
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 1506

The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

PART II

DECISIONS AND APPEALS

CHAPTER I

GENERAL

Decisions

Transfer of functions to the Department

- 3**^{F1}. The following functions are hereby transferred to the Department, namely—
- (a) the functions of adjudication officers appointed under section 36 of the Administration Act;
 - (b) the functions of social fund officers appointed under section 62 of that Act; and
 - (c) the functions of child support officers appointed under Article 15 of the Child Support Order.

F1 functions transf. by [1999 c. 10](#)

Use of computers

4.—(1) Any decision, determination or assessment falling to be made or certificate falling to be issued by the Department under any relevant statutory provision may be made or issued not only by an officer of the Department acting under its authority but also—

- (a) by a computer for whose operation such an officer is responsible; and
 - (b) in the case of a decision, determination or assessment that may be made or a certificate that may be issued by a person providing services to the Department, by a computer for whose operation such a person is responsible.
- (2) In this Article “relevant statutory provision” means any statutory provision contained in—
- (a) Chapter II of this Part;
 - (b) the Contributions and Benefits Act;
 - (c) the Administration Act;
 - (d) the Child Support Order;
 - (e) the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994;
 - (f) the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;
 - (g) the Jobseekers Order;^{F2} . . .

Changes to legislation: The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998, Cross Heading: Decisions is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 08 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- (h) the Recovery of Benefits Order^[F3; F4 . . .]
- ^[F3](i) the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002^{[F5; F6...}
- (j) Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007.^{[F7}or
- (k) Part 2 of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015.^{[F8[F9...}
- (l) Part 5 of that Order.^{[F10}or
- (m) Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.^{[F11} or
- (n) section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;^{[F12}or
- (o) Articles 13 to 16 of the Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016.]

F2 2002 c. 14 (NI)

F3 2002 c. 14 (NI)

F4 Word in art. 4(2)(h) repealed (27.10.2008) by Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 (c. 2), ss. 58, 60(1), **Sch. 8**; S.R. 2008/276, **art. 2(2)(d)**, Sch. Pt. 2

F5 Art. 4(2)(j) and preceding word added (27.7.2008) by Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 (c. 2), ss. 28(1), 60(1), **Sch. 3 para. 10(2)**; S.R. 2008/276, **art. 2(2)(b)**

F6 Word in art. 4(2)(i) repealed (2.5.2016 for specified purposes, 27.9.2017 in so far as not already in operation) by The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006), art. 2(2), **Sch. 2 para. 35(a)**; S.R. 2016/215, art. 2(2)(c)(v)(ff); S.R. 2017/190, art. 4(1)(2)(g)(iii)

F7 Art. 4(2)(k) and word inserted (2.5.2016 for specified purposes, 27.9.2017 in so far as not already in operation) by The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006), art. 2(2), **Sch. 2 para. 35(b)**; S.R. 2016/215, art. 2(2)(c)(v)(ff); S.R. 2017/190, art. 4(1)(2)(g)(iii)

F8 Word in art. 4(2) omitted (4.9.2017) by virtue of The Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/999), arts. 2(1), **15(4)(a) (with art. 16)**; S.R. 2017/166, art. 2(c)

F9 Art. 4(2)(l) and word inserted (20.6.2016) by The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006), art. 2(2), **Sch. 9 para. 36**; S.R. 2016/215, art. 3(2)

F10 Art. 4(2)(m) and word inserted (6.4.2016 unless brought into operation earlier by an order under s. 53(1) of the amending Act) by Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5), s. 53(3), **Sch. 12 para. 28**

F11 Art. 4(2)(n) and word inserted (6.4.2017) by Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5), s. 53(1), **Sch. 16 para. 36**; S.R. 2017/44, art. 2(2) (with arts. 3, 4)

F12 Art. 4(2)(o) and preceding word inserted (4.9.2017) by The Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/999), arts. 2(1), **15(4)(b) (with art. 16)**; S.R. 2017/166, art. 2(c)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- 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\(2\)](#)