduction is an amount equal to the person's notional rate.

(3) If the person became subject to the old state scheme pension debit before the final relevant year, the appropriate weekly reduction is an amount equal to the person's notional rate multiplied by the appropriate revaluation percentage.

(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), a person's "notional rate" is the weekly rate of a notional pension under section 4 the cash equivalent of which would, on the valuation day, have been equal to the amount of the old state scheme pension debit.

(5) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (4) assume that the notional pension becomes payable on the later of—

- (a) the day on which the person reaches pensionable age, and
- (b) the valuation day.

(6) The "appropriate revaluation percentage" is the percentage specified, in relation to earnings factors for the tax year in which the person became subject to the old state scheme pension debit, by the last order under section 130 of the

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Administration Act to come into operation before the end of the final relevant year.

(7) In this paragraph—

“final relevant year” means the tax year immediately before that in which the person reaches pensionable age;

“valuation day” means the day on which the person became subject to the old state scheme pension debit.

Commencement Information

I53 [Sch. 10 para. 2](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

Appropriate weekly reduction for person subject to new state scheme pension debit

3.—(1) This paragraph sets out the appropriate weekly reduction if the person is subject to a new state scheme pension debit.

(2) If the person was over pensionable age when he or she became subject to the new state scheme pension debit, the appropriate weekly reduction is an amount equal to the amount of the debit.

(3) If the person was under pensionable age when he or she became subject to the new state scheme pension debit, the appropriate weekly reduction is an amount equal to the amount of the debit multiplied by the appropriate revaluation percentage.

(4) The “appropriate revaluation percentage” is the percentage specified, in relation to the tax year in which the person became subject to the new state scheme pension debit, by the last order under section 130AD of the Administration Act to come into operation before the person reached pensionable age.

Commencement Information

I54 [Sch. 10 para. 3](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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Supplementary

4.—(1) Regulations may make provision about the calculation and verification of notional rates under paragraph 2.

(2) The regulations may, in particular, provide—

- (a) for calculation or verification in such manner as may be approved by or on behalf of the Government Actuary, or
- (b) for things done under the regulations to be required to be done in accordance with guidance from time to time prepared by a person specified in the regulations.

Commencement Information

I55 Sch. 10 para. 4 in operation at 16.7.2015 for specified purposes by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(2)(j)

SCHEDULE 11

Section 15.

PENSION SHARING: AMENDMENTS

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7)

1 The Contributions and Benefits Act is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I56 Sch. 11 para. 1 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

2 In section 21 (contribution conditions), in subsection (1), after “section 55A” insert “ or 55AA ”.

Commencement Information

I57 Sch. 11 para. 2 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

3 In section 43 (persons entitled to more than one retirement pension), in subsection (6), after “section 55A” insert “ or 55AA ”.

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Commencement Information

I58 Sch. 11 para. 3 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

4.—(1) Section 55A (shared additional pension) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) A person is entitled to a shared additional pension under this section if—

(a) the person attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016, and

(b) the person is entitled to an old state scheme pension credit.”.

(3) In subsections (2) and (3), after “shared additional pension” insert “ under this section ”.

(4) In subsections (3), (4), (5) and (7) before “state scheme pension credit” (in each place) insert “ old ”.

(5) At the end of the heading insert “ because of an old state scheme pension credit ”.

Commencement Information

I59 Sch. 11 para. 4 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

5 After section 55A insert—

“55AA Shared additional pension because of a new state scheme pension credit

(1) A person is entitled to a shared additional pension under this section if—

(a) the person attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016, and

(b) the person is entitled to a new state scheme pension credit.

(2) A person's entitlement to a shared additional pension under this section continues throughout his or her life.

(3) The weekly rate of a shared additional pension under this section is equal to the amount of the new state scheme pension credit.

(4) In this section “new state scheme pension credit” means a credit under Article 46A(2)(b) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.”.

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Commencement Information

I60 Sch. 11 para. 5 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

6.—(1) Section 55B (reduction of shared additional pension in Category A retirement pension: pension sharing) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)(a), for “a” substitute “ an old ”.

(3) In subsection (5), for “55A above” substitute “ 55A or 55AA above (as the case may be) ”.

(4) In subsection (8), in the definition of “state scheme pension debit”, before “state” insert “ old ”.

Commencement Information

I61 Sch. 11 para. 6 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

7 In the Administration Act, after section 130AC (inserted by Schedule 12) insert—

“130AD Revaluation of new state scheme pension debits and credits

130AD Whenever the Secretary of State makes an order under section 148AD of the Great Britain Administration Act, the Department may make a corresponding order for Northern Ireland.”.

Commencement Information

I62 Sch. 11 para. 7 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

The Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (NI 11)

8 The Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 is amended as follows.

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Commencement Information

I63 Sch. 11 para. 8 in operation at 16.7.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/307](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(k\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

9.—(1) Article 44 (shareable state scheme rights) is amended as follows.

(2) After paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) For the purposes of this Chapter, a person's shareable state scheme rights are—

- (a) the person's shareable old state scheme rights;
- (b) the person's shareable new state scheme rights.”.

(3) In paragraph (2)—

- (a) after “shareable” insert “ old ”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), after “55A” insert “ or 55AA ”.

(4) After paragraph (2) add—

“(3) For the purposes of this Chapter, a person's shareable new state scheme rights are the person's entitlement, or prospective entitlement, to the excess amount in a state pension under section4 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.

(4) “The excess amount”, in relation to a state pension under section4 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, means any amount by which the rate of the pension exceeds the full rate of the state pension (see section 3 of that Act).

(5) In determining the rate of a state pension under section4 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 for the purposes of this Chapter, ignore Schedule 6 to that Act (reduced rate elections: effect on rate of section 4 pension).”.

Commencement Information

I64 Sch. 11 para. 9 in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

10 In Article 45 (activation of benefit sharing), in paragraph (1), for the words from the beginning to “shareable state scheme rights” substitute “ Article 46 or 46A applies where any of the following has taken effect in relation to a person's shareable state scheme rights ”.

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Commencement Information

I65 Sch. 11 para. 10 in operation at 16.7.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/307](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(k\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

11.—(1) Article 46 (creation of state scheme pension debits and credits) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(A1) This Article applies if—

- (a) the transferor is in the old state pension system, or
- (b) the transferor is in the new state pension system but the transfer day was before 6 April 2016.

(1) Where this Article applies because of a relevant order or provision—

- (a) the transferor is subject, for the purposes of the relevant state pension legislation, to a debit of the appropriate amount, and
- (b) the transferee is entitled, for the purposes of the relevant state pension legislation, to a credit of that amount.”.

(3) In paragraph (2), after “shareable” insert “ old ”.

(4) In paragraph (3)(b), for “relevant” substitute “ shareable old ”.

(5) After paragraph (5) insert—

“(5A) The fact that a person who reaches pensionable age on or after 6 April 2016 is not entitled to a pension of the kind mentioned in Article 44(2)(a) or (b) does not affect the calculation under this Article of the appropriate amount by reference to the transferor's prospective entitlement, immediately before the transfer day, to a pension of that kind.”.

(6) In paragraph (6), at the appropriate place insert—

““the relevant state pension legislation”—

- (a) in relation to a transferor or transferee in the old state pension system, means Part 2 of the Contributions and Benefits Act, and
- (b) in relation to a transferor or transferee in the new state pension system, means Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

(7) At the end of the heading insert “ : transferor in old state pension system or pension sharing activated before 6 April 2016 ”.

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Commencement Information

I66 Sch. 11 para. 11 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

12 After Article 46 insert—

“Creation of debits and credits: transferor in new state pension system and sharing activated on or after 6 April 2016

46A.—(1) This Article applies if—

- (a) the transferor is in the new state pension system, and
- (b) the transfer day is 6 April 2016 or any later date.

(2) Where this Article applies because of a relevant order or provision—

- (a) the transferor is subject, for the purposes of section 14 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, to a debit of the shared weekly amount, and
- (b) the transferee is entitled, for the purposes of the relevant state pension legislation, to a credit of the shared weekly amount.

(3) The shared weekly amount is the specified percentage of the excess amount of the transferor's state pension under section 4 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 as at the transfer day.

(4) For the purposes of calculating the shared weekly amount—

- (a) a transferor who is under pensionable age on the transfer day is to be treated as having reached pensionable age and to have become entitled to the state pension under section 4 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 on the transfer day;
- (b) a transferor who has reached pensionable age on the transfer day but who has not yet become entitled to the state pension under section 4 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 is to be treated as having become entitled to the pension on that day.

(5) In this Article—

“the excess amount” has the meaning given by Article 44(4);

“relevant order or provision” means the order or provision by virtue of which this Article applies (see Article 45);

“the relevant state pension legislation”—

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- (a) in relation to a transferee in the old state pension system, means Part 2 of the Contributions and Benefits Act, and
 - (b) in relation to a transferee in the new state pension system, means Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;
- “specified percentage” means the percentage specified in the relevant order or provision for the purposes of paragraph (3);
- “transfer day” means the day on which the relevant order or provision takes effect;
- “transferor” means the person to whose rights the relevant order or provision relates;
- “transferee” means the person for whose benefit the relevant order or provision is made.”.

Commencement Information

I67 Sch. 11 para. 12 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

13.—(1) Article 48 (interpretation) is amended as follows.

(2) The current text becomes paragraph (1).

(3) In that paragraph for the definition of “shareable state scheme rights” substitute—

“shareable state scheme rights”, and related expressions, have the meaning given by Article 44;”.

(4) After that paragraph add—

“(2) For the purposes of this Chapter—

- (a) a person is in the old state pension system if the person reached pensionable age before 6 April 2016 (or would have done so if the person had lived until pensionable age), and
- (b) a person is in the new state pension system if the person reached pensionable age on or after 6 April 2016 (or will do so if the person lives until pensionable age).”.

Commencement Information

I68 Sch. 11 para. 13 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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The State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c.14)

14 In section 16 of the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (meaning of “retirement pension income”), in subsection (1), for paragraph (b) substitute—

- “(b) a shared additional pension payable under—
- (i) section 55A of either of those Acts, or
 - (ii) section 55AA of either of those Acts;”.

Commencement Information

169 Sch. 11 para. 14 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

SCHEDULE 12

Section 23.

STATE PENSION: AMENDMENTS

PART 1

AMENDMENTS TO DO WITH NEW STATE PENSION SYSTEM

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

The Forfeiture (Northern Ireland) Order 1982 (NI 14)

1 In Article 6 of the Forfeiture (Northern Ireland) Order 1982 (Commissioner to decide whether forfeiture rule applies to social security benefits), in the definition of “relevant enactment” in paragraph (5), after the entry relating to the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 insert— “ Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, ”.

Commencement Information

170 Sch. 12 para. 1 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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*The Social Security Contributions and
Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7)*

2 The Contributions and Benefits Act is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I71 [Sch. 12 para. 2](#) in operation at 25.2.2016 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2016/68](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

3 In section 1 (outline of contributory system), in subsection (1)(a), after “this Act” insert “ or any other Act or Northern Ireland legislation ”.

Commencement Information

I72 [Sch. 12 para. 3](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

4 In section 13 (Class 3 contributions), in subsection (2), omit “contribution”.

Commencement Information

I73 [Sch. 12 para. 4](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

5 After section 19A insert—

“19B Extended meaning of benefit” etc. in Part 1

19B In this Part references to “benefit” or “contributory benefit” include benefit under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”.

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Commencement Information

I74 [Sch. 12 para. 5](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

6.—(1) Section 22 (earnings factors) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (2)—

- (a) in paragraph (a), omit the final “and”;
- (b) after paragraph (b) insert “; and
- (c) establishing entitlement to a state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 and, where relevant, calculating the rate of a state pension under that Part.”.

(3) After subsection (5) insert—

“(5ZA) Regulations may provide for crediting—

- (a) for 1987-88 or any subsequent tax year, earnings or Class 2 or Class 3 contributions, or
- (b) for any earlier tax year, contributions of any class,

for the purposes of bringing an earnings factor for that tax year to a figure which will make that year a “qualifying year”, “pre-commencement qualifying year” or “post-commencement qualifying year” of a person for the purposes of Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (see sections 2(4) and 4(4) of that Act).

(5ZB) Regulations under subsection (5ZA) must provide for crediting a person with such contributions as may be specified in respect of periods on or after 6 April 1975 during which the person was—

- (a) a spouse or civil partner of a member of Her Majesty's forces,
- (b) accompanying the member on an assignment outside the United Kingdom, and
- (c) not of a description specified in the regulations.”.

Commencement Information

I75 [Sch. 12 para. 6\(1\)](#) in operation at 25.2.2016 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2016/68](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

I76 [Sch. 12 para. 6\(3\)](#) in operation at 25.2.2016 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2016/68](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#)

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7 In section 121(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “benefit”, after paragraph (c) insert— “ (For the meaning of benefit” in Part 1, see also section 19B). ”.

Commencement Information

I77 Sch. 12 para. 7 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

8 The Administration Act is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I78 Sch. 12 para. 8 in operation at 14.9.2015 for specified purposes by S.R. 2015/329, art. 2(2)(a)

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9 In section 1 (entitlement to benefit dependent on claim), in subsection (4), before paragraph (a) insert—

“(zb) state pension or a lump sum under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

Commencement Information

I79 Sch. 12 para. 9 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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10 In section 5 (regulations about claims for and payments of benefits), in subsection (2), before paragraph (a) insert—

“(zb) state pension or a lump sum under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

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Commencement Information

I80 [Sch. 12 para. 10](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

11 In section 69 (overpayments - general), in subsection (11), before paragraph (a) insert—

“(za) state pension or a lump sum under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

Commencement Information

I81 [Sch. 12 para. 11](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

12 In section 71 (overlapping benefits - general)—

(a) in subsection (1), after “adjusting” insert “ state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 or ”;

(b) in subsection (4), before paragraph (a) insert—

“(za) state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

Commencement Information

I82 [Sch. 12 para. 12](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

13 In section 115CA (interpretation of Part 6), in subsection (1), before paragraph (i) insert—

“(hl) Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

Commencement Information

I83 [Sch. 12 para. 13](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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14 In section 116B (supply of other government information for fraud prevention and verification), in subsection (3)(b), before “or this Act” insert “ , Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”.

