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## SCHEDULE 2

### [<sup>F1</sup>EQUALISATION OF AND INCREASE IN PENSIONABLE AGE FOR MEN AND WOMEN]

**F1** Sch. 2 heading substituted (11.2.2008) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 1\), s. 11\(1\), Sch. 3 para. 3](#)

## PART 1

### PENSIONABLE AGES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

#### *Rules for determining pensionable age*

1. The following rules apply for the purposes of the enactments relating to social security, that is, the following Acts and the instruments (as defined in section 1 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>F1</sup>) made, or having effect as if made, under them: the Contributions and Benefits Act, the Administration Act<sup>F2</sup>, the Pension Schemes Act <sup>F3</sup>, the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 <sup>F4</sup>, Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 and the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015<sup>F5</sup>].

#### *Rules*

(1) A man [<sup>F5</sup>born before [<sup>F6</sup>6th December 1953]] attains pensionable age when he attains the age of 65 years.

(2) A woman born before 6th April 1950 attains pensionable age when she attains the age of 60.

(3) A woman born on any day in a period mentioned in column 1 of [<sup>F7</sup>table 1] attains pensionable age at the commencement of the day shown against that period in column 2.

<sup>F8</sup>[<sup>F9</sup>(4)] .....

[<sup>F10</sup>(5) In tables 1 to 4, any reference to a period in column 1 of that table includes a reference to the first day of that period.]

[<sup>F11</sup>TABLE 1]

(1) Period within which woman's birthday falls	(2) Day pensionable age attained
6th April 1950 to 5th May 1950	6th May 2010
6th May 1950 to 5th June 1950	6th July 2010
6th June 1950 to 5th July 1950	6th September 2010
6th July 1950 to 5th August 1950	6th November 2010
6th August 1950 to 5th September 1950	6th January 2011
6th September 1950 to 5th October 1950	6th March 2011
6th October 1950 to 5th November 1950	6th May 2011
6th November 1950 to 5th December 1950	6th July 2011

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6th December 1950 to 5th January 1951	6th September 2011
6th January 1951 to 5th February 1951	6th November 2011
6th February 1951 to 5th March 1951	6th January 2012
6th March 1951 to 5th April 1951	6th March 2012
6th April 1951 to 5th May 1951	6th May 2012
6th May 1951 to 5th June 1951	6th July 2012
6th June 1951 to 5th July 1951	6th September 2012
6th July 1951 to 5th August 1951	6th November 2012
6th August 1951 to 5th September 1951	6th January 2013
6th September 1951 to 5th October 1951	6th March 2013
6th October 1951 to 5th November 1951	6th May 2013
6th November 1951 to 5th December 1951	6th July 2013
6th December 1951 to 5th January 1952	6th September 2013
6th January 1952 to 5th February 1952	6th November 2013
6th February 1952 to 5th March 1952	6th January 2014
6th March 1952 to 5th April 1952	6th March 2014
6th April 1952 to 5th May 1952	6th May 2014
6th May 1952 to 5th June 1952	6th July 2014
6th June 1952 to 5th July 1952	6th September 2014
6th July 1952 to 5th August 1952	6th November 2014
6th August 1952 to 5th September 1952	6th January 2015
6th September 1952 to 5th October 1952	6th March 2015
6th October 1952 to 5th November 1952	6th May 2015
6th November 1952 to 5th December 1952	6th July 2015
6th December 1952 to 5th January 1953	6th September 2015
6th January 1953 to 5th February 1953	6th November 2015
6th February 1953 to 5th March 1953	6th January 2016
6th March 1953 to 5th April 1953	6th March 2016
[ <sup>F12</sup> 6th April 1953 to 5th May 1953	6th July 2016
6th May 1953 to 5th June 1953	6th November 2016
6th June 1953 to 5th July 1953	6th March 2017
6th July 1953 to 5th August 1953	6th July 2017
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6th November 1953 to 5th December 1953

6th November 2018 ]

[<sup>F13</sup>(6) A person born on any day in a period mentioned in column 1 of table 2 attains pensionable age at the commencement of the day shown against that period in column 2.

**TABLE 2**

<sup>F14</sup> (1) <i>Period within which birthday falls</i>	(2) <i>Day pensionable age attained</i>
6th December 1953 to 5th January 1954	6th March 2019
6th January 1954 to 5th February 1954	6th May 2019
6th February 1954 to 5th March 1954	6th July 2019
6th March 1954 to 5th April 1954	6th September 2019
6th April 1954 to 5th May 1954	6th November 2019
6th May 1954 to 5th June 1954	6th January 2020
6th June 1954 to 5th July 1954	6th March 2020
6th July 1954 to 5th August 1954	6th May 2020
6th August 1954 to 5th September 1954	6th July 2020
6th September 1954 to 5th October 1954	6th September 2020]

(7) A person born after [<sup>F15</sup>5th October 1954] but before [<sup>F16</sup>6th April 1960] attains pensionable age when the person attains the age of 66.

[<sup>F17</sup>(8) A person born on any day in a period mentioned in column 1 of table 3 attains pensionable age when the person attains the age shown against that period in column 2.

