



Social Security Administration Act 1992

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PART XIV

SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS OUTSIDE GREAT BRITAIN

Co-ordination

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- (1) The Secretary of State may with the consent of the Treasury make arrangements with the Northern Ireland Department (“the joint arrangements”) for co-ordinating the operation of the legislation to which this section applies with a view to securing that, to the extent allowed for in the arrangements, it provides a single system of social security for the United Kingdom.
- (2) The Joint Authority consisting of the Secretary of State and the Head of the Northern Ireland Department shall continue in being by that name for the purposes of the enactments mentioned in subsection (5) below; and Schedule 8 to this Act has effect with respect to the Joint Authority.
- (3) The responsibility of the Joint Authority shall include that of giving effect to the joint arrangements, with power—
 - (a) to make any necessary financial adjustments between the National Insurance Fund and the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund; and
 - (b) to discharge such other functions as may be provided under the joint arrangements.
- (4) The Secretary of State may make regulations for giving effect to the joint arrangements; and any such regulations may for the purposes of the arrangements provide—
 - (a) for adapting legislation (including subordinate legislation) for the time being in force in Great Britain so as to secure its reciprocal operation with Northern Ireland;

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- (b) without prejudice to paragraph (a) above, for securing that acts, omissions and events having any effect for the purposes of the enactments in force in Northern Ireland have a corresponding effect in relation to Great Britain (but not so as to confer any double benefit); and
 - (c) for determining, in cases where rights accrue both in relation to Great Britain and in relation to Northern Ireland, which of those rights shall be available to the person concerned.
- (5) This section applies—
- (a) to the Contributions and Benefits Act and this Act; and
 - (b) to the Northern Ireland Contributions and Benefits Act and the Northern Ireland Administration Act,
- except in relation to the following benefits—
- (i) income support;
 - (ii) family credit;
 - (iii) disability working allowance;
 - (iv) housing benefit;
 - (v) child benefit;
 - (vi) Christmas bonus;
 - (vii) statutory sick pay; and
 - (viii) statutory maternity pay.