

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

**2024 No. 103**

**PERIOD PRODUCTS (FREE PROVISION)**

**The Period Products (Department of Justice Specified  
Public Service Bodies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024**

*Laid before the Assembly in draft*

*Made - - - - 29th April 2024*

*Coming into operation 12th May 2024*

The Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(1), (7)(a) and (b) and (13) of the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022(1) and after consultation in accordance with section 2(8)(a) of that Act, makes the following Regulations.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Period Products (Department of Justice Specified Public Service Bodies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024 and shall come into operation on 12th May 2024.

**Commencement Information**

II Reg. 1 in operation at 12.5.2024, see [reg. 1](#)

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations—

““accommodation” means accommodation leased or owned by a specific public service body for the purpose of effecting its statutory functions;

“PSNI” means the Police Service of Northern Ireland as established under the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000(2);

“NIPB” means the Northern Ireland Policing Board as established under the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000;

(1) [2022 c.25 \(N.I.\)](#)

(2) [2000 c.32](#) [to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations]

“OPONI” means the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland as established under the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998(3);

“PBNI” means the Probation Board for Northern Ireland as established under the Probation Board (Northern Ireland) Order 1982(4);

“CJINI” means the office of the Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland as established under the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002(5);

“NIPF” means the Northern Ireland Police Fund as established under the Northern Ireland Police Fund Regulations 2016(6);

“RUCGF” means The Royal Ulster Constabulary GC Foundation as established under the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000;

“PRRT” means the Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust as established under the Police Rehabilitation and Retaining Trust Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014(7);

“service users” means persons who are in the premises of a specified public service body to make use of the services to the public provided there by the specified public body;

“staff” means employees or agency workers in the premises of a specified public service body;

“the Act” means the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022; and

“visitors” means persons with legitimate reason for being in the premises of a specified public service body, such as attending meetings or events or providing a function or service.”

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**Commencement Information**

**I2** Reg. 2 in operation at 12.5.2024, see [reg. 1](#)

**Specified public service bodies**

**3.** The bodies listed in the Schedule are specified as public service as public service bodies to which the duty in section 2(3) of the Act applies.

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**Commencement Information**

**I3** Reg. 3 in operation at 12.5.2024, see [reg. 1](#)

**Description of premises and persons**

**4.** For the purposes of section 2(3) of the Act—

- (a) the descriptions of premises listed in column 2 of the Table below are to be treated as being premises of the specified public service body listed at column 1; and
- (b) the descriptions of persons listed in column 3 of the Table below are to be treated as being in the premises of the specified public body listed at column 1.

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(3) [1998 c.32](#) [to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations]

(4) [S.I. 1982 713 \(N.I. 10\)](#) [to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations]

(5) [2002 c.26](#) [to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations]

(6) [S.R. 2016 No. 14](#)

(7) [S.R. 2014 No.163](#)

**Table 1**

	<i>Column 1 – Specified Service Body</i>	<i>Column 2 – Public Descriptions of Premises</i>	<i>Column 3 – Descriptions of Persons in Premises</i>
(a) (i)	PSNI	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public and which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(a) (ii)	PSNI	PSNI administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors
(b) (i)	NIPB	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public and which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(b) (ii)	NIPB	NIPB administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors
(c) (i)	OPONI	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public and which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(c) (ii)	OPONI	OPONI administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors
(d) (i)	PBNI	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public and which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(d) (ii)	PBNI	PBNI administrative accommodation	(i) staff

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Period Products (Department of Justice Specified Public Service Bodies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024. (See end of Document for details)

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			(ii) visitors
(e) (i)	CJINI	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public and which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(e) (ii)	CJINI	CJINI administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors
(f) (i)	NIPF	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public and which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(f) (ii)	NIPF	NIPF administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors
(g) (i)	RUCGCF	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors
(g) (ii)	RUCGCF	RUCGCF administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors
(h) (i)	PRRT	All staffed buildings used for the delivery to the public which are normally open to the public	(i) service users (ii) staff (iii) visitors

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(h) (ii)	PRRT	PRRT administrative accommodation	(i) staff (ii) visitors

**Commencement Information**

**I4** Reg. 4 in operation at 12.5.2024, see [reg. 1](#)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 29th April 2024



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Minister of Justice

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## SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

### Specified Public Service Bodies

#### Commencement Information

**I5** Sch. in operation at 12.5.2024, see [reg. 1](#)

Public Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)

Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB)

Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (OPONI)

Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI)

Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland (CJINI)

Northern Ireland Police Fund (NIPF)

Royal Ulster Constabulary GC Foundation (RUCGCF)

Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust (PRRT)

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations are made under section 2(1) of the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022. They specify the public service bodies within the functions of the Department of Justice that are subject to the duty to ensure that period products are obtainable free of charge by persons on their premises who need to use them. They provide, for the purposes of the Act, descriptions of the premises to be treated as premises.

These Regulations and Explanatory Memorandum have been produced and are available online alongside this Statutory Rule at [www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr).

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