Commencement Information

I84 Sch. 12 para. 14 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

15 In section 118 (regulations as to notification of deaths), in subsection (1), before “and this Act” insert “ , Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”.

Commencement Information

I85 Sch. 12 para. 15 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

16 After section 130AB insert—

“130AC Revaluation for transitional pensions under Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

(1) Whenever the Secretary of State makes an order under section 148AC of the Great Britain Administration Act (revaluation for transitional pensions under Pensions Act 2014), the Department may make a corresponding order for Northern Ireland.

(2) The percentage specified in an order under subsection (1) is the “revaluing percentage” for the purposes of paragraph 6(5) of Schedule 1 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”.

Commencement Information

I86 Sch. 12 para. 16 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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17 After section 132A insert—

“132B Up-rating of transitional state pensions under Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

132B Whenever the Secretary of State makes an order under section 151A of the Great Britain Administration Act (up-rating of transitional state pensions under Pensions Act 2014), the Department may make a corresponding order for Northern Ireland.”.

Commencement Information

I87 [Sch. 12 para. 17](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

18.—(1) Section 135A (power to anticipate pensions up-rating order) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)(a)—

- (a) for “150 or 150A” substitute “ 150, 150A or 151A ”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (i), after “by way of” insert “ state pension under the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, ”.

(3) In subsection (2), after “an award is made of” insert “ a state pension, ”.

Commencement Information

I88 [Sch. 12 para. 18](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

19.—(1) Section 143 (general financial arrangements) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1), before paragraph (a) insert—

“(za) state pension and lump sums under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

(3) In subsection (2)(a), after “Contributions and Benefits Act” insert “ , Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”.

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(4) In subsection (3)(b), after “that Act” insert “ or Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”.

Commencement Information

I89 Sch. 12 para. 19 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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20 In section 149 (Social Security Advisory Committee), in subsection (5) in the definition of “the relevant enactments”, before paragraph (b) insert—

“(am) the provisions of Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

Commencement Information

I90 Sch. 12 para. 20 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

21.—(1) Section 155 (reciprocal agreements) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (3)(a), before “and the Contributions and Benefits Act” insert “, Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”.

(3) In subsection (4), before paragraph (b) insert—

“(ag) to Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

(4) In subsection (5)—

(a) after “Act 2007” insert “ or Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”;

(b) after paragraph (ac) insert—

“(ad) state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

Commencement Information

I91 Sch. 12 para. 21 in operation at 14.9.2015 by S.R. 2015/329, art. 2(2)(c)

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22 In section 163 (inalienability), in subsection (1), before paragraph (a) insert—

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“(zb) state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

Commencement Information

I92 Sch. 12 para. 22 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

23 In section 166 (Assembly control of orders and regulations), in subsection (2)(b) after “132A,” insert “ 132B, ”.

Commencement Information

I93 Sch. 12 para. 23 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

24 In section 167(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “benefit”, before “a jobseeker's allowance” insert “ state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, ”.

Commencement Information

I94 Sch. 12 para. 24 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (NI 2)

25 In Article 4 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (payments into National Insurance Fund out of appropriated money) in paragraph (1) in the definition of “estimated benefit expenditure”, in paragraph (a) after “paragraphs” insert “ (za), ”.

Commencement Information

I95 Sch. 12 para. 25 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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The Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 22)

26 In Schedule 2 to the 1995 Order (pensionable age), in paragraph 1, for “and Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007” substitute “, Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 and the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”.

Commencement Information

196 [Sch. 12 para. 26](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (NI 10)

27 The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

197 [Sch. 12 para. 27](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

28 In Article 4 (use of computers), in paragraph (2) at the end insert “or (m) Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”.

Commencement Information

198 [Sch. 12 para. 28](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

29 In Article 9 (decisions by the Department)—

(a) in paragraph (3), before sub-paragraph (b) insert—

“(ab) state pension or a lump sum under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”;

(b) in paragraph (4), before “other than” insert “ or Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”.

Commencement Information

199 [Sch. 12 para. 29](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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30 In Article 12 (regulations with respect to decisions), in paragraph (3), in the definition of “the current legislation”, at the end insert “ and Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”.

Commencement Information

I100 Sch. 12 para. 30 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

31 In Article 27 (restrictions on entitlement to benefit in certain cases of error), in paragraph (7), in the definition of “benefit”, after paragraph (f) insert “and

(g) state pension or a lump sum under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”.

Commencement Information

I101 Sch. 12 para. 31 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

32 In Article 28 (correction of errors in decisions etc.), in paragraph (3) at the end insert “or

(j) Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”.

Commencement Information

I102 Sch. 12 para. 32 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

33 In Schedule 3 (decisions against which an appeal lies), before paragraph 7 insert—

“State pension: prisoners and overseas residents

6C A decision that a state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 is not payable by reason of section 19 of that Act (prisoners).

6D A decision that a person is not entitled to increases in the rate of a state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 by reason of regulations under section 20 of that Act (overseas residents).”.

Commencement Information

I103 Sch. 12 para. 33 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4)

34.—(1) Section 38 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (disclosure of state pension information) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (7), after paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) the amount of any state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 a present or future entitlement to which has already accrued to that individual;

(ab) a projection of the amount of any state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 to which that individual is likely to become entitled, or might become entitled in particular circumstances;”.

(3) In subsection (11), in the definition of “lump sum”, after “under” insert “section 8 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 or ”.

Commencement Information

I104 Sch. 12 para. 34 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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The Social Security Fraud Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (c. 17)

35 The Social Security Fraud Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I105 Sch. 12 para. 35 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

36 In section 5A (definitions), in the definition of “disqualifying benefit”, before paragraph (a) insert—

“(zb) state pension or a lump sum under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 or under Part 1 of the Pensions Act 2014;”.

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Commencement Information

I106 Sch. 12 para. 36 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

37 In section 9 (power to supplement and mitigate loss of benefit provisions), in subsection (3), before paragraph (c) insert—

“(bf) state pension or a lump sum under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 or under Part 1 of the Pensions Act 2014;”.

Commencement Information

I107 Sch. 12 para. 37 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

The State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 14)

38 The State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I108 Sch. 12 para. 38 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

39 In section 7 (fixing of claimant's retirement provision for assessed income period), in subsection (6)(a), after “benefit under” insert “ Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 or ”.

Commencement Information

I109 Sch. 12 para. 39 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

40 In section 16 (meaning of “retirement pension income”), in subsection (1), before paragraph (a) insert—

“(za) a state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 or under Part 1 of the Pensions Act 2014;”.

Commencement Information

I110 Sch. 12 para. 40 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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The Gender Recognition Act 2004 (c. 7)

41 The Gender Recognition Act 2004 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I111 [Sch. 12 para. 41](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

42 In section 23(3) and (4) of that Act (power to modify statutory provisions) “enactment” includes sections 11 and 12 of, and Schedules 6 and 7 to, this Act.

Commencement Information

I112 [Sch. 12 para. 42](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

43.—(1) Schedule 5 (benefits and pensions) is amended as follows.

(2) After paragraph 6A insert—

“Pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

6B.—(1) Any question—

(a) whether the person is entitled to a state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 for any period after the certificate is issued, and

(b) (if so) the rate at which the person is so entitled for the period, is to be decided as if the person's gender were the acquired gender.

(2) Accordingly, if (immediately before the certificate is issued) the person—

(a) is a woman entitled to a state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, but

(b) has not attained the age of 65,

the person ceases to be so entitled when it is issued.

(3) And, conversely, if (immediately before the certificate is issued) the person—

(a) is a man who has attained the age at which a woman of the same age attains pensionable age, but

(b) has not attained the age of 65,

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the person is to be treated for the purposes of Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 as attaining pensionable age when it is issued.

(4) But sub-paragraph (1) does not apply if and to the extent that the decision of any question to which it refers is affected by the payment or crediting of contributions, or the crediting of earnings, in respect of a period ending before the certificate is issued.

(5) If the person's acquired gender is the male gender, sections 11 and 12 of, and Schedules 6 and 7 to, the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (effect of reduced rate elections) apply in relation to the person as they apply in relation to a woman (but only once the person has reached pensionable age for a man).

(6) Paragraph 10 makes provision about deferment of state pensions under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”.

(3) In paragraph 10, in sub-paragraph (1), after paragraph (za) insert—

“(zb) a state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015,”.

Commencement Information

I113 Sch. 12 para. 43 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

The Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

44 ^{F3}

Textual Amendments

F3 Sch. 12 para. 44 omitted (17.2.2016) before coming into operation by virtue of The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006), arts. 2(2), 102(3); S.R. 2016/46, art. 3(4)(a)

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PART 2

AMENDMENTS TO DO WITH OLD STATE PENSION SYSTEM

Graduated retirement benefit

45.—(1) Section 35 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (graduated retirement benefit), so far as continuing in operation, is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (7), for “has attained pensionable age” substitute “attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016”.

(3) In subsection (8), in the definition of “retirement pension”, after “any category” insert “under the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992”.

Commencement Information

I114 [Sch. 12 para. 45](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Category A retirement pensions

46 The Contributions and Benefits Act is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I115 [Sch. 12 para. 46](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

47 In section 44(1) (Category A retirement pension), for paragraph (a) substitute—

“(a) the person attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016,”.

Commencement Information

I116 [Sch. 12 para. 47](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

48.—(1) Section 48 (use of former spouse's contributions) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1), after “person” insert “who attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016”.

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(3) After subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Regulations under subsection (1) may not provide for contributions of a person in respect of times on or after 6 April 2016 to be treated as contributions of another person.”.

Commencement Information

I117 Sch. 12 para. 48 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

Category B retirement pensions

49 The Contributions and Benefits Act is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I118 Sch. 12 para. 49 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

50 In section 23A (contributions credits for relevant parents and carers) in subsection (1)(b), after “section 48A” insert “ or 48AA ”.

Commencement Information

I119 Sch. 12 para. 50 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

51 In section 46 (modification of section 45 for calculating additional pension in certain benefits), in subsection (2), omit “48A(4) or” (in both places).

Commencement Information

I120 Sch. 12 para. 51 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

52 For section 48A substitute—

“48A Category B retirement pension for married person or civil partner

(1) A married person is entitled to a Category B retirement pension by virtue of the contributions of his or her spouse if—

- (a) the person attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016, and
- (b) the spouse—
 - (i) has attained pensionable age, and
 - (ii) satisfies the relevant contribution condition.

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(2) But subsection (1) does not confer a right to a Category B retirement pension on a man whose spouse was born before 6 April 1950.

(3) A person who is a civil partner is entitled to a Category B retirement pension by virtue of the contributions of his or her civil partner (“the contributing civil partner”) if—

- (a) the person attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016, and
- (b) the contributing civil partner—
 - (i) was born on or after 6 April 1950,
 - (ii) has attained pensionable age, and
 - (iii) satisfies the condition in paragraph 5A of Schedule 3.

(4) A Category B retirement pension payable under this section is payable at the weekly rate specified in paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 4.

(5) A person ceases to be entitled to a Category B retirement pension under this section if—

- (a) the person's spouse or civil partner dies (but see sections 48B and 51), or
- (b) the person otherwise ceases to be married or in the civil partnership (but see section 48AA).

(6) In subsection (1)(b)(ii) “the relevant contribution condition” means—

- (a) in a case where the spouse was born before 6 April 1945, the conditions in paragraph 5 of Schedule 3;
- (b) in any other case, the condition in paragraph 5A of Schedule 3.

(7) For the purposes of any provision of this Act as it applies in relation to this section, no account is to be taken of any earnings factors of the spouse or contributing civil partner for the tax year beginning with 6 April 2016 or any later tax year.

48AA Category B retirement pension for divorcee or former civil partner

(1) A person who has been in a marriage that has been dissolved is entitled to a Category B retirement pension by virtue of the contributions of his or her former spouse if—

- (a) the person attained pensionable age—
 - (i) before 6 April 2016, and
 - (ii) before the marriage was dissolved, and
- (b) the former spouse—

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(i) attained pensionable age before the marriage was dissolved, and

(ii) satisfied the relevant contribution condition.

(2) But subsection (1) does not confer a right to a Category B retirement pension on a man whose former spouse was born before 6 April 1950.

(3) A person who has been in a civil partnership that has been dissolved is entitled to a Category B retirement pension by virtue of the contributions of his or her former civil partner if—

(a) the person attained pensionable age—

(i) before 6 April 2016, and

(ii) before the civil partnership was dissolved, and

(b) the former civil partner—

(i) was born on or after 6 April 1950,

(ii) attained pensionable age before the civil partnership was dissolved, and

(iii) satisfied the condition in paragraph 5A of Schedule 3.

(4) During any period when the person's former spouse or civil partner is alive, a Category B retirement pension payable under this section is payable at the weekly rate specified in paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 4.

(5) During any period after the person's former spouse or civil partner is dead, a Category B retirement pension payable under this section is payable at the weekly rate of the basic pension specified in section 44(4).

(6) In subsection (1)(b)(ii) “the relevant contribution condition” means—

(a) in a case where the former spouse was born before 6 April 1945, the conditions in paragraph 5 of Schedule 3;

(b) in any other case, the condition in paragraph 5A of Schedule 3.

(7) For the purposes of any provision of this Act as it applies in relation to this section, no account is to be taken of any earnings factors of the former spouse or civil partner for the tax year beginning with 6 April 2016 or any later tax year.

(8) A voidable marriage or civil partnership which has been annulled is to be treated for the purposes of this section as if it had been a valid marriage or civil partnership which was dissolved at the date of annulment.”.

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Commencement Information

I121 Sch. 12 para. 52 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

53.—(1) Section 48B (Category B retirement pension for widows and widowers) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsections (1) to (1A) substitute—

“(1) A person (“the pensioner”) whose spouse died while they were married is entitled to a Category B retirement pension by virtue of the contributions of his or her spouse if—

(a) the pensioner attained pensionable age—

(i) before 6 April 2016, and

(ii) before the spouse died, and

(b) the spouse satisfied the relevant contribution condition.

(1ZA) But subsection (1) does not confer a right to a Category B retirement pension on a man who attained pensionable age before 6 April 2010.

