
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 11 of the Trade Union Act 2016 (c.15) (“the 2016 Act”) inserts section 84 (contributions to political funds from members of the union), section 84A (information to members about contributing to political fund) and section 85 (manner of giving effect to section 84) into the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (c.52) (“the 1992 Act”) and amends section 82 (rules as to political fund) of the 1992 Act. These sections apply, after commencement and at the end of a transition period, to a person:-

- (a) who joins a trade union that has a political fund, or
- (b) who is a member of a trade union that has a political fund but did not have one immediately before the end of the transition period.

Section 11(5) of the 2016 Act provides that the transition period must be a period of not less than 12 months, starting on the day on which section 11 comes into force. These regulations provide that the transition period shall be the period of 12 months beginning on 1st March 2017.

A full impact assessment of the effect that the 2016 Act will have on the costs of business and the voluntary public sector will be available shortly from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.