



2022 CHAPTER 25

Final provisions

Key definitions

8. In this Act—

- (a) “period products” means manufactured articles the purpose of which is to absorb or collect menstrual flow;
- (b) types of period products include tampons, sanitary towels and articles which are reusable;
- (c) “person”, in the context of a reference to a person who needs to use period products, means a person who menstruates (whether that person is a woman, girl or other person);
- (d) references to such a person’s “needs” are references to that person’s needs for period products arising from menstruation by that person.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 8 in operation at 13.5.2022, see [s. 10\(1\)\(b\)](#)

Interpretation

9. In this Act—

- “department” means a Northern Ireland department;
- “the Executive” means the Executive Committee of the Assembly, established under section 20 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998;

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“further education premises” means premises occupied by an institution of further education;

“higher education institution” means a body described in Article 3(2)(a) of the Higher Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2005;

“higher education premises” means premises occupied by a higher education institution;

“hospital premises” means premises occupied by a hospital within the meaning of Article 2(2) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;

“institution of further education” has the meaning given by Article 2(2) of the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997;

“public service body” means a body—

- (a) constituted by or under a statutory provision; and
- (b) having functions that consist of or include providing public services or otherwise serving the public interest,

and also includes a body falling within section 2(2)(b), (c) or (d) which is not constituted by or under a statutory provision;

“school” has the meaning given in Article 2(2) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986;

“school premises” means premises occupied by a school;

“specified public service body” means a public service body specified in regulations made under section 2;

“statutory provision” has the meaning given by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954.

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Commencement Information

I2 S. 9 in operation at 13.5.2022, see s. 10(1)(c)

Commencement

10.—(1) The following provisions of this Act come into operation on the day after Royal Assent—

- (a) section 2(1), (2) and (7) to (16);
- (b) section 8;
- (c) section 9;
- (d) this section; and
- (e) section 11.

(2) The other provisions of this Act come into operation—

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- (a) at the end of the period of two years beginning with the day of Royal Assent, or
 - (b) on such earlier day or days as the Executive Office may by order appoint instead.
- (3) An order under this section may include such transitional, transitory or saving provision as the Executive Office considers appropriate.

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Commencement Information

I3 S. 10 in operation at 13.5.2022, see [s. 10\(1\)\(d\)](#)

Short title

11. This Act may be cited as the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.

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Commencement Information

I4 S. 11 in operation at 13.5.2022, see [s. 10\(1\)\(e\)](#)

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