(1ZB) In subsection (1)(b) “the relevant contribution condition” means—

(a) in a case where the spouse—

(i) died before 6 April 2010, or

(ii) died on or after that date having attained pensionable age before that date,

the conditions in paragraph 5 of Schedule 3, and

(b) in any other case, the condition in paragraph 5A of Schedule 3.

(1A) A person (“the pensioner”) whose civil partner died while they were civil partners of each other is entitled to a Category B retirement pension by virtue of the contributions of his or her civil partner if—

(a) the pensioner attained pensionable age—

(i) on or after 6 April 2010 but before 6 April 2016, and

(ii) before the civil partner died, and

(b) the civil partner satisfied the relevant contribution condition.

(1B) In subsection (1A)(b) “the relevant contribution condition” means—

(a) in a case where the deceased civil partner attained pensionable age before 6 April 2010, the conditions in paragraph 5 of Schedule 3, and

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(b) in any other case, the condition in paragraph 5A of Schedule 3.”.

(3) After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) For the purposes of any provision of this Act as it applies in relation to this section, no account is to be taken of any earnings factors of the deceased for the tax year beginning with 6 April 2016 or any later tax year.”.

(4) For subsection (4) substitute—

“(4) A woman (“the pensioner”) whose husband died before she attained pensionable age is entitled to a Category B retirement pension by virtue of the contributions of her husband if—

- (a) she attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016, and
- (b) the condition in subsection (5) is satisfied.

(4A) A man (“the pensioner”) whose wife died before he attained pensionable age is entitled to a Category B retirement pension by virtue of the contributions of his wife if—

- (a) he attained pensionable age on or after 6 April 2010 but before 6 April 2016, and
- (b) the condition in subsection (5) would have been satisfied on the assumption mentioned in subsection (7).”.

(5) In subsection (6), after “subsection (4)” insert “ or (4A) ”.

(6) In subsection (7), for “(4)” substitute “ (4A) ”.

Commencement Information

I122 Sch. 12 para. 53 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

54.—(1) Section 48BB (Category B retirement pension: entitlement by reference to widowed parent's allowance or bereavement allowance where no dependent children) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1), for “who has attained pensionable age” substitute “ who attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016 ”.

(3) In subsection (3), for “who has attained pensionable age” substitute “ who attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016 ”.

Commencement Information

I123 Sch. 12 para. 54 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

55.—(1) Section 48C (Category B retirement pension: general) is amended as follows.

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(2) In subsection (3), for “sections 48A(4)(b) and” substitute “ section ”.

(3) In subsection (4), omit “48A(4),”.

Commencement Information

1124 [Sch. 12 para. 55](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

56 For section 51 substitute—

“51 Category B retirement pension for widowers and surviving civil partners who attained pensionable age before 6 April 2010

(1) A man (the pensioner) whose wife died while they were married is entitled to a Category B retirement pension if—

- (a) they were both over pensionable age at the time of the death,
- (b) the pensioner attained pensionable age before 6 April 2010, and
- (c) the wife satisfied the relevant contribution condition.

(2) But subsection (1) does not confer a right to a Category B retirement pension on a man whose wife died before 6 April 1979.

(3) In subsection (1)(c) “the relevant contribution condition” means—

- (a) in a case where the spouse attained pensionable age before 6 April 2010, the conditions in paragraph 5 of Schedule 3, and
- (b) in a case where the spouse attained pensionable age on or after 6 April 2010, the condition in paragraph 5A of Schedule 3.

(4) A person (“the pensioner”) whose civil partner died while they were civil partners of each other is entitled to a Category B retirement pension if—

- (a) they were both over pensionable age at the time of the death,
- (b) the pensioner attained pensionable age before 6 April 2010, and
- (c) the deceased civil partner satisfied the relevant contribution condition.

(5) In subsection (4)(c) “the relevant contribution condition” means—

- (a) in a case where the deceased civil partner attained pensionable age before 6 April 2010, the conditions in paragraph 5 of Schedule 3, and
- (b) in a case where the deceased civil partner attained pensionable age on or after 6 April 2010, the condition in paragraph 5A of Schedule 3.

(6) The weekly rate of a person's Category B retirement pension under this section is to be determined in accordance with sections 44 to 45AA

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and Schedule 4A as they apply in the case of a Category A retirement pension taking references in those sections to the pensioner as references to the spouse or deceased civil partner.

(7) But in the case of—

- (a) a man whose wife dies after 5 October 2002, or
- (b) a surviving civil partner,

any amount of additional pension falling to be calculated under subsection (6) is to be halved.

(8) For the purposes of any provision of this Act as it applies in relation to this section, no account is to be taken of any earnings factors of the spouse or deceased civil partner for the tax year beginning with 6 April 2016 or any later tax year.

(9) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a person becomes entitled to a Category B retirement pension under this section on the day on which the conditions of entitlement become satisfied and the entitlement continues throughout the person's life.”.

Commencement Information

I125 [Sch. 12 para. 56](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

57 In section 52(3) (special provision for surviving spouses) for “prescribed maximum” substitute “maximum amount specified in regulations”.

Commencement Information

I126 [Sch. 12 para. 57](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

58.—(1) Schedule 3 (contribution conditions for entitlement to benefit) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 5, for sub-paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This paragraph sets out the contribution conditions for—

- (a) a widowed mother's allowance, a widowed parent's allowance or a widow's pension;
- (b) a Category A retirement pension (other than one in relation to which paragraph 5A applies);
- (c) a Category B retirement pension in the cases provided for by any of sections 48A to 51.”.

(3) In paragraph 5A(1), for paragraphs (b) and (c) substitute—

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“(b) a Category B retirement pension in the cases provided for by any of sections 48A to 51.”.

Commencement Information

I127 Sch. 12 para. 58 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

59 In Part 1 of Schedule 4 (rates of certain benefits), in paragraph 5, for “section 48A(3)” substitute “ section 48A(4) or 48AA(4) ”.

Commencement Information

I128 Sch. 12 para. 59 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

60 In Schedule 4A (additional pension: accrual rates for purposes of section 45(2)(c)), in paragraph 1(2), omit “, 48A(4)” (in both places).

Commencement Information

I129 Sch. 12 para. 60 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

61 In section 42 of the Pension Schemes Act (effect of entitlement to guaranteed minimum pensions on payment of social security benefits), in subsection (6), omit “48A,”.

Commencement Information

I130 Sch. 12 para. 61 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

62 In Article 125 of the 1995 Order (additional pension: calculation of surpluses), in paragraph (6), omit “48A,”.

Commencement Information

I131 Sch. 12 para. 62 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

63 In Schedule 2 to the 1995 Order (equalisation of, and increase in, pensionable age for men and women), omit paragraph 3(2) and (3).

Commencement Information

I132 Sch. 12 para. 63 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

64 In Schedule 24 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004, omit paragraphs 79(6) and 82(6).

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Commencement Information

I133 Sch. 12 para. 64 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

Category C retirement pensions: repeal of spent provisions

65 The Contributions and Benefits Act is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I134 Sch. 12 para. 65 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

66 In section 63(f)(i) (descriptions of non-contributory benefits), for the words from “payable” to “widows” substitute “ payable in certain cases to a widow whose husband was over pensionable age on 5 July 1948 or to a woman whose marriage to a husband who was over pensionable age on that date was terminated otherwise than by his death ”.

Commencement Information

I135 Sch. 12 para. 66 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

67.—(1) Section 78 (Category C retirement pensions etc.) is amended as follows.

- (2) Omit subsections (1), (2) and (5).
- (3) In subsections (7) and (8), omit “Category C or”.

Commencement Information

I136 Sch. 12 para. 67 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

68 In Part 3 of Schedule 4—

- (a) omit paragraph 6 (rate of Category C retirement pension);
- (b) in paragraph 7 (rate of Category D retirement pension), for the text in the second column substitute the amount specified in paragraph 6 as the higher rate for a Category C retirement pension immediately before 6 April 2016.

Commencement Information

I137 Sch. 12 para. 68 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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Category D retirement pensions

69 In section 78(3) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (entitlement to a Category D retirement pension), for “and satisfies” substitute “ , who reached pensionable age before 6 April 2016 and who satisfies ”.

Commencement Information

I138 [Sch. 12 para. 69](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Age addition

70 In sections 63(g) and 79(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (age addition), after “retirement pension of any category” insert “ under this Act ”.

Commencement Information

I139 [Sch. 12 para. 70](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Christmas bonus

71 In section 146(2) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (Christmas bonus: interpretation), for the definition of “retirement pension” substitute—

“retirement pension” means—

- (a) a state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015,
- (b) a retirement pension under this Act, or
- (c) graduated retirement benefit.”.

Commencement Information

I140 [Sch. 12 para. 71](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

PART 3

AMENDMENTS TO DO WITH STATE PENSION CREDIT

72 The State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 is amended as follows.

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Commencement Information

I141 [Sch. 12 para. 72](#) in operation at 14.9.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/329](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

73 In section 3 (savings credit), for subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) The first of the conditions mentioned in section 1(2)(c)(ii) is that the claimant—

- (a) has attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016 and has attained the age of 65 (before, on or after that date), or
- (b) is a member of a couple, the other member of which falls within paragraph (a).”.

Commencement Information

I142 [Sch. 12 para. 73](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

74 After that section insert—

“3ZA Power to limit savings credit for certain mixed-age couples

(1) Regulations may provide that, in prescribed cases, a person who is a member of a mixed-age couple is not entitled to a savings credit.

(2) For example, the regulations could provide that a member of a mixed-age couple is not entitled to a savings credit unless—

- (a) the person has been awarded a savings credit with effect from a day before 6 April 2016 and was entitled to a savings credit immediately before that date, and
- (b) the person remained entitled to state pension credit at all times since the beginning of 6 April 2016.

(3) In this section “mixed-age couple” means a couple (whenever formed) one member of which had attained pensionable age before 6 April 2016 and the other had not.”.

Commencement Information

I143 [Sch. 12 para. 74](#) in operation at 14.9.2015 by [S.R. 2015/329](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(c\)](#)

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75 In Schedule 1 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, omit paragraph 41.

Commencement Information

I144 [Sch. 12 para. 75](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

PART 4

OTHER AMENDMENTS TO DO WITH PART 1

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7)

76 The Contributions and Benefits Act is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I145 [Sch. 12 para. 76](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

77.—(1) Section 39C (rate of widowed parent's allowance and bereavement allowance) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1), for the words from “45AA” to “as they apply” substitute “45AA and Schedules 4A and 4B below as they apply”.

(3) In subsection (3), for the words from “45AA” to “by virtue of subsection (1) above” substitute “45AA and Schedules 4A and 4B below by virtue of subsection (1) above”.

(4) In subsection (4), for the words from “45AA” to “below” substitute “45AA and Schedules 4A and 4B below”.

Commencement Information

I146 [Sch. 12 para. 77](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

78.—(1) Schedule 5 (pension increase or lump sum where entitlement to retirement pension is deferred) is amended as follows.

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(2) In the following provisions omit “(as those provisions have effect by virtue of section 3(7) of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2012)”—

paragraph 4(1A)(a), (b) and (c);

paragraph 7B(5)(b)(i).

(3) After paragraph 7 insert—

“**7ZA.**—(1) This paragraph modifies paragraphs 5A to 6A in cases where—

(a) W became entitled to a Category A or Category B retirement pension before 7 June 2012, and

(b) S died before 7 June 2012.

(“W” and “S” have the same meaning as in paragraph 5.)

(2) Paragraph 5A applies as if—

(a) in sub-paragraph (2), after paragraph (a), there were inserted—

“(b) the appropriate amount; and”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (3), after “following—”, there were inserted—

“(a) one half of the appropriate amount; and”.

(3) Paragraph 6 applies as if—

(a) in sub-paragraph (2), after paragraph (a), there were inserted—

“(b) the appropriate amount; and”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (3), after paragraph (b), there were inserted—

“(c) the appropriate amount reduced by the amount of any increases under section 105 of the Pensions Act; and”;

(c) in sub-paragraph (4), after paragraph (a), there were inserted—

“(b) one half of the appropriate amount; and”.

(4) Paragraph 6A applies as if in sub-paragraph (2), after paragraph (a), there were inserted—

“(b) one half of the appropriate amount; and”.

(5) In paragraphs 5A to 6A as modified by this paragraph, the “appropriate amount” means the greater of—

(a) the amount by which the deceased person's Category A or Category B retirement pension had been increased under section 132 of the Administration Act; or

(b) the amount by which his or her Category A or Category B retirement pension would have been so increased had he or she died immediately before the surviving spouse or civil partner

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became entitled to a Category A or Category B retirement pension.

(6) In sub-paragraph (1)(a) the reference to becoming entitled to a pension before 7 June 2012 includes a reference to becoming entitled on or after that day to the payment of a pension in respect of a period before that day.”.

Commencement Information

I147 [Sch. 12 para. 78](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

The Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 (c. 49)

79 Section 42A of the Pension Schemes Act (retirement in tax year after 5 April 2020) is repealed.

Commencement Information

I148 [Sch. 12 para. 79](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

The Deregulation and Contracting Out (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 11)

80 In Article 17 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (social security: amendments following certain orders), at the end of paragraph (2) add “ the Pensions Act 2014 ”.

Commencement Information

I149 [Sch. 12 para. 80](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

The Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 13)

81 In the Pensions (No2) Act, the following are repealed—

- (a) sections 81 and 82 (consolidation of additional pension);
- (b) Schedule 2 (consolidation of additional pension);

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- (c) in Schedule 3 (minor and consequential amendments)—
- paragraph 4(2)(b) and (3)(b);
 - paragraph 6(3);
 - paragraph 7(a);
 - paragraph 8(a);
 - paragraph 9(2)(c);
 - paragraph 10;
 - paragraphs 13 to 22.

Commencement Information

I150 Sch. 12 para. 81 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(k)

The Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2012 (c. 3)

82 In the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2012, the following are repealed—

- (a) section 3(5) to (9) and Schedule 2 (abolition of certain additions to the state pension);
- (b) section 4 and Schedule 3 (consolidation of additional pension).

Commencement Information

I151 Sch. 12 para. 82(b) in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(k)

SCHEDULE 13

Section 24.

