
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Regulation 2 of these Regulations further amends the Pension Protection Fund (Provision of Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 to—

make provision as to the information to be provided by the Board of the Pension Protection Fund (“the Board”) in connection with a notice under Article 104(2) of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (“the Order”) where the occupational pension scheme or section of a segregated scheme is not an eligible scheme or section, the information to be provided by the Board in connection with an application or notice under Article 113(1) or (4) respectively of the Order and requiring the Board to provide the information within the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which it receives the application, notice or all the information or documents requested (if any) (paragraph (2));

make provision for information to be provided by the Board, upon request, to a member who is a party to, or contemplating, civil partnership proceedings (paragraph (3));

require the trustees or managers of a scheme to provide the Board with information relating to each member of the scheme who is entitled to a reviewable ill health pension if the decision to award that ill health pension was made within the previous three years immediately before the assessment date (paragraph (4)); and

make provision regarding the information to be provided by members or beneficiaries to the Board where that member’s civil partnership is dissolved (paragraph (5)).

As these Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in relation to Great Britain, the requirement to consult under Article 289(1) of the Order does not apply by virtue of paragraph (2)(e) of that Article.