**TABLE 3**

(1) <i>Period within which birthday falls</i>	(2) <i>Age pensionable age attained</i>
6th April 1960 to 5th May 1960	66 years and 1 month
6th May 1960 to 5th June 1960	66 years and 2 months
6th June 1960 to 5th July 1960	66 years and 3 months
6th July 1960 to 5th August 1960	66 years and 4 months
6th August 1960 to 5th September 1960	66 years and 5 months
6th September 1960 to 5th October 1960	66 years and 6 months
6th October 1960 to 5th November 1960	66 years and 7 months
6th November 1960 to 5th December 1960	66 years and 8 months
6th December 1960 to 5th January 1961	66 years and 9 months
6th January 1961 to 5th February 1961	66 years and 10 months
6th February 1961 to 5th March 1961	66 years and 11 months

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(8A) For the purposes of table 3—

- (a) a person born on 31st July 1960 is to be taken to attain the age of 66 years and 4 months at the commencement of 30th November 2026;
- (b) a person born on 31st December 1960 is to be taken to attain the age of 66 years and 9 months at the commencement of 30th September 2027;
- (c) a person born on 31st January 1961 is to be taken to attain the age of 66 years and 10 months at the commencement of 30th November 2027]

(9) A person born after [<sup>F18</sup>5th March 1961] but before 6th April 1977 attains pensionable age when the person attains the age of 67.

(10) A person born on any day in a period mentioned in column 1 of table 4 attains pensionable age at the commencement of the day shown against that period in column 2.

**TABLE 4**

<b>(1)</b> <i>Period within which birthday falls</i>	<b>(2)</b> <i>Day pensionable age attained</i>
6th April 1977 to 5th May 1977	6th May 2044
6th May 1977 to 5th June 1977	6th July 2044
6th June 1977 to 5th July 1977	6th September 2044
6th July 1977 to 5th August 1977	6th November 2044
6th August 1977 to 5th September 1977	6th January 2045
6th September 1977 to 5th October 1977	6th March 2045
6th October 1977 to 5th November 1977	6th May 2045
6th November 1977 to 5th December 1977	6th July 2045
6th December 1977 to 5th January 1978	6th September 2045
6th January 1978 to 5th February 1978	6th November 2045
6th February 1978 to 5th March 1978	6th January 2046
6th March 1978 to 5th April 1978	6th March 2046

(11) A person born after 5th April 1978 attains pensionable age when the person attains the age of 68.]

- F1** 1954 c. 33 (NI)
- F2** 2002 c. 14 (NI)
- F3** Words in Sch. 2 para. 1 substituted (27.10.2008) by [Welfare Reform Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2007 \(c. 2\), ss. 28\(1\), 60\(1\), Sch. 3 para. 8](#); S.R. 2008/276, [art. 2\(2\)\(d\)](#), Sch. Pt. 2
- F4** Words in Sch. 2 para. 1 substituted (6.4.2016) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 5\), s. 53\(3\), Sch. 12 para. 26](#)
- F5** Words in Sch. 2 para. 1(1) inserted (11.2.2008) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 1\), s. 11\(1\), Sch. 3 para. 4\(2\)](#)
- F6** Words in Sch. 2 para. 1(1) substituted (2.6.2012) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2012 \(c. 3\), ss. 1\(2\), 34\(2\)](#)
- F7** Words in Sch. 2 para. 1(3) substituted (11.2.2008) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 1\), s. 11\(1\), Sch. 3 para. 4\(3\)](#)

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- F8** Sch. 2 para. 1(4) omitted (2.6.2012) by virtue of [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2012 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 1(3), 34(2)**
- F9** Sch. 2 para. 1(4) substituted (11.2.2008) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 1\)](#), s. 11(1), **Sch. 3 para. 4(4)**
- F10** Sch. 2 para. 1(5) substituted (11.2.2008) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 1\)](#), s. 11(1), **Sch. 3 para. 4(5)**
- F11** Table heading in Sch. 2 para. 1(5) substituted (11.2.2008) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 1\)](#), s. 11(1), **Sch. 3 para. 4(6)**
- F12** Entries in Sch. 2 Table 1 substituted (2.6.2012) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2012 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 1(4), 34(2)**
- F13** Sch. 2 para. 1(6)-(11) inserted (11.2.2008) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 1\)](#), s. 11(1), **Sch. 3 para. 4(7)**
- F14** Sch. 2 Table 2 substituted (2.6.2012) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2012 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 1(5), 34(2)**
- F15** Words in Sch. 2 para. 1(7) substituted (2.6.2012) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2012 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 1(6), 34(2)**
- F16** Words in Sch. 2 para. 1(7) substituted (24.6.2015) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 26(2), 53(2)(a)**
- F17** Sch. 2 para. 1(8)(8A) substituted for Sch. 2 para. 1(8) (24.6.2015) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 26(3), 53(2)(a)**
- F18** Words in Sch. 2 para. 1(9) substituted (24.6.2015) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 26(4), 53(2)(a)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Instrument amended by [1998 c. 11 s.23 Sch.5 Pt.IV Ch.II para.72](#)
- power to am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 47 s.87](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 2 para. 18(15)(16) repealed by [2012 c. 3 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 4\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 3 para. 18(8) repealed by [2008 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 6 Pt. 1](#) (Amendment could not be applied - affected provision not available on [legislation.gov.uk](#))
- Sch. 2 Pt. 3 para. 18(18) repealed by [2008 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 6 Pt. 1](#) (Amendment could not be applied - affected provision not available on [legislation.gov.uk](#))
- art. 37(1A)(a) word inserted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 7\(a\)](#)
- art. 37(1A)(b) inserted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 7\(b\)](#)
- art. 51(5A)-(5C) inserted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) s. 43\(1\)](#)
- art. 51(7A) inserted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) s. 41\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 51(9)(10) inserted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) s. 42\(3\)](#) (This amending provision is itself amended by S.I. 2019/193, reg. 7)
- art. 67A(3)(aa)-(ac) inserted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) s. 45\(3\)](#)
- art. 67A(9)(b)(viii)-(x) inserted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) s. 45\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 73(2)(2A) substituted for art. 73(2) by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 11](#)
- art. 75(1)-(1B) substituted for art. 75(1) by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 12](#)
- art. 167(3)(aa) inserted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) s. 43\(2\)](#)