ABOLITION OF CONTRACTING- OUT FOR SALARY RELATED SCHEMES

PART 1

PENSION SCHEMES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 1993: AMENDMENTS

1 The Pension Schemes Act is amended as follows.

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Commencement Information

I152 Sch. 13 para. 1 in operation at 14.9.2015 for specified purposes by S.R. 2015/329, art. 2(1)(a)

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2 For “the abolition date” (in each place) substitute “ the first abolition date ”.

Commencement Information

I153 Sch. 13 para. 2 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

3 In the heading for Part 3 of the Act—

- (a) for “Certification of pension schemes” substitute “ Schemes that were contracted-out etc. ”;
- (b) omit “and duties”.

Commencement Information

I154 Sch. 13 para. 3 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

4 For the heading to Chapter 1 of Part 3 substitute “ Schemes that were contracted-out: guaranteed minimum pensions and alteration of scheme rules etc. ”.

Commencement Information

I155 Sch. 13 para. 4 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

5 Section 3 (issue of contracting-out certificates) is repealed (and accordingly, any certificates in force under that section immediately before this paragraph comes into operation cease to have effect).

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Commencement Information

I156 Sch. 13 para. 5 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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6 After section 3 insert—

“3A Meaning of the first abolition date” and the second abolition date”

3A In this Act—

“the first abolition date” means 6 April 2012 (the date appointed for the commencement of section 13(1) of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (abolition of contracting-out for defined contribution pension schemes));

“the second abolition date” means 6 April 2016 (the date on which section 53(3) of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 provides for the commencement of section 24(1) of that Act (abolition of contracting-out for salary related schemes)).

3B Meaning of “contracted-out scheme” and “appropriate scheme” etc.

(1) This section applies for the interpretation of this Act.

(2) An occupational pension scheme was “contracted-out” at a time if, at that time, there was in force a certificate under section 3 (as it then had effect) stating that the employment of an earner in employed earner's employment was contracted-out employment by reference to the scheme.

(3) “Contracting-out certificate” means a certificate of the kind mentioned in subsection (2).

(4) An occupational pension scheme was a “salary related contracted-out scheme” at a time if, at that time, the scheme was contracted-out by virtue of satisfying section 5(2) (as it then had effect).

(5) An occupational pension scheme was a “money purchase contracted-out scheme” at a time if, at that time, the scheme was contracted-out by virtue of satisfying section 5(3) (as it then had effect).

(6) A personal pension scheme was an “appropriate scheme” at a time if, at that time, there was in force a certificate issued under section 3(1)(b) (as it then had effect) stating that the scheme was an appropriate scheme.

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(7) “Appropriate scheme certificate” means a certificate of the kind mentioned in subsection (6).

(8) An appropriate scheme certificate that was in force in relation to a scheme is to be taken as conclusive that the scheme was, at that time, an appropriate scheme.”.

Commencement Information

I157 Sch. 13 para. 6 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

7.—(1) Section 4 (meaning of “contracted-out employment”, “guaranteed minimum pension” and “minimum payment”) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) In relation to any period before the second abolition date, the employment of an earner in employed earner's employment was “contracted-out employment” in relation to the earner during that period if—

- (a) the earner was under pensionable age;
- (b) the earner's service in the employment was service which qualified the earner for a pension provided by a salary related contracted-out scheme; and
- (c) there was in force a contracting-out certificate issued in accordance with this Chapter (as it then had effect) stating that the employment was contracted-out employment by reference to the scheme.”.

(3) After subsection (1A) insert—

“(1B) In the following provisions of this Act “earner”, in relation to a scheme, means a person who was an earner in contracted-out employment by reference to the scheme.”.

(4) In subsection (2), in the definition of “guaranteed minimum pension”, for “by an occupational pension scheme” substitute “, by a scheme that was a salary related contracted-out scheme, ”.

(5) For subsection (4) substitute—

“(4) A contracting-out certificate that was in force in respect of an employed earner's employment is to be taken as conclusive that the employment was, at that time, contracted-out employment.”.

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Commencement Information

I158 [Sch. 13 para. 7](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

8 The italic heading above section 5 is repealed.

Commencement Information

I159 [Sch. 13 para. 8](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

9 Sections 5 and 7 (requirements for certification of schemes: general) are repealed.

Commencement Information

I160 [Sch. 13 para. 9](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

10 The italic heading above section 8A is repealed.

Commencement Information

I161 [Sch. 13 para. 10](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

11 Sections 8A to 8D (requirements for certification applying to employment from 6 April 1997) are repealed.

Commencement Information

I162 [Sch. 13 para. 11](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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12 For the italic heading above section 9 substitute “ Guaranteed minimum pensions ”.

Commencement Information

I163 [Sch. 13 para. 12](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

13.—(1) Before section 9 insert—

“Former salary related contracted-out schemes to comply with GMP requirements

8E.—(1) A scheme that was a salary related contracted-out scheme is to be treated as including whatever provision it needs to contain to comply with the GMP requirements.

(2) A scheme complies with the GMP requirements if, in relation to any earner's service before the principal appointed day, it complies in all respects with sections 9 to 20E.

(3) Where—

(a) a scheme is permitted by any of those sections to include provision subject to certain requirements, and

(b) the scheme includes the provision but not the requirements, the scheme is to be treated by subsection (1) as including the requirements.

(4) This section overrides any provision of a scheme to the extent that the provision of the scheme conflicts with it.”.

(2) For the purposes of section 8E it does not matter whether the scheme ceased to be contracted-out when the amendment made by paragraph 5 of this Schedule came into operation or before that time.

(3) But section 8E does not treat a scheme as having included any provision before this paragraph comes into operation.

Commencement Information

I164 [Sch. 13 para. 13](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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14 In section 9 (minimum pensions for earners), in subsection (2)—

- (a) for “is a married woman or widow who is liable” substitute “ was a married woman or widow who was liable ”;
- (b) after “Act 1992” insert “ at a time during a relevant year when she was in contracted-out employment by reference to the scheme ”;
- (c) at the end of that subsection insert—
 ““Relevant year” has the meaning given by section 10(8).”.

Commencement Information

I165 Sch. 13 para. 14 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

15.—(1) Section 10 (earner's guaranteed minimum) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) An earner has a guaranteed minimum in relation to the pension provided by a scheme that was a salary related contracted-out scheme if in any tax week in a relevant year—

- (a) earnings were paid to or for the earner's benefit in respect of employment which was contracted-out by reference to the scheme; and
- (b) those earnings were in excess of the lower earnings limit for that tax week (or the prescribed equivalent if the earner was paid otherwise than weekly).”.

(3) In subsection (2), for “earnings such as are mentioned in subsection (1)” substitute “ excess earnings mentioned in subsection (1)(b) ”.

Commencement Information

I166 Sch. 13 para. 15 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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16 In section 12 (revaluation of earnings factors for the purposes of section 10: early leavers etc.), for subsection (2) substitute—

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“(2) The scheme may provide that in a case where—

- (a) an earner was, before the second abolition date, in contracted-out employment by reference to a scheme, and
- (b) the earner ceases to be in pensionable service under the scheme before the final relevant year,

the earnings factors for that person shall be determined for the purposes of section 10(2) by reference to the last such order to come into operation before the end of the tax year in which the earner ceases to be in pensionable service under the scheme (“the last service tax year”).”.

Commencement Information

I167 Sch. 13 para. 16 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

17.—(1) Section 13 (minimum pensions for widows, widowers and surviving civil partners) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (4A), after paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) for life, in a case where—

- (i) the widow, widower or surviving civil partner attained state pension age on or after the second abolition date, and
 - (ii) the earner died on or after the date on which the widow, widower or surviving civil partner attained state pension age;
- (ab) for any period after the widow, widower or surviving civil partner has attained state pension age, in a case where—
- (i) the earner died before the widow, widower or surviving civil partner attained state pension age,
 - (ii) the widow, widower or surviving civil partner did not marry or form a civil partnership after the death and before attaining state pension age, and
 - (iii) the widow, widower or surviving civil partner attained state pension age on or after the second abolition date;”.

(3) After subsection (9) add—

“(10) For the purposes of subsection (4A)(aa) and (ab) a person attains state pension age when he or she attains pensionable age within the meaning given by the rules in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.”.

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Commencement Information

I168 Sch. 13 para. 17 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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- 18** In section 16 (transfer of accrued rights), in subsection (1)(a)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (i), after “under a” insert “ scheme that was a ”;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (ii)—
 - (i) omit “which is not contracted-out,”;
 - (ii) after “under a” insert “ scheme that was a ”.

Commencement Information

I169 Sch. 13 para. 18 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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- 19** In section 19 (securing of benefits), in subsection (2), omit paragraph (d).

Commencement Information

I170 Sch. 13 para. 19 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

- 20** In section 20A—
- (a) the existing text becomes subsection (1), and
 - (b) after that subsection add—
 - “(2) The Department must give such guidance (if any) as it thinks appropriate about GMP conversion.”.

Commencement Information

I171 Sch. 13 para. 20 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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21 In section 21 (power for HMRC to impose conditions as to investments and resources), in subsection (2), after “A” insert “ scheme that was a ”.

Commencement Information

I172 [Sch. 13 para. 21](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

22 Sections 30 to 32 (cancellation, variation, surrender and refusal of certificates) are repealed.

Commencement Information

I173 [Sch. 13 para. 22](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

23 In the italic heading above section 33, for “scheme rules after certification” substitute “ rules by former salary related contracted-out schemes ”.

Commencement Information

I174 [Sch. 13 para. 23](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

24 In section 33 (alteration of rules of contracted-out schemes) for subsections (1) to (3) substitute—

“(1) Except in prescribed cases, the rules of a scheme that was a salary related contracted-out scheme cannot be altered unless the alteration is of a prescribed description.

(2) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (1) may operate so as to validate with retrospective effect any alteration of the rules which would otherwise be void under this section.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a scheme if no person is entitled to receive, or has accrued rights to, any benefits under the scheme attributable to a period when the scheme was contracted-out.”.

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Commencement Information

I175 Sch. 13 para. 24 in operation at 14.9.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/329](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#)

25 After section 33 insert—

“33A Transfer of liabilities etc.: schemes contracted-out on or after 6 April 1997

- (1) Regulations may prohibit or restrict—
 - (a) the transfer of any liability—
 - (i) for the payment of pensions under a relevant scheme, or
 - (ii) in respect of accrued rights to such pensions,
 - (b) the discharge of any liability to provide pensions under a relevant scheme, or
 - (c) the payment of a lump sum instead of a pension payable under a relevant scheme,

except in prescribed circumstances or on prescribed conditions.

(2) In this section “relevant scheme” means a scheme that was a salary related contracted-out scheme by virtue of section 5(2B) and references to pensions and accrued rights under the scheme are to such pensions and rights so far as attributable to an earner's service on or after the principal appointed day (including, in a case where there has been a transfer payment, any pensions or rights deriving (directly or indirectly) from—

- (a) an earner's service on or after the principal appointed day in employment that was contracted-out employment by reference to another scheme, or
- (b) in a case where the transfer payment was made before the first abolition date, protected rights under another occupational pension scheme or under a personal pension scheme which derive from payments or contributions in respect of employment on or after the principal appointed day).

(3) Regulations under subsection (1) may provide that any provision of this Part shall have effect subject to such modifications as may be specified in the regulations.”.

Commencement Information

I176 Sch. 13 para. 25 in operation at 14.9.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/329](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#)

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26 For the heading to Chapter 2 of Part 3 substitute “ Reduction in social security benefits for members of schemes that were contracted-out ”.

Commencement Information

I177 [Sch. 13 para. 26](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

27 In section 36 (scope of Chapter 2)—

- (a) omit paragraph (a);
- (b) in paragraph (c) for “such schemes” substitute “ schemes that were contracted-out pension schemes ”.

Commencement Information

I178 [Sch. 13 para. 27](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

28 The italic heading above section 37 is repealed.

Commencement Information

I179 [Sch. 13 para. 28](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

29 Section 37 (reduced rates of Class 1 contributions) is repealed.

Commencement Information

I180 [Sch. 13 para. 29](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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VALID FROM 06/04/2016

30 Section 38 (review and alteration of reduced rates of Class 1 contributions) is repealed.

Commencement Information

I181 [Sch. 13 para. 30](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

31 In section 44A (additional pension and other benefits), in subsection (1), for the words from the beginning to the end of paragraph (b) substitute “In relation to—

- (a) any tax week falling before the first abolition date where the amount of a Class 1 contribution attributable to section 8(1)(a) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 in respect of the earnings paid to or for the benefit of an earner in that week was reduced under section 38A of this Act (as it then had effect),
- (b) any tax week falling before the second abolition date where the amount of a Class 1 contribution attributable to section 8(1)(a) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 in respect of the earnings paid to or for the benefit of an earner in that week was reduced under section 37 of this Act (as it then had effect), or
- (c) any tax week falling before the first abolition date where an amount was paid under section 41(1) of this Act (as it then had effect) in respect of the earnings paid to or for the benefit of an earner.”.

Commencement Information

I182 [Sch. 13 para. 31](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

32 Section 45 (women, married women and widows) is repealed.

Commencement Information

I183 [Sch. 13 para. 32](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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VALID FROM 06/04/2016

33 Section 46 (powers of HMRC to approve arrangements for scheme ceasing to be certified) is repealed.

Commencement Information

I184 [Sch. 13 para. 33](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

34 In section 47 (calculation of guaranteed minimum pensions under approved arrangements), in subsection (1)(b), for “ceases” substitute “ceased”

Commencement Information

I185 [Sch. 13 para. 34](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

35 For section 48 substitute—

“48 Supervision of former salary related contracted-out schemes

48 Section 49 shall apply for the purpose of making provision for securing the continued supervision of any scheme that was a salary related contracted-out scheme, other than a public service pension scheme, if any person is entitled to receive or has accrued rights to—

- (a) a guaranteed minimum pension under the scheme, or
- (b) a pension under the scheme attributable to service on or after the principal appointed day but before the scheme ceased to be contracted-out.”.

