
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 1506

The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

PART I

INTRODUCTORY

Title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (3), this Order shall come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint.
- (3) The following provisions of this Order shall come into operation on the seventh day after the day on which this Order is made—
- (a) this Article and Article 2;
 - (b) paragraph (1) of Article 47 (so far as relating to a sum which is chargeable to tax by virtue of section 313 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988), and paragraphs (2) to (4) of that Article;
 - (c) Articles 62, 65, 68 and 73 to 77;
 - (d) Schedule 5.
- (4) An order under paragraph (2) may make such savings, or such transitional or consequential provision, as the Department considers necessary or expedient—
- (a) in preparation for or in connection with the coming into operation of any provision of this Order; or
 - (b) in connection with the operation of any statutory provision repealed or amended by a provision of this Order during any period when the repeal or amendment is not wholly in operation.

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** [Art. 1\(2\)](#) power partly exercised: different dates appointed for specified provisions by [S.R. 1998/312](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#);
- different dates appointed for specified provisions by [S.R. 1998/395](#), [art. 2](#);
- different dates appointed for specified provisions by [S.R. 1999/72](#), [art. 2](#);
- different dates appointed for specified provisions by [S.R. 1999/102](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#);
- 5.4.1999 appointed for specified provisions by [S.R. 1999/168](#), [art. 2](#);
- different dates appointed for specified provisions by [S.R. 1999/246](#), [arts. 2, 3](#), [Sch. 1](#);
- different dates appointed for specified provisions by [S.R. 1999/310](#), [arts. 2, 3](#), [Sch. 1](#);
- 6.9.1999 appointed for specified provisions by [S.R. 1999/371](#), [arts. 2, 3](#), [Sch. 1](#);
- 5.10.1999 appointed for specified provisions by [S.R. 1999/407](#), [arts. 2, 3](#), [Sch.](#);
- 18.10.1999 appointed for specified provisions by [S.R. 1999/428](#), [arts. 2, 3](#), [Sch. 1](#);
- different dates appointed for specified provisions by [S.R. 1999/472](#), [arts. 2, 3](#), [Sch. 1](#);

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2.7.2001 appointed for specified provisions by [S.R. 2001/260, art. 2](#);
1.10.2006 appointed for specified provision by [{S.R. 2006/360}](#), art. 2

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

“the Administration Act” means the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

“the Child Support Order” means the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;

“the Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

“the Department” means the Department of Health and Social Services;

[^{F1}“health care professional” means—

- (a) a registered medical practitioner;
- (b) a registered nurse;
- (c) an occupational therapist or physiotherapist registered with a regulatory body established by an Order in Council under section 60 of the Health Act 1999 (c. 8); or
- (d) a member of such other profession regulated by a body mentioned in section 25(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (c. 17) as the Department may prescribe;]

“the Jobseekers Order” means the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;

“prescribe” means prescribe by regulations;

“the Recovery of Benefits Order” means the Social Security (Recovery of Benefits) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997;

“statutory provision” has the meaning assigned to it by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954;

“the Vaccine Damage Payments Act” means the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979.

F1 [Art. 2\(2\)](#); definition of " health care professional" inserted (29.6.2007) by [Welfare Reform Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2007 \(c. 2\)](#), [ss. 55\(2\)](#), [60\(2\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Sch. 3 para. 8 and heading repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 12 Pt. 4](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 8 heading words substituted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 7 para. 11\(a\)](#)
- 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:

- Act amended by [1999 c. 10 s.1\(2\)Sch.1 paras.16\(r\)](#)

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

- Sch. 2 para. 7A and cross-heading inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 41\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 3A inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 42](#)
- art. 38(1A) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 16\(2\)](#)