
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 2006

The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015

PART 6

Social security: general

Payments

Payments to joint claimants

105. In section 5 of the Administration Act (regulations about claims and payments), after subsection (2A) insert—

“(2B) The power in subsection (1)(j) to make provision for the person to whom a benefit is to be paid includes, in the case of a benefit awarded to persons jointly, power to make provision for the Department to determine to which of them all or any part of a payment should be made, and in particular for the Department—

- (a) to determine that payment should be made to whichever of those persons they themselves nominate, or
- (b) to determine that payment should be made to one of them irrespective of any nomination by them.”

Commencement Information

II [Art. 105](#) in operation at 2.5.2016 by [S.R. 2016/215](#), [art. 2\(6\)\(a\)](#)

Payments on account

106.—(1) In section 5(1) of the Administration Act (regulations about claims and payments), for paragraph (s) substitute—

- “(s) for the making of a payment on account of such a benefit—
- (i) in cases where it is impracticable for a claim to be made or determined immediately, or for an award to be determined or paid in full immediately,
 - (ii) in cases of need, or
 - (iii) in cases where the Department considers in accordance with prescribed criteria that the payment can reasonably be expected to be recovered;”.

(2) Section 18 of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (payments on account), which has not been brought into operation, is repealed.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.R. 2009/4 by [S.R. 2019/107 art. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.R. 2017/190 by [S.R. 2019/4 art. 5](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.R. 2017/190 by [S.R. 2019/7 art. 3](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.R. 2017/216 by [S.R. 2018/1 art. 7](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SR 2016/46, art. 5(a) by [S.R. 2016/166 art. 3](#)

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):

- Pts. 25 modified by [S.R. 2019/212 art. 2\(2\)\(g\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk SR 2019/212](#) revoked (19.12.2020) by SR 2020/348, art. 1(2)(2))
- art. 56(1) repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 12 Pt. 1](#)