Commencement Information

I186 [Sch. 13 para. 35](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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VALID FROM 06/04/2016

36 In section 49 (supervision: former contracted-out schemes), omit subsection (3).

Commencement Information

I187 Sch. 13 para. 36 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

37 Sections 51 to 64 (state scheme premiums) are repealed.

Commencement Information

I188 Sch. 13 para. 37 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

38 In section 83 (general protection principle), in subsection (1)(a), for subparagraph (i) substitute—

“(i) the date (“the cessation date”) which is the earlier of—

- (a) the date on which an earner ceases to be in pensionable service under a scheme that was, before the second abolition date, a salary related contracted-out scheme; and
- (b) the date on which the earner attains pensionable age;”.

Commencement Information

I189 Sch. 13 para. 38 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

39 In section 92 (further provisions concerning exercise of option to take cash equivalent in a particular way), in subsection (2), in paragraph (a)(i) omit “which is not a contracted-out scheme”.

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Commencement Information

I190 Sch. 13 para. 39 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

40 In section 166 (questions arising in proceedings), in subsection (1), omit paragraph (b) and the “or” before it.

Commencement Information

I191 Sch. 13 para. 40 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

41 In section 173 (trustees and managers of schemes), in paragraph (a) omit “or Part II of Schedule 5 to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000”.

Commencement Information

I192 Sch. 13 para. 41 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

42.—(1) Section 176(1) (general interpretation) is amended as follows.

(2) In the appropriate places insert—

““the first abolition date” has the meaning given by section 3A;”

““the second abolition date” has the meaning given by section 3A;”

““salary related contracted-out scheme” is to be construed in accordance with section 3B;”.

(3) Omit the definition of “abolition date”.

(4) In the definition of “appropriate scheme” and “appropriate scheme certificate”, for “section 176A” substitute “section 3B”.

(5) In the definition of “contracting-out certificate”, for “section 3 and section 176A” substitute “section 3B”.

(6) In the definition of “contributions equivalent premium”, for “has the meaning given in” substitute “means a premium that was paid under”.

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(7) In the definition of “earner” and “earnings”, after “in accordance with” insert “ section 4(1B) of this Act and ”.

(8) In the definition of “money purchase contracted-out scheme”, for “section 176A” substitute “ section 3B ”.

(9) For the definition of “the principal appointed day” substitute—
 ““the principal appointed day” means 6 April 1997 (which is the day designated as the principal appointed day for the purposes of Part 4 of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995);”.

Commencement Information

I193 Sch. 13 para. 42 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

43 Section 176A (interpretation of references to money purchase contracted-out schemes or appropriate schemes after first abolition date) is repealed.

Commencement Information

I194 Sch. 13 para. 43 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

44 In section 180 (consultation about other regulations), omit subsection (2).

Commencement Information

I195 Sch. 13 para. 44 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

45.—(1) Schedule 1 (certification regulations) is amended as follows.

(2) Omit paragraphs 1 to 4.

(3) In paragraph 5(3A), for “a contracted-out occupational pension scheme which is being wound up” substitute “ a scheme which was a contracted-out occupational pension scheme and which was being wound up before the second abolition date ”.

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(4) Omit paragraphs 6 to 8.

Commencement Information

I196 Sch. 13 para. 45 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

VALID FROM 06/04/2016

46.—(1) Schedule 3 (priority in bankruptcy) is amended as follows.

(2) Omit paragraphs 2, 3 and 4(2).

Commencement Information

I197 Sch. 13 para. 46 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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PART 2

OTHER STATUTORY PROVISIONS: AMENDMENTS

The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7)

47 The Contributions and Benefits Act is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I198 Sch. 13 para. 47 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

48 In section 1 (outline of contributory system), in subsection (3), omit the words after paragraph (b).

Commencement Information

I199 Sch. 13 para. 48 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

49 In section 4C (power to make provision in consequence of provision made by virtue of section 4B(2) etc.), in subsection (5), in each of paragraphs (a) and (b) omit the words from “, including” to the end.

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Commencement Information

I200 Sch. 13 para. 49 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

50 In section 8 (calculation of primary Class 1 contributions), in subsection (3), omit paragraph (c) and the “and” before it.

Commencement Information

I201 Sch. 13 para. 50 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

51 In section 9 (calculation of secondary Class 1 contributions), in subsection (3), omit paragraph (c) and the “and” before it.

Commencement Information

I202 Sch. 13 para. 51 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

52 In section 20 (descriptions of contributory benefits), in subsection (3), for “(reduction in state scheme contributions and social security benefits for members of certified schemes)” substitute “ (reduction in benefits for members of schemes that were contracted-out) ”.

Commencement Information

I203 Sch. 13 para. 52 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

53 In Schedule 1 (supplementary provisions relating to national insurance contributions), in paragraph 1, omit sub-paragraphs (2), (3), (6) and (9) to (11).

Commencement Information

I204 Sch. 13 para. 53 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

54 The Administration Act is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I205 Sch. 13 para. 54 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

55 In section 132 (annual up-rating of benefits), in subsection (3A), for “the abolition date (as defined in section 176(1) of the Pensions Act)” substitute “

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7 June 2012 (the date appointed for the commencement of section 13(1) of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008) ”.

Commencement Information

I206 Sch. 13 para. 55 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

56 In section 167 (interpretation - general)—

- (a) in the definition of “money purchase contracted-out scheme”, for “section 176A” substitute “ section 3B ”;
- (b) in the definition of “personal pension scheme” for “section 176A(6)” substitute “ section 3B(6) ”.

Commencement Information

I207 Sch. 13 para. 56 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

The Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 22)

57 The 1995 Order is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I208 Sch. 13 para. 57 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

58.—(1) Article 51 (annual increase in rate of pension) is amended as follows.

(2) For “the appointed day” (in each place) substitute “ 6 April 1997 ”.

(3) For paragraph (8) substitute—

“(8) An occupational pension scheme is a “relevant occupational pension scheme” if—

- (a) it has not, at any time on or after 6 April 1997, been a salary related contracted-out scheme (see section 3B of the Pension Schemes Act), or
- (b) it has, at any time on or after 6 April 1997, been a salary related contracted-out scheme but no person is entitled to receive, or has accrued rights to, benefits under the scheme attributable to a period on or after that day when it was such a scheme.”.

Commencement Information

I209 Sch. 13 para. 58 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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59 In Article 54 (Articles 51 to 53: supplementary), in paragraph (3), omit the definition of “the appointed day”.

Commencement Information

I210 Sch. 13 para. 59 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

60 For Article 69 substitute—

“Grounds for applying for modifications: winding up registered schemes

69.—(1) The Authority may, on an application made to them by the trustees of a registered pension scheme which is being wound up, make an order—

- (a) modifying the scheme for the purpose of enabling assets remaining after the liabilities of the scheme have been fully discharged to be distributed to the employer, or
- (b) authorising the trustees to modify the scheme for that purpose.

(2) But the Authority may act under paragraph (1) only if prescribed requirements in relation to the distribution are satisfied.

(3) Regulations may make provision requiring applications under paragraph (1) to meet prescribed requirements.

(4) Regulations may provide that in prescribed circumstances this Article does not apply to schemes falling within a prescribed class or description or applies to them with prescribed modifications.

(5) In this Article “registered pension scheme” means an occupational pension scheme registered under section 153 of the Finance Act 2004 (other than a public service pension scheme).”.

Commencement Information

I211 Sch. 13 para. 60 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

61 In Article 70 (Article 69: supplementary), omit paragraph (3).

Commencement Information

I212 Sch. 13 para. 61 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

62 In Article 71 (effect of orders under Article 69), in paragraph (1)—

- (a) for “sub-paragraph (a)” substitute “ sub-paragraph (b) ”;

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(b) for “sub-paragraph (b)” substitute “ sub-paragraph (a) ”.

Commencement Information

I213 Sch. 13 para. 62 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

63 In Article 72 (modification of public service pension schemes), in paragraph (1), for “Article 69(1)(b)” substitute “ Article 69(1)(a) ”.

Commencement Information

I214 Sch. 13 para. 63 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

64 Articles 133(1), (3) and (5), 134(3) and (4) and 145 (amendments to do with contracting-out) are repealed.

Commencement Information

I215 Sch. 13 para. 64 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

The Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 16)

65 The Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I216 Sch. 13 para. 65 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

66 In Article 35 (note to be included in statement of initial employment particulars), omit paragraph (5).

Commencement Information

I217 Sch. 13 para. 66 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

67 In Article 43 (references to industrial tribunals), in paragraph (3), omit sub-paragraph (a) (including the “and” at the end of it).

Commencement Information

I218 Sch. 13 para. 67 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4)

68 The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I219 [Sch. 13 para. 68](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

69.—(1) Section 38 (disclosure of state pension information) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (3)(d), omit “which is not contracted-out employment”.

(3) In subsection (11), omit the definition of “contracted-out employment”.

Commencement Information

I220 [Sch. 13 para. 69](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

70 Part 2 of Schedule 5 (alternative to anti-franking rules) is repealed.

Commencement Information

I221 [Sch. 13 para. 70](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

The Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (NI 1)

71 In Article 235 of the 2005 Order (pension protection on transfer of employment: form of protection) in paragraph (2)(c), for the words from “time” to the end substitute “time the scheme complies with prescribed requirements”.

Commencement Information

I222 [Sch. 13 para. 71](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

The Companies Act 2006 (c. 46)

72 The Companies Act 2006 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I223 [Sch. 13 para. 72](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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73 In section 140 (interests to be disregarded: employer's rights of recovery under pension scheme or employee's share scheme), omit subsection (2).

Commencement Information

I224 Sch. 13 para. 73 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

74 In section 673 (interests to be disregarded in determining whether company has beneficial interest: employer's charges and other rights of recovery), omit subsection (1)(b).

Commencement Information

I225 Sch. 13 para. 74 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

The Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 1)

75 The Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I226 Sch. 13 para. 75 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

76.—(1) Section 13 (abolition of contracting-out for defined contribution pension schemes) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1), for “the abolition date” substitute “ 6 April 2012 ”.

(3) In subsection (2), omit the definition of “the abolition date”.

(4) In subsection (4), for “the abolition date” (in each place) substitute “ 6 April 2012 ”.

Commencement Information

I227 Sch. 13 para. 76 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

77 In section 19 (consequential provision, repeals and revocations), in subsection (5), for “the abolition date (within the meaning of section 13)” substitute “ 6 April 2012 ”.

Commencement Information

I228 Sch. 13 para. 77 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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78.—(1) Schedule 4 (abolition of contracting-out for defined contribution pension schemes) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraphs 60, 61(1), (2)(a) and (b)(i) and (3), 64 and 65(2) for “the abolition date” (in each place) substitute “ 6 April 2012 ”.

(3) In paragraph 66 omit the definition of “the abolition date”.

Commencement Information

I229 Sch. 13 para. 78 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

The Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 13)

79 The Pensions (No2) Act is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I230 Sch. 13 para. 79 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

80 For section 21 substitute—

“21 Quality requirement: UK defined benefits schemes

21 A defined benefits scheme that has its main administration in the United Kingdom satisfies the quality requirement in relation to a jobholder if it satisfies the test scheme standard in relation to that jobholder”.

Commencement Information

I231 Sch. 13 para. 80 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

81 In section 22 (test scheme standard), for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) Subject to subsection (3), the relevant members are J and all active members who are jobholders of the same employer as J.”.

Commencement Information

I232 Sch. 13 para. 81 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

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SCHEDULE 14

Section 24.

POWER TO AMEND SCHEMES TO REFLECT ABOLITION OF CONTRACTING-OUT

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 14 applied (with modifications) (14.12.2015) by [The Occupational Pension Schemes \(Power to Amend Schemes to Reflect Abolition of Contracting-out\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/372\)](#), [regs. 1, 13\(2\), 14\(2\), 15\(2\)](#)

Introduction

1 This Schedule is about the power under section 24(2) to amend an occupational pension scheme in relation to some or all of its members.

Commencement Information

- I233** Sch. 14 para. 1 in operation at 16.7.2015 by [S.R. 2015/307](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(l\)](#)

What can the power be used to do?

- 2.—(1)** The power may be used—
- (a) to increase the employee contributions of the relevant members;
 - (b) to alter the future accrual of benefits for or in respect of them.
- (2)** But the power may not be used in a way that would—
- (a) increase the amount of the total annual employee contributions of the relevant members by more than the annual increase in the employer's national insurance contributions in respect of them,
 - (b) reduce the amount of the scheme's liabilities in respect of the benefits that accrue annually for or in respect of the relevant members by more than the annual increase in the employer's national insurance contributions in respect of them, or
 - (c) result in the sum of the amount of any increase in the total annual employee contributions of the relevant members and the amount of any reduction in the scheme's liabilities in respect of the benefits that accrue annually for or in respect of the relevant members being more than the annual increase in the employer's national insurance contributions in respect of the relevant members.
- (3)** Regulations are to define what is meant by—
- (a) the total annual employee contributions of the relevant members;

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- (b) the annual increase in an employer's national insurance contributions in respect of the relevant members;
 - (c) a scheme's liabilities in respect of the benefits that accrue annually for or in respect of the relevant members.
- (4) The regulations may make provision about the calculation of those amounts, including provision requiring them to be calculated in accordance with specified methods or assumptions.
- (5) Where the effect of using the power to increase employee contributions of the relevant members would be to increase the contributions that the employer is required to pay, the power may be used to make other amendments needed to ensure that only the employee contributions are increased because of the use of the power.
- (6) Where the effect of using the power to alter the future accrual of benefits for or in respect of the relevant members would be to decrease the contributions that any members are required to pay, the power may be used to make other amendments needed to ensure that the contributions of those members are not decreased because of the use of the power.

Commencement Information

I234 Sch. 14 para. 2 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(I)

3.—(1) The power may not be used in a way that would or might adversely affect the subsisting rights of—

- (a) a member of the scheme, or
 - (b) a survivor of a member of the scheme.
- (2) “Subsisting right” and “survivor” have the meanings given by Article 67A of the 1995 Order.

Commencement Information

I235 Sch. 14 para. 3 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(I)

4 Regulations may impose further restrictions on the use of the power.

Commencement Information

I236 Sch. 14 para. 4 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(I)

Creation of exceptions

5 The power may not be used to amend a scheme in relation to a member of a description specified in regulations under this paragraph.

