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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2022 No. 196**

**The Health and Social Care Pension Schemes,  
Additional Voluntary Contributions and Injury Benefits  
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022**

**PART 5**

**Amendments to the Health and Personal Social Services (Superannuation)  
(Additional Voluntary Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999**

**General**

**70.**—(1) Regulation 2 (Interpretation) is amended as provided by paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In paragraph (1), in the definition of “dependent”(1) in sub-paragraph (d), for “nominated partner” substitute “scheme partner”;

(3) For paragraphs (1A) to (1C)(2), substitute—

“(1A) A person (P) is the scheme partner of a participator if—

- (a) the participator and P are living together as if they were husband and wife or civil partners,
- (b) the participator and P are not prevented from marrying or entering into a civil partnership,
- (c) the participator and P are financially interdependent or P is financially dependent on the participator, and
- (d) neither the participator nor P is living with a third person as if they were husband and wife or as if they were civil partners.

(1B) A person is a surviving scheme partner of a participator, if the Department is satisfied that for a continuous period of at least two years, ending with the participator’s death, the person was the scheme partner of that participator”.

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(1) This definition was inserted by [S.R. 2008 No.350](#), regulation 2(2)(b) and amended by [S.R. 2015 No.121](#), regulation 49(2)(d)  
(2) Paragraphs (1A) to (1C) were inserted by [S.R. 2015 No.121](#), regulation 49(3)