



# Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

## 1992 CHAPTER 7

### PART II

#### CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

##### *Retirement pensions (Categories A and B)*

###### [<sup>F1</sup>48C Category B retirement pension: general.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a person's entitlement to a Category B retirement pension shall begin on the day on which the conditions of entitlement become satisfied and shall continue for life.

(2) In any case where—

- (a) a person would, apart from section 43(1) above, be entitled both to a Category A and to a Category B retirement pension, and
- (b) section 47(1) above would apply for the increase of the Category A retirement pension,

section 47(1) above shall be taken as applying also for the increase of the Category B retirement pension, subject to reduction or extinguishment of the increase by the application of section 47(2) above or section 42(5) of the Pensions Act.

(3) In the case of a pensioner whose spouse died on or before [<sup>F2</sup>5th October 2002]], [<sup>F3</sup>section] 48B(2)(b) above shall have effect with the omission of the words "half of".

(4) In the application of the provisions of section 44 to [<sup>F4</sup>45B] above [<sup>F5</sup>and [<sup>F6</sup>Schedules 4A and 4B] to this Act] by virtue of sections <sup>F7</sup>... [<sup>F8</sup>48B(2) or 48BB(5)] above, references in those provisions to the pensioner shall be taken as references to the spouse [<sup>F9</sup>or civil partner].

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### Textual Amendments

- F1 Ss. 48A-48C substituted for ss. 49, 50 (16.12.1995 subject to Sch. 2 of the amending S.I.) by S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22), arts. 1(3), 123, **Sch. 2 Pt. II para. 3(1)**
- F2 Words in s. 48C(3) substituted (*retrospectively*) by virtue of 2000 c. 4 (N.I.), **s. 35(1)(a)(2)(b)**
- F3 Word in s. 48C(3) substituted (6.4.2016) by **Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5)**, s. 53(3), **Sch. 12 para. 55(2)**
- F4 Words in s. 48C(4) substituted (1.12.2000) by S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11), art. 74, **Sch. 9 para. 11**; S.R. 2000/133, art. 2(3), **Sch. Pt. IV**
- F5 Words in s. 48C(4) inserted (8.1.2001, 1.2.2001 for specified purposes and 6.4.2002 otherwise) by 2000 c. 4 (N.I.), **s. 33(12)**; S.R. 2000/358, art. 2(e), **Sch. Pt. IV** (as amended by S.R. 2000/374, **art. 3**); S.R. 2001/34, **art. 2(a)**
- F6 Words in s. 48C(4) substituted (11.2.2008) by **Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 1)**, **Sch. 2 para. 10**
- F7 Word in s. 48C(4) omitted (6.4.2016) by virtue of **Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5)**, s. 53(3), **Sch. 12 para. 55(3)**
- F8 Words in s. 48C(4) substituted (24.4.2000 for specified purposes and 9.4.2001 otherwise) by S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11), art. 67, **Sch. 8 para. 6**; S.R. 2000/133, art. 2(3)(a), **Sch. Pt. I**
- F9 Words in s. 48C(4) inserted (5.12.2005) by **The Civil Partnership (Pensions and Benefit Payments) (Consequential, etc. Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005** (S.R. 2005/434), art. 1(3), **Sch. para. 2**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 48C(4) words substituted by [2008 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 10](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act modified by [S.R. 2019/211 art. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Affecting Order revoked (19.12.2020) without ever being in force by S.R. 2020/347, arts. 1(1), 2)
- Act modified by [S.R. 2024/21 art.002\(2\)\(b\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 167ZZ10(5) inserted by [2022 c. 5 \(N.I.\) s. 4 Sch. Pt. 2 para. 38](#)
- s. 1(6)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2024/377 reg. 5\(2\)](#)
- s. 4C(5)(i)(j) repealed by [2008 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 41\(3\)\(c\)Sch. 6 Pt. 7](#)
- s. 5A para. 2 sum modified by [S.R. 2022/231 art. 4\(4\)](#)
- s. 11A(eb) inserted by [2021 c. 26 Sch. 27 para. 14](#)
- s. 30B(3)(b) word substituted by [S.I. 1995/3213 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 Pt. 3 para. 14\(b\)](#)
- s. 30B(4)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 9 para. 3](#)
- s. 30B(4)(aa) word repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 12 Pt. 8](#)
- s. 35(1)(e) and word inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 68\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 35(3)(za) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 68\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 45(2A)(a) words substituted by [2012 c. 3 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 1\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 45(2A)(b) substituted by [2012 c. 3 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 46(5)(6) added by [2008 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 6\(3\)](#)
- s. 46(5)(a) words substituted by [2012 c. 3 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 2](#)
- s. 47(4A) inserted by [2008 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 81\(6\)](#)
- s. 83A substituted for ss. 83, 84 by [S.I. 1995/3213 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 Pt. 2 para. 2](#)
- s. 83A(1) words substituted by [2004 c. 33 Sch. 24 para. 90\(a\)](#)
- s. 83A(2) words inserted by [2004 c. 33 Sch. 24 para. 90\(b\)](#)
- s. 83A(3) words inserted by [2004 c. 33 Sch. 24 para. 90\(b\)](#)
- s. 123(1)(ea) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 65\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 123(1)(ga) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 5\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 123(1C) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 65\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 123(6A)(6B) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 5\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 123A inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 65\(3\)](#)
- s. 123A transfer of functions by [S.R. 2016/76 Sch. 4 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 123A(2) words omitted by [S.R. 2016/76 Sch. 6 para. 38](#)
- s. 123A(4)(b) words omitted by [S.R. 2016/76 Sch. 6 para. 38](#)
- s. 129B-129F inserted (temp. until 31.12.2010) by [2007 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 31\(1\)](#)
- s. 134(2A) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 15\(2\)](#)
- s. 136(4)(ca) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 15\(6\)](#)
- s. 136(4A) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 15\(7\)](#)
- s. 146(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 3\(c\)](#)
- s. 160(2)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 68\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 160(9)(da) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 68\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 167ZA(2)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 68\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 167ZA(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 68\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 167ZB(2)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 68\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 167ZB(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 68\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 167ZE(2A) inserted by [2015 c. 1 \(N.I.\) s. 12\(3\)\(b\)](#)