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Commencement Information

I237 Sch. 14 para. 5 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(l)

Requirement for actuary's certificates

6.—(1) The power may be used only if an actuary has certified that the proposed amendments would comply with such of the requirements imposed by or under this Schedule as are specified in regulations under this paragraph.

(2) “Actuary” means—

- (a) a person of a description specified in regulations, or
- (b) a person approved by the Department.

Commencement Information

I238 Sch. 14 para. 6 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(l)

When can the power be used?

7 The power may be used before or after the repeal of section 37 of the Pension Schemes Act comes into operation (but amendments made under it must not be framed so as to take effect before the repeal comes into operation).

Commencement Information

I239 Sch. 14 para. 7 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(l)

8 An amendment made before the repeal of section 37 of the Pension Schemes Act comes into operation does not take effect in relation to any relevant members who have ceased to be in contracted-out employment by reference to the scheme before the repeal comes into operation.

Commencement Information

I240 Sch. 14 para. 8 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(l)

Can the power be used more than once?

9.—(1) The power may be used to amend a scheme in relation to the same members on more than one occasion.

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(2) For the purposes of paragraph 2 as it applies in relation to the use of the power on the second or subsequent occasion, all of the amendments are to be treated as if they were being made on that occasion.

(3) Regulations may make further provision modifying section 24(2) to (7) or this Schedule (including paragraph 2) where the power is used to amend the scheme in relation to the same members on more than one occasion.

Commencement Information

I241 Sch. 14 para. 9 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(l)

Modifications for multi-employer or sectionalised schemes

10.—(1) Regulations may modify section 24(2) to (7) or this Schedule as it applies in relation to—

- (a) multi-employer schemes,
- (b) schemes that have different rules for different members.

(2) “Multi-employer scheme” means a scheme in relation to which there is more than one employer.

Commencement Information

I242 Sch. 14 para. 10 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(l)

The power overrides other legislation

11 An amendment under section 24 and this Schedule may be made in relation to any member, and has effect, despite anything in any other statutory provision to the contrary.

Commencement Information

I243 Sch. 14 para. 11 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(l)

Procedural requirements and supplementary matters

12 Regulations may impose procedural requirements about the use of the power and the manner in which any amendments must be made.

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Commencement Information

I244 Sch. 14 para. 12 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(l)

13 Regulations under this Schedule may confer a discretion on a person.

Commencement Information

I245 Sch. 14 para. 13 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(l)

Information

14.—(1) Regulations may require the trustees or managers of an occupational pension scheme to provide information requested by an employer in connection with the powers given by section 24(2).

(2) The regulations may provide for Article 10 of the 1995 Order (civil penalties) to apply to a person who fails to comply with a requirement.

(3) In this paragraph “managers”, in relation to a pension scheme (other than a scheme established under a trust), means the persons responsible for the management of the scheme.

Commencement Information

I246 Sch. 14 para. 14 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(l)

Definitions

15 In this Schedule—

“employee contributions” means, in relation to a member of a scheme, contributions made to the scheme by or on behalf of the member on his or her own account;

“relevant member”, in relation to a scheme, means a current member in relation to whom the scheme has been or is to be amended under section 24(2).

Commencement Information

I247 Sch. 14 para. 15 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(l)

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SCHEDULE 15

Section 25.

OPTION TO BOOST OLD RETIREMENT PENSIONS

The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 4)

1 The Contributions and Benefits Act is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I248 [Sch. 15 para. 1](#) in operation at 16.7.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/307](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(1\)](#)

I249 [Sch. 15 para. 1](#) in operation at 12.10.2015 in so far as not already in operation by [S.R. 2015/329](#), [art. 2\(3\)](#)

2 In section 43 (persons entitled to more than one retirement pension), in subsection (1) after “subsection (2) below” insert “ and section 61ZC below (which deals with unusual cases involving units of additional pension) ”.

Commencement Information

I250 [Sch. 15 para. 2](#) in operation at 12.10.2015 by [S.R. 2015/329](#), [art. 2\(3\)](#)

3 In section 44 (Category A retirement pension), in subsection (3)—

(a) in paragraph (b), at the end insert “ or where the pensioner has one or more units of additional pension ”;

(b) after paragraph (b) insert—

“For units of additional pension, see section 14A.”.

Commencement Information

I251 [Sch. 15 para. 3](#) in operation at 12.10.2015 by [S.R. 2015/329](#), [art. 2\(3\)](#)

4.—(1) Section 45 (rate of additional pension in a Category A retirement pension) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)—

(a) after “shall be” insert “ the sum of the following—

(a) in relation to any surpluses in the pensioner's earnings factors,”;

(b) at the end insert “; and

(b) if the pensioner has one or more units of additional pension, a specified amount for each of those units.”.

(3) In subsection (2), at the end of paragraph (d) insert “; and

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(e) if the pensioner has one or more units of additional pension, a specified amount for each of those units.”.

(4) After subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) For the purposes of subsections (1)(b) and (2)(e) the “specified amount” is an amount to be specified by the Department in regulations.”.

Commencement Information

I252 Sch. 15 para. 4 in operation at 16.7.2015 for specified purposes by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(2)(l)

I253 Sch. 15 para. 4 in operation at 12.10.2015 in so far as not already in operation by S.R. 2015/329, art. 2(3)

5 In section 52 (special provision for surviving spouses), after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) In subsection (3) the references to additional pension in a Category A or Category B retirement pension do not include any amount of additional pension attributable to units of additional pension.

(3B) If an amount of additional pension in the Category B retirement pension is attributable to units of additional pension, the additional pension in the Category A retirement pension is increased by that amount (in addition to any increase under subsection (3)).”.

Commencement Information

I254 Sch. 15 para. 5 in operation at 12.10.2015 by S.R. 2015/329, art. 2(3)

6 After section 61 insert—

“61ZA Shortfall in contributions: people with units of additional pension

(1) This section applies to a person who has one or more units of additional pension if the person—

- (a) is not entitled to a Category A retirement pension, but
- (b) would be entitled to a Category A retirement pension if the relevant contribution conditions were satisfied.

(2) The relevant contribution conditions are to be taken to be satisfied for the purposes of the person's entitlement to a Category A retirement pension.

(3) But where a person is entitled to a Category A retirement pension because of this section, the only element of that pension to which the person is so entitled is the additional pension attributable to the units of additional pension.

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- (4) For units of additional pension, see section 14A.

61ZB Shortfall in contributions: people whose dead spouse or civil partner had units of additional pension

(1) This section applies to a person whose spouse or civil partner died with one or more units of additional pension if the person—

- (a) is not entitled to a Category B retirement pension as a result of the death, but
- (b) would be entitled to a Category B retirement pension as a result of the death if the relevant contribution conditions were satisfied.

(2) The relevant contribution conditions are to be taken to be satisfied for the purposes of the person's entitlement to that Category B retirement pension.

(3) But where a person is entitled to a Category B retirement pension because of this section, the only element of that pension to which the person is so entitled is the additional pension attributable to the units of additional pension.

- (4) For units of additional pension, see section 14A.

61ZC Entitlement to more than one pension: sections 61ZA and 61ZB

(1) Section 43 does not prevent a person from being entitled for the same period to both—

- (a) a Category A retirement pension because of section 61ZA, and
- (b) one Category B retirement pension.

(2) Section 43 does not prevent a person from being entitled for the same period to both—

- (a) a Category A retirement pension, and
- (b) one Category B retirement pension because of section 61ZB (or, if there is more than one such Category B retirement pension, the most favourable of them).

(3) Accordingly—

- (a) in section 43(2)(a) the reference to “a Category A or a Category B retirement pension”, in a case in which subsection (1) or (2) of this section applies, includes “a Category A and a Category B retirement pension”,
- (b) in sections 43(3)(a) and (aa), 51A and 52 “Category A retirement pension” does not include a pension to which a person is entitled because of section 61ZA, and

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- (c) in sections 43(3)(a) and 52 “Category B retirement pension” does not include a pension to which a person is entitled because of section 61ZB.”.

Commencement Information

I255 Sch. 15 para. 6 in operation at 12.10.2015 by S.R. 2015/329, art. 2(3)

The Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (NI 11)

7 In Article 44 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (shareable state scheme rights), in paragraph (2)(a) omit “earnings-related”.

Commencement Information

I256 Sch. 15 para. 7 in operation at 12.10.2015 by S.R. 2015/329, art. 2(3)

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SCHEDULE 16

Section 30.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PAYMENT: AMENDMENTS

VALID FROM 06/04/2017

The Forfeiture (Northern Ireland) Order 1982 (NI 14)

1 In Article 6 of the Forfeiture (Northern Ireland) Order 1982 (Commissioner to decide whether forfeiture rule applies to social security benefits), in the definition of “relevant enactment” in paragraph (5), after the entry relating to Part 1 of this Act (inserted by Schedule 12) insert— “section 29 of that Act, ”.

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The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7)

2 The Contributions and Benefits Act is amended as follows.

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3.—(1) Section 20 (descriptions of contributory benefits) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1), for paragraph (ea) substitute—

“(ea) widowed parent's allowance;”.

(3) In subsection (2), in the definition of “long-term benefit” omit paragraph (bb).

4.—(1) Section 21 (contribution conditions) is amended as follows.

(2) In the table in subsection (2) omit the entries for bereavement payment and bereavement allowance.

(3) Omit subsection (4).

5 In section 22 (earnings factors), in subsection (2), after paragraph (c) (inserted by Schedule 12) insert “and

(d) establishing entitlement to bereavement support payment under section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”.

6.—(1) Section 23A (contributions credits for relevant parents and carers) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1) omit paragraph (e).

(3) In subsection (6)(b) omit “or (e)”.

7 For the italic heading above section 36 substitute “ Bereavement benefits: deaths before the day on which section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 comes into operation ”.

8 Section 36 (bereavement payment) is repealed.

9 Section 36A (cases in which sections 37 to 41 apply) is repealed.

10.—(1) Section 37 (widowed mother's allowance) is amended as follows.

(2) Before subsection (1) insert—

“(A1) This section applies only in cases where a woman's husband has died before 9 April 2001.”.

(3) At the end of the heading insert “ : deaths before 9 April 2001 ”.

11.—(1) Section 38 (widow's pension) is amended as follows.

(2) Before subsection (1) insert—

“(A1) This section applies only in cases where a woman's husband has died before 9 April 2001.”.

(3) At the end of the heading insert “ : deaths before 9 April 2001 ”.

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12 In section 39A (widowed parent's allowance), for subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) This section applies where—

- (a) a person's spouse or civil partner has died before the day on which section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 comes into operation (but see subsection (1A)),
- (b) the person has not married or formed a civil partnership after the death but before that day, and
- (c) the person is under pensionable age on that day.

(1A) This section does not apply in cases where a woman's husband has died before 9 April 2001.”.

13 Section 39B (bereavement allowance where no dependent children) is repealed.

14.—(1) Section 39C (rate of widowed parent's allowance and bereavement allowance) is amended as follows.

- (2) Omit subsection (2).
- (3) Omit subsection (5).
- (4) In the heading omit “and bereavement allowance”.

15 In section 48B (Category B retirement pension for widows and widowers), in subsection (8), for “the appointed day (as defined by section 36A(3))” substitute “9 April 2001”.

16 In section 48BB (Category B retirement pension: entitlement by reference to benefits under section 39A or 39B), in subsection (3)(a)(i), after “bereavement allowance” insert “under section 39B (before that section was repealed) ”.

17.—(1) Section 60 (complete or partial failure to satisfy contribution condition) is amended as follows.

- (2) In subsection (1) omit paragraph (ab).
- (3) In subsection (3) omit paragraphs (a) and (bb).

18.—(1) Schedule 3 (contribution conditions for entitlement to benefit) is amended as follows.

- (2) Omit paragraph 4 and the italic heading above it.
- (3) Omit paragraphs 7 and 9.

19 In Schedule 4 (rates of benefits etc.) omit Part 2.

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The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

20 The Administration Act is amended as follows.

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21.—(1) Section 1 (entitlement to benefit dependent on claim) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) Where under subsection (1) a person is required to make a claim or to be treated as making a claim for a benefit in order to be entitled to it, the person is not entitled to it in respect of any period more than 12 months before the date on which the claim is made or treated as made.

(2A) But subsection (2) does not apply—

- (a) to disablement benefit or reduced earnings allowance, or
- (b) in a case where a claim for the benefit is made or treated as made by virtue of section 3(2).”.

(3) In subsection (4), after paragraph (zb) (inserted by Schedule 12) insert—

“(zc) bereavement support payment under section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

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22 In section 2A (claim or full entitlement to certain benefits conditional on work-focused interview), in subsection (2)(c), omit “(other than a bereavement payment)”.

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23.—(1) Section 3 (late claims for bereavement benefit where death is difficult to establish) is amended as follows.

(2) Subsection (3) is repealed.

(3) After subsection (4) add—

“(5) In subsection (2) “bereavement benefit” means—

- (a) bereavement support payment, or
- (b) widowed parent's allowance.”.

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24 In section 5 (regulations about claims for and payments of benefits), in subsection (2), after paragraph (zb) (inserted by Schedule 12) insert—

“(zc) bereavement support payment under section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

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25 In section 69 (overpayments - general), in subsection (11), before paragraph (b) insert—

“(ae) bereavement support payment under section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

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26 In section 115CA (interpretation of Part 6), in subsection (1), after paragraph (hl) (inserted by Schedule 12) insert—

“(hm) Part 5 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

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27 In section 116B (supply of other government information for fraud prevention and verification), in subsection (3)(b), after “, Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015” (inserted by Schedule 12) insert “, section 29 of that Act”.

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28 In section 118 (regulations as to notification of deaths), in subsection (1), after “, Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015” (inserted by Schedule 12) insert “, section 29 of that Act”.

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29.—(1) Section 143 (general financial arrangements) is amended as follows.

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(2) In subsection (1), after paragraph (za) (inserted by Schedule 12) insert—

“(zb) bereavement support payment under section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

(3) In subsection (2)(a), after “, Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015” (inserted by Schedule 12) insert “, section 29 of that Act”.

(4) In subsection (3)(b), after “or Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015” (inserted by Schedule 12) insert “or section 29 of that Act”.

