# Pensions Act 2004

**2004 CHAPTER 35**

## PART 1

THE PENSIONS REGULATOR

*Disclosure of information*

### [F1 88 Tax information etc

(1) This section applies to information held by the Revenue and Customs if it is held by them in connection with a function of the Revenue and Customs that relates to any of these matters—

(a) tax or duty;

(b) national insurance contributions;

(c) the national minimum wage.

(2) An officer of Revenue and Customs may disclose to the Regulator information to which this section applies, if the disclosure is made for the purpose of enabling or assisting the Regulator to discharge its functions.

(3) Where information to which this section applies is disclosed to the Regulator by virtue of subsection (2) above or section 19 of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (disclosure of information held by revenue departments), it must, subject to subsections (4) and (5), be treated for the purposes of section 82 as restricted information.

(4) Information to which this section applies which is disclosed to the Regulator as mentioned in subsection (3) may not be disclosed by the Regulator or any person who receives the information directly or indirectly from the Regulator except—

(a) to, or in accordance with authority given by, the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs,

(b) with a view to the institution of, or otherwise for the purposes of, any criminal proceedings,

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(c) with a view to the institution of any other proceedings by the Regulator, or for the purposes of any such proceedings instituted by the Regulator,

(d) in accordance with section 84, otherwise than for the purposes of any proceedings, or

(e) in the form of a summary or collection of information so framed as not to enable information relating to any particular person to be ascertained from it.

(5) Accordingly sections 82(3), 83, 85 to 87 and 235, and paragraph 4 of Schedule 10, do not apply to such information, and section 84 applies subject to subsection (4)(d).

(6) In subsection (4)(c) and (d), "proceedings" includes the issue of notices or any other enforcement action taken by the Regulator under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Pensions Act 2008 or any other enactment.

(7) In this section "the Revenue and Customs" and a "function of the Revenue and Customs" have the same meaning as in section 18 of the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005 (confidentiality).**]**

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 88 substituted (26.1.2009) by Pensions Act 2008 (c. 30), **ss. 62(1)**, 149(1); S.I. 2009/82, art. 2(1)(a)

**Commencement Information**

**I1** S. 88 in force at 6.4.2005 by S.I. 2005/275, art. 2(7), **Sch. Pt. 7**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**
Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 18(5A) inserted by 2014 c. 19 s. 52(2)
- s. 18(6) words inserted by 2014 c. 19 s. 52(3)
- s. 18(8) words inserted by 2014 c. 19 s. 52(3)
- s. 23(1A) inserted by 2015 c. 8 Sch. 2 para. 26(3)
- s. 23(10A) inserted by 2015 c. 8 Sch. 2 para. 26(5)
- s. 38(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 38(1) by 2015 c. 8 Sch. 2 para. 27
- s. 38(7)(da) inserted by 2021 c. 1 s. 104(2)
- s. 43(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 43(1) by 2015 c. 8 Sch. 2 para. 28(2)
- s. 52(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 52(1) by 2015 c. 8 Sch. 2 para. 29
- s. 80(1)(a)(iib) inserted by 2021 c. 1 s. 109(3)
- s. 102(2)(a) words in s. 102(2) renumbered as s. 102(2)(a) by 2008 c. 30 s. 44(5)(a)
- s. 102(2)(b) inserted by 2008 c. 30 s. 44(5)(b)
- s. 103(1A) inserted by 2008 c. 30 s. 44(6)
- s. 117A inserted by 2008 c. 30 Sch. 10 para. 3
- s. 126(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 126(1) by 2015 c. 8 Sch. 2 para. 31
- s. 188(1)(ba) inserted by 2008 c. 30 Sch. 10 para. 6
- s. 189A inserted by 2008 c. 30 Sch. 10 para. 7
- s. 209(9) added by 2008 c. 30 Sch. 10 para. 8
- s. 291(4)(f) and word inserted by 2021 c. 1 Sch. 3 para. 19(b)
- s. 318(3)(a)(viii)-(x) inserted by 2015 c. 8 Sch. 2 para. 38(3)(a)
- s. 318(3)(b)(vi)-(viii) inserted by 2015 c. 8 Sch. 2 para. 38(3)(b)
- Sch. 4 para. 7(5)(b) inserted by 2008 c. 30 s. 44(8)(b)
- Sch. 4 para. 13(3) inserted by 2008 c. 30 s. 44(9)(b)
- Sch. 4 para. 7(5)(a) words in Sch. 4 para. 7(5) renumbered as Sch. 4 para. 7(5)(a) by 2008 c. 30 s. 44(8)(a)
- Sch. 7 para. 21(2)(c)-(cc) substituted for Sch. 7 para. 21(2)(b)(c) by 2008 c. 30 Sch. 8 para. 11 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 para. 10 (3.1.2012) omitted without ever being in force by virtue of 2011 c. 19, Sch. 4 para. 20; S.I. 2011/3034 art. 3(i)(iv))