



# Pensions Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 30

### PART 1

#### PENSION SCHEME MEMBERSHIP FOR JOBHOLDERS

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#### EMPLOYERS