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30 In section 149 (Social Security Advisory Committee), in subsection (5) in the definition of “the relevant enactments”, after paragraph (am) (inserted by Schedule 12) insert—

“(an) section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

31.—(1) Section 155 (reciprocal agreements) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (3)(a), after “Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015” (inserted by Schedule 12) insert “, Part 5 of that Act”.

(3) In subsection (4), after paragraph (ag) (inserted by Schedule 12) insert—
“(ah) to Part 5 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

(4) In subsection (5)—

(a) after “Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015” (inserted by Schedule 12) insert “or section 29 of that Act”;

(b) after paragraph (ad) (inserted by Schedule 12) insert—
“(ae) bereavement support payment;”.

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32 In section 163 (inalienability), in subsection (1), before paragraph (b) insert—

“(ae) bereavement support payment under section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

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33 In section 167(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “benefit”, at the end add “ and bereavement support payment under section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”.

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The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (NI 2)

34 In Article 4 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (payments into National Insurance Fund out of appropriated money) in paragraph (1) in the definition of “estimated benefits expenditure”, after “(za),” (inserted by Schedule 12) insert “ (zb), ”.

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The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (NI 10)

35 The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 is amended as follows.

36 In Article 4 (use of computers), in paragraph (2), after sub-paragraph (m) (inserted by Schedule 12) insert “or

(n) section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

37.—(1) Article 9 (decisions by Department) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (3), after sub-paragraph (ab) (inserted by Schedule 12) insert—

“(ac) bereavement support payment under section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”.

(3) In paragraph (4), after “Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015” (inserted by Schedule 12) insert “ or section 29 of that Act ”.

38 In Article 12 (regulations with respect to decisions), in paragraph (3), in the definition of “the current legislation”, after “Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015” (inserted by Schedule 12) insert “ and section 29 of that Act ”.

39 In Article 27 (restrictions on entitlement in cases of error), in paragraph (7), in the definition of “benefit”—

(a) before paragraph (e) insert—

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“(dg) bereavement support payment under section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;”;

(b) for paragraph (e) substitute—

“(e) any benefit corresponding to a benefit mentioned in any of the foregoing paragraphs of this definition; and”.

40 In Article 28 (correction of errors in decisions etc.), in paragraph (3) (j), after “Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015” (inserted by Schedule 12) insert “ or section 29 of that Act ”.

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The Social Security Fraud Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (c. 17)

41 The Social Security Fraud Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 is amended as follows.

42 In section 5A (definitions), in the definition of “disqualifying benefit”, before paragraph (d) insert—

“(cb) bereavement support payment under section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 or under section 30 of the Pensions Act 2014;”.

43 In section 5A (definitions), in the definition of “sanctionable benefit”—

(a) at the end of paragraph (c), omit “or”;

(b) after paragraph (c) insert—

“(ca) bereavement support payment under section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015; or”.

44 In section 9 (power to supplement and mitigate loss of benefit provisions), in subsection (3), after paragraph (bf) (inserted by Schedule 12) insert—

“(bg) bereavement support payment under section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 or under section 30 of the Pensions Act 2014;”.

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The Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (c. 1)

45 The Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 is amended as follows.

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46 In section 660 (taxable benefits: UK benefits - Table A), in the table in subsection (1), in the entry relating to bereavement allowance, omit the words “SSCB(NI)A 1992 Section 39B” (in the second column).

47 In section 677 (UK social security benefits wholly exempt from tax), in Part 1 of Table B in subsection (1), in the entry relating to bereavement payments, omit the words “SSCB(NI)A 1992 Section 36” (in the second column).

SCHEDULE 17

Section 32.

AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF PENSION BENEFITS ETC.

PROSPECTIVE

PART 1

AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF PENSION BENEFITS

Regulations providing for transfer of cash equivalent of transferable benefits

1.—(1) The Department must make regulations with a view to ensuring that, where a qualifying member of an automatic transfer scheme has transferable benefits under another pension scheme, the cash equivalent of the transferable benefits—

- (a) is transferred to the automatic transfer scheme, and
- (b) is used to provide rights for the member under it.

(2) In this Schedule “automatic transfer scheme” means—

- (a) a work-based pension scheme, other than a scheme of a prescribed description, which is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004 and is a money purchase scheme, or
- (b) a pension scheme of a prescribed description.

(3) In this Schedule “qualifying member”, in relation to an automatic transfer scheme, means an active member of the scheme of a prescribed description.

(4) For the purposes of this Schedule a person has transferable benefits under a pension scheme if—

- (a) the scheme is a transferable benefits scheme,
- (b) the person is a member of the scheme,

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- (c) contributions to the scheme by, or on behalf or in respect of, the member have ceased,
 - (d) the member has accrued rights to benefits under the scheme rules,
 - (e) all of those rights accrued on or after the prescribed date (which may be a date before the coming into operation of this paragraph),
 - (f) the cash equivalent of those benefits is less than the prescribed amount (but not nil), and
 - (g) any other prescribed conditions are met.
- (5) In this Schedule “transferable benefits scheme” means—
- (a) a work-based pension scheme, other than a scheme of a prescribed description, which is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004 and is a money purchase scheme, or
 - (b) a pension scheme of a prescribed description.
- (6) In sub-paragraph (4)—
- (a) the reference to “scheme rules” is to be read in accordance with section 96B of the Pension Schemes Act;
 - (b) “benefits” means—
 - (i) money purchase benefits other than money purchase benefits of a prescribed description, or
 - (ii) benefits of a prescribed description.

*Automatic transfer scheme to find out
whether members have transferable benefits*

2.—(1) The regulations must require the trustees or managers of an automatic transfer scheme to take steps to find out whether a qualifying member of the scheme has transferable benefits under another pension scheme.

- (2) The regulations may make provision—
- (a) about when a step is to be taken (for example, within a prescribed period after a person becomes a qualifying member or at prescribed intervals);
 - (b) for the steps to be taken at any particular time to relate to a particular qualifying member, or to some or all qualifying members.

Automatic transfer scheme to request transfer of cash equivalent

3.—(1) The regulations must require the trustees or managers of an automatic transfer scheme to give a transfer notice if—

- (a) they find out that a qualifying member of the scheme has transferable benefits under another pension scheme, and

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(b) any other prescribed conditions are met.

(2) A “transfer notice” is a notice given to the trustees or managers of the other pension scheme requesting the transfer of the cash equivalent of the transferable benefits to the automatic transfer scheme.

(3) The conditions that may be prescribed because of sub-paragraph (1)(b) include a condition that the trustees or managers must not give a transfer notice unless the qualifying member consents in accordance with the regulations.

Right to opt out of automatic transfer

4.—(1) If the regulations do not include the condition mentioned in paragraph 3(3), they must ensure that where the duty to give a transfer notice has arisen in relation to transferable benefits of a qualifying member of an automatic transfer scheme, the member can opt out of the transfer in accordance with the regulations.

(2) The regulations must provide that, where the member does opt out—

- (a) the duty to give the transfer notice is not to be complied with, and
- (b) the cash equivalent of the member's transferable benefits is not to be transferred.

Information to be given to qualifying members of automatic transfer schemes

5.—(1) The regulations must require a prescribed person to give information to a qualifying member of an automatic transfer scheme who has transferable benefits under another scheme for the purpose of helping the member to decide whether (as applicable)—

- (a) to consent to the giving of a transfer notice in relation to the transferable benefits, or
- (b) to opt out of the transfer of the cash equivalent of the transferable benefits.

(2) The information to be given—

- (a) must include information about the effect of the regulations, and in particular the member's power to consent or right to opt out (as applicable);
- (b) may include other information, for example information about the schemes.

Transferable benefits scheme to comply with request

6.—(1) The regulations must require the trustees or managers of a pension scheme who receive a transfer notice requesting the transfer of the cash equivalent of a person's transferable benefits to do what is needed to carry out the request.

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(2) The regulations may in particular—

- (a) require the trustees or managers of the scheme to take particular steps to carry out the request;
- (b) provide for the discharge, in prescribed circumstances, of any obligation to provide the transferable benefits.

(3) The regulations may provide for circumstances in which the duty to carry out the request does not apply.

*Automatic transfer scheme to use cash
equivalent to provide rights under the scheme*

7.—(1) The regulations must require the trustees or managers of an automatic transfer scheme to whom the cash equivalent of a person's transferable benefits is transferred to use the cash equivalent to provide rights for the person under the scheme.

(2) The regulations may make provision about how that is to be done and in particular about—

- (a) the nature and value of the rights to be provided;
- (b) calculating and verifying the value of the rights to be provided.

Cash equivalents: calculation and verification

8.—(1) The regulations may provide for the manner in which cash equivalents are to be calculated and verified.

(2) The regulations may in particular—

- (a) provide that a cash equivalent is to be increased or reduced in prescribed circumstances;
- (b) make provision about the time by reference to which a cash equivalent is to be calculated for the purposes of a provision of the regulations.

(3) Regulations made because of sub-paragraph (2)(a) may provide for a cash equivalent to be reduced to nil.

Disclosure of information and establishment of database

9.—(1) The regulations must make provision about disclosure of information.

(2) The regulations may in particular require a person to disclose information to another person—

- (a) for the purposes of helping a person to comply with a duty imposed on the person by the regulations or by corresponding regulations made by

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the Secretary of State under paragraph 9 of Schedule 17 to the Pensions Act 2014, or

(b) otherwise for the purposes of a provision of the regulations or of corresponding regulations made by the Secretary of State under paragraph 9 of Schedule 17 to the Pensions Act 2014.

(3) The regulations may require the Department or the Regulator to establish and operate a database containing information relating to people who have or had transferable benefits for the purposes of helping the trustees or managers of an automatic transfer scheme to comply with their duties under the regulations.

Compliance

10.—(1) The regulations may make provision with a view to ensuring compliance with any provision of the regulations.

(2) For this purpose the regulations may in particular—

(a) provide for the Regulator to issue a notice (a “compliance notice”) to a person with a view to ensuring the person's compliance with a provision of the regulations;

(b) provide for the Regulator to issue a notice (a “third party compliance notice”) to a person with a view to ensuring another person's compliance with a provision of the regulations;

(c) provide for the Regulator to issue a notice (a “penalty notice”) imposing a penalty on a person where the Regulator is of the opinion that the person has failed to comply with a compliance notice or third party compliance notice or has contravened a provision of the regulations;

(d) provide for the making of a reference to the First-tier Tribunal or Upper Tribunal in respect of the issue of a penalty notice or the amount of a penalty;

(e) confer other functions on the Regulator.

(3) The regulations may make provision for determining the amount, or the maximum amount, of a penalty in respect of a failure or contravention.

(4) But the amount of a penalty imposed under the regulations in respect of a failure or contravention must not exceed—

(a) £5,000, in the case of an individual, and

(b) £50,000, in any other case.

Record keeping

11.—(1) The regulations may require any person—

(a) to make records;

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- (b) to preserve records for a prescribed period;
- (c) to provide records to the Regulator on request.

(2) The regulations may provide that Article 10 of the 1995 Order (civil penalties) applies to a person who fails to comply with those requirements.

Further provision about the regulations

12 The regulations may—

- (a) impose or confer other functions on the trustees or managers of an automatic transfer scheme or transferable benefits scheme;
- (b) confer a discretion on a person.

PROSPECTIVE

PART 2

MERGER OF PENSION ACCOUNTS

13.—(1) The Department may by regulations make provision for the purposes of requiring dormant pension accounts of a qualifying member of an automatic transfer scheme to be merged into a current pension account of the member.

(2) The regulations may not require a dormant pension account to be merged unless the accrued rights to benefits to which the account relates would be transferable benefits of the member if—

- (a) all other accrued rights to benefits of the member, and any relevant contributions, were ignored, and
- (b) any other prescribed matter were ignored.

(3) The regulations may in particular—

- (a) make provision for determining into which current pension account (if the member has more than one) a dormant pension account is to be merged;
- (b) provide that the rules of the scheme that are to apply to a merged pension account are those that apply to the current pension account into which a dormant pension account is being merged;
- (c) require the trustees or managers of the scheme to make a transfer of assets representing the accrued rights to benefits to which a dormant pension account relates;
- (d) include provision corresponding or similar to any provision which may be made by regulations under Part 1.

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(4) In this paragraph “pension account”, in relation to a member of a scheme, means an account relating to the member's accrued rights to benefits in respect of a particular period of employment; and a pension account—

- (a) is “dormant” if relevant contributions in relation to the period of employment to which the account relates have ceased; and
- (b) is “current” if such contributions have not ceased.

(5) In this paragraph—

- (a) references to “accrued rights to benefits”, in relation to a member of a scheme, are to accrued rights to benefits under the applicable rules (within the meaning given by paragraph 1(6));
- (b) “employment” has the prescribed meaning;
- (c) “relevant contributions”, in relation to a member of a scheme, means contributions to the scheme by, or on behalf or in respect of, the member.

PART 3

INTERPRETATION ETC.

Interpretation etc.

14.—(1) In this Schedule—

“active member”—

- (a) in relation to an occupational pension scheme, has the meaning given by Article 121(1) of the 1995 Order, and
- (b) in relation to a personal pension scheme, means a member of the scheme in respect of whom contributions are being paid into the scheme;

“automatic transfer scheme” has the meaning given by paragraph 1(2);

“managers”, in relation to a pension scheme (other than a scheme established under a trust), means the persons responsible for the management of the scheme;

“money purchase benefits” has the meaning given by section 176(1) of the Pension Schemes Act;

“money purchase scheme” has the meaning given by section 176(1) of the Pension Schemes Act;

“occupational pension scheme” has the meaning given by section 1 of the Pension Schemes Act;

“pension scheme” means—

- (a) an occupational pension scheme, or

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(b) a personal pension scheme;

“personal pension scheme” has the meaning given by section 1 of the Pension Schemes Act;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Department;

“qualifying member” has the meaning given by paragraph 1(3);

“the Regulator” means the Pensions Regulator;

“transferable benefits”, and references to a person having transferable benefits, are to be read in accordance with paragraph 1(4);

“transferable benefits scheme” has the meaning given by paragraph 1(5);

“transfer notice” means a notice given under regulations made because of paragraph 3;

“work-based pension scheme” means—

- (a) an occupational pension scheme,
- (b) a personal pension scheme where direct payment arrangements (within the meaning of section 107A of the Pension Schemes Act) exist in respect of one or more members of the scheme who are workers, or
- (c) a personal pension scheme which is or has been registered under Article 4 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (stakeholder pension schemes);

“worker” means a person—

- (a) who is a worker for the purposes of Part 1 of the Pensions (No. 2) Act, or
- (b) to whom a provision of Part 1 of that Act applies as if the person were a worker because of a provision of Chapter 7 of that Part;

but for the purposes of paragraph (b), ignore section 74 of that Act.