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| – | s. 167ZE(2B) inserted by <a href="#">2015 c. 1 (N.I.) s. 12(3)(c)</a>                        |
| – | s. 167ZL(2)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(6)(a)                              |
| – | s. 167ZL(8)(za) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(6)(c)                              |
| – | s. 167ZU(2)(ca) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 69(2)                                 |
| – | s. 167ZU(4)(da) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 69(3)                                 |
| – | s. 167ZW(2)(ca) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 69(4)                                 |
| – | s. 167ZW(4)(da) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 69(5)                                 |
| – | s. 167ZY(5) words repealed by <a href="#">2022 c. 18 (N.I.) Sch. 5</a>                       |
| – | s. 167ZZ9(2)(ba) inserted by <a href="#">2022 c. 5 (N.I.) s. 4 Sch. Pt. 2 para. 37</a>       |
| – | s. 169A inserted by <a href="#">S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(7)</a>                         |
| – | s. 172(4B) inserted by <a href="#">2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 4(4)</a>                    |
| – | Sch. 4 Pt. 1 para. 2 repealed by <a href="#">2007 c. 2 (N.I.) Sch. 8</a>                     |
| – | Sch. 4 Pt. 1 para. 2A repealed by <a href="#">2007 c. 2 (N.I.) Sch. 8</a>                    |
| – | Sch. 4 Pt. 3 para. 5 sum substituted by <a href="#">S.I. 2024/247 reg. 7</a>                 |
| – | Sch. 4 Pt. 4 para. 1A repealed by <a href="#">2007 c. 2 (N.I.) Sch. 8</a>                    |
| – | Sch. 4 Pt. 4 para. 2 repealed by <a href="#">2007 c. 2 (N.I.) Sch. 8</a>                     |
| – | Sch. 4C inserted by <a href="#">2008 c. 13 (N.I.) Sch. 2</a>                                 |
| – | Sch. 4C para. 7(2)(c) inserted by <a href="#">2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(7)(b)</a>      |
| – | Sch. 4C para. 7(3) inserted by <a href="#">2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(8)</a>            |
| – | Sch. 4C para. 3 omitted by <a href="#">2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(3)</a>                |
| – | Sch. 4C para. 7(2)(b) word inserted by <a href="#">2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(7)(a)</a> |
| – | Sch. 4C para. 1 words substituted by <a href="#">2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(2)</a>      |
| – | Sch. 4C para. 2 words substituted by <a href="#">2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(2)</a>      |
| – | Sch. 4C para. 5(b) words substituted by <a href="#">2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(4)</a>   |
| – | Sch. 4C para. 6 words substituted by <a href="#">2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(5)</a>      |
| – | Sch. 4C para. 7(1) words substituted by <a href="#">2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(4)</a>   |
| – | Sch. 4C para. 7(1) words substituted by <a href="#">2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(6)</a>   |
| – | Sch. 5 para. 000A1(4) omitted by <a href="#">2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 2 para. 3(2)</a>          |
| – | Sch. 5 para. 7(A) sum modified by <a href="#">S.R. 2024/69 art .004(3)(b)</a>                |
| – | Sch. 11 para. 2(i) inserted by <a href="#">S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(8)(a)</a>           |
| – | Sch. 11 para. 9 inserted by <a href="#">S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(8)(b)</a>              |