(2) The Department may by regulations make provision about when contributions to a pension scheme are to be regarded as having ceased for the purposes of paragraph 1(4)(c) or 13(4).

Commencement Information

I257 Sch. 17 para. 14(1) in operation at 16.7.2015 for specified purposes by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(m)(i)

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PROSPECTIVE

Crown application

15.—(1) This Schedule applies to a pension scheme managed by or on behalf of the Crown as it applies to other pension schemes.

(2) Accordingly, references in this Schedule to a person in the person's capacity as a trustee or manager of a pension scheme include the Crown, or a person acting on behalf of the Crown, in that capacity.

(3) This Schedule applies to persons employed by or under the Crown as it applies to persons employed by a private person.

PROSPECTIVE

Overriding provision

16.—(1) Regulations under this Schedule may provide that specified provisions override any provision of an automatic transfer scheme or transferable benefits scheme to the extent that it conflicts with them.

(2) A “specified provision” is a provision of regulations under this Schedule specified in the regulations for the purposes of this paragraph.

PROSPECTIVE

Other provision relating to regulations under this Schedule

17.—(1) Regulations under this Schedule may amend or otherwise modify any statutory provision (whenever passed or made).

(2) Regulations made because of sub-paragraph (1) may in particular amend section 170(1) of the Pension Schemes Act (levies towards certain expenditure) so as to include expenditure of the Department or the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs under the regulations or expenditure of the Secretary of State or the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs under regulations under paragraph 9(3) of Schedule 17 to the Pensions Act 2014.

18 Before making any regulations under this Schedule, the Department must consult such persons as it considers appropriate, but that duty to consult does not apply to regulations making only provision corresponding to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State in relation to Great Britain.

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Amendments

- 19.—**(1) The Pension Schemes Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 90(2A) (right to cash equivalent)—
- (a) in paragraph (a), after sub-paragraph (vii) insert—
- “(viii) regulations made under Schedule 17 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”;
- (b) in paragraph (b), after sub-paragraph (v) insert—
- “(vi) regulations made under paragraph 17 of Schedule 17 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”.
- (3) In section 96B(2) (meaning of “scheme rules”: occupational pension schemes)—
- (a) in paragraph (a), after sub-paragraph (x) insert—
- “(xi) regulations made under Schedule 17 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”;
- (b) in paragraph (b), after sub-paragraph (vii) insert—
- “(viii) regulations made under paragraph 16 of Schedule 17 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”.
- (4) In section 97AI(7) (rights to cash transfer sum and contribution refund: further provisions)—
- (a) in paragraph (a), after sub-paragraph (ix) insert—
- “(x) regulations made under Schedule 17 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”;
- (b) in paragraph (b), after sub-paragraph (vii) insert—
- “(viii) regulations made under paragraph 17 of Schedule 17 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”.

Commencement Information

I258 Sch. 17 para. 19(1) in operation at 16.7.2015 for specified purposes by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(m)(ii)

I259 Sch. 17 para. 19(3) in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(m)(ii)

PROSPECTIVE

20 In Article 233 of the 2005 Order (no indemnification for fines or civil penalties), in paragraph (1)(b)—

- (a) for “or section” substitute “, section”;

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- (b) after “2008” insert “ or paragraph 10 of Schedule 17 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”.

SCHEDULE 18

Section 42.

POWER TO RESTRICT CHARGES OR IMPOSE REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION TO SCHEMES

Power to restrict charges

1.—(1) The Department may by regulations make provision—

- (a) prohibiting administration charges which are of a specified class or description, or which exceed specified limits, from being imposed on a member of a relevant scheme;
- (b) prohibiting a relevant scheme from containing provision under which administration charges which are of a specified class or description, or which exceed specified limits, will or may be imposed on a member of the scheme.

“Specified” means specified in the regulations.

(2) The regulations—

- (a) may make provision for the manner of, and criteria for, determining whether an administration charge is of a specified class or description or exceeds specified limits;
- (b) may provide for the determination to be made in accordance with guidance issued from time to time by the Department.

(3) The regulations may impose duties on the trustees or managers of a relevant scheme or others.

(4) The regulations may provide that a scheme is not a qualifying scheme in relation to a jobholder for the purposes of Part 1 of the Pensions (No. 2) Act if a provision of the regulations—

- (a) is contravened, or
- (b) is contravened in a way specified in the regulations.

(5) In this paragraph—

“administration charge”, in relation to a member of a pension scheme, means any of the following to the extent that they may be used to meet the administrative expenses of the scheme, to pay commission or in any other way that does not result in the provision of pension benefits for or in respect of members—

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- (a) any payments made to the scheme by, or on behalf or in respect of, the member,
 - (b) any income or capital gain arising from the investment of such payments, or
 - (c) the value of the member's rights under the scheme;
- “relevant scheme” means a pension scheme of a description specified in the regulations.

Commencement Information

I260 Sch. 18 para. 1 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(n)

Power to impose requirements relating to administration or governance

2.—(1) The Department may by regulations impose requirements relating to the administration or governance of a relevant scheme that must be satisfied in relation to the scheme.

(2) The regulations—

- (a) may make provision for the manner of, and criteria for, determining whether a requirement is satisfied;
- (b) may provide for the determination to be made in accordance with guidance issued from time to time by the Department.

(3) The regulations may impose duties on the trustees or managers of a relevant scheme or others.

(4) The regulations may provide that a scheme is not a qualifying scheme in relation to a jobholder for the purposes of Part 1 of the Pensions (No. 2) Act if a provision of the regulations—

- (a) is contravened, or
- (b) is contravened in a way specified in the regulations.

(5) In this paragraph “relevant scheme” means a pension scheme of a description specified in the regulations.

Commencement Information

I261 Sch. 18 para. 2 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(n)

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Compliance

3.—(1) The Department may by regulations make provision with a view to ensuring compliance with a provision of regulations under paragraph 1 or 2.

(2) The regulations may in particular—

- (a) provide for the Regulator to issue a notice (a “compliance notice”) to a person with a view to ensuring the person's compliance with a provision of regulations under paragraph 1 or 2;
- (b) provide for the Regulator to issue a notice (a “third party compliance notice”) to a person with a view to ensuring another person's compliance with a provision of regulations under paragraph 1 or 2;
- (c) provide for the Regulator to issue a notice (a “penalty notice”) imposing a penalty on a person where the Regulator is of the opinion that the person has failed to comply with a compliance notice or third party compliance notice or has contravened a provision of regulations under paragraph 1 or 2;
- (d) provide for the making of a reference to the First-tier Tribunal or Upper Tribunal in respect of the issue of a penalty notice or the amount of a penalty;
- (e) confer other functions on the Regulator.

(3) The regulations may make provision for determining the amount, or the maximum amount, of a penalty in respect of a failure or contravention.

(4) But the amount of a penalty imposed under the regulations in respect of a failure or contravention must not exceed—

- (a) £5,000, in the case of an individual, and
- (b) £50,000, in any other case.

Commencement Information

I262 Sch. 18 para. 3 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(n)

Interpretation

4.—(1) Expressions used in this Schedule and in Schedule 17 have the same meaning in this Schedule as in that Schedule (see paragraph 14 of that Schedule).

(2) In this Schedule “relevant scheme” is to be construed in accordance with paragraphs 1(5) and 2(5).

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Commencement Information

I263 Sch. 18 para. 4 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(n)

Crown application

5.—(1) This Schedule applies to a pension scheme managed by or on behalf of the Crown as it applies to other pension schemes.

(2) Accordingly, a reference in this Schedule to a person in the person's capacity as a trustee or manager of a pension scheme include the Crown, or a person acting on behalf of the Crown, in that capacity.

(3) This Schedule applies to persons employed by or under the Crown as it applies to persons employed by a private person.

Commencement Information

I264 Sch. 18 para. 5 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(n)

Overriding provision

6.—(1) The Department may by regulations provide that specified provisions override any provision of a relevant scheme to the extent that it conflicts with them.

(2) A “specified provision” is a provision of regulations under this Schedule specified in regulations made under sub-paragraph (1).

Commencement Information

I265 Sch. 18 para. 6 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(n)

Other provision relating to regulations under this Schedule

7 The Department may by regulations amend or otherwise modify any statutory provision (whenever passed or made) in connection with any provision made by regulations under the preceding provisions of this Schedule.

Commencement Information

I266 Sch. 18 para. 7 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(n)

8 Before making any regulations under this Schedule, the Department must consult such persons as it considers appropriate, but that duty to consult does not

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apply to regulations making only provision corresponding to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State in relation to Great Britain.

Commencement Information

I267 Sch. 18 para. 8 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(n)

Amendments

- 9.—(1) The Pension Schemes Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 90(2A) (right to cash equivalent)—
- (a) in paragraph (a), after sub-paragraph (viii) (inserted by Schedule 17) insert—

“(ix) regulations made under Schedule 18 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”;
 - (b) in paragraph (b), after sub-paragraph (vi) (inserted by Schedule 17) insert—

“(vii) regulations made under paragraph 6 of Schedule 18 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”.
- (3) In section 96B(2) (meaning of “scheme rules”: occupational pension schemes)—
- (a) in paragraph (a), after sub-paragraph (xi) (inserted by Schedule 17) insert—

“(xii) regulations made under Schedule 18 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”;
 - (b) in paragraph (b), after sub-paragraph (viii) (inserted by Schedule 17) insert—

“(ix) regulations made under paragraph 6 of Schedule 18 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”.
- (4) In section 97AI(7) (rights to cash transfer sum and contribution refund: further provisions)—
- (a) in paragraph (a), after sub-paragraph (x) (inserted by Schedule 17) insert—

“(xi) regulations made under Schedule 18 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”;
 - (b) in paragraph (b), after sub-paragraph (viii) (inserted by Schedule 17) insert—

“(ix) regulations made under paragraph 6 of Schedule 18 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.”.

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Commencement Information

I268 Sch. 18 para. 9 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(n)

10 In Article 233 of the 2005 Order (no indemnification for fines or civil penalties), in paragraph (1)(b), after “or paragraph 10 of Schedule 17 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015” (inserted by Schedule 17) insert “ or paragraph 3 of Schedule 18 to that Act. ”.

Commencement Information

I269 Sch. 18 para. 10 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(n)

11.—(1) Section 16 of the Pensions (No. 2) Act (automatic enrolment: qualifying schemes) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (3), omit paragraphs (a), (aa) and (ab).

(3) After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) See also paragraphs 1(4) and 2(4) of Schedule 18 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, which confer power to make regulations providing for a scheme not to be a qualifying scheme in relation to a jobholder in certain circumstances.”.

(4) Omit subsections (4) and (5).

Commencement Information

I270 Sch. 18 para. 11 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(n)

12 In consequence of the amendments made by paragraph 11, section 11 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2012 (qualifying schemes: administration charges) is repealed.

Commencement Information

I271 Sch. 18 para. 12 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(n)

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SCHEDULE 19

Section 45.

PROHIBITION ORDERS: CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

The Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 22)

1 The 1995 Order is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I272 Sch. 19 para. 1 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(o)

2 In Article 6 (removal or suspension of trustees: consequences)—

(a) in paragraphs (1) and (3), after “Article 3” insert “ or 3A ”;

(b) in paragraph (4), after “Article 3” insert “ , 3A ”.

Commencement Information

I273 Sch. 19 para. 2 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(o)

3 In Article 7 (appointment of trustees), in paragraph (1), after “Article 3,” insert “ by Article 3A ”.

Commencement Information

I274 Sch. 19 para. 3 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(o)

4 In Article 9 (removal and appointment of trustees: property), after “a trustee” insert “ or a trustee is removed under Article 3A ”.

Commencement Information

I275 Sch. 19 para. 4 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(o)

The Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (NI 1)

5 The 2005 Order is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I276 Sch. 19 para. 5 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(o)

6 In Article 7 (functions exercisable by the Determinations Panel), in paragraph (6), after sub-paragraph (e) insert—

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“(ea) Article 3A(3) of that Order (application for waiver of prohibition);”.

Commencement Information

I277 Sch. 19 para. 6 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(o)

7 In Article 61 (register of prohibited trustees), in paragraph (1), for the words from “of all” to the end substitute “(“the prohibition register”) of—

- (a) all persons who are prohibited under Article 3 of the 1995 Order, and
- (b) all persons appearing to the Regulator to be prohibited under Article 3A of that Order.”.

Commencement Information

I278 Sch. 19 para. 7 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(o)

8 In Article 91 (Pensions Regulator's regulatory functions: standard procedure), in paragraph (6), after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(ia) the power under Article 3A(3) of that Order to give a notice waiving a prohibition;”.

Commencement Information

I279 Sch. 19 para. 8 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(o)

9 In Article 92 (Pensions Regulator's regulatory functions: special procedure), in paragraph (5), after sub-paragraph (j) insert—

“(ja) the power under Article 3A(3) of that Order to give a notice waiving a prohibition;”.

Commencement Information

I280 Sch. 19 para. 9 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(o)

10.—(1) Schedule 2 (Pensions Regulator's reserved regulatory functions) is amended as follows.

(2) After paragraph 5 insert—

“5A The power under Article 3A(3) to give a notice waiving a prohibition.”.

(3) In paragraph 9(a), after “orders)” insert “ or by Article 3A ”.

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Commencement Information

I281 Sch. 19 para. 10 in operation at 16.7.2015 by S.R. 2015/307, art. 2(1)(o)

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SCHEDULE 20

Section 48.

PENSION PROTECTION FUND: INCREASED COMPENSATION CAP FOR LONG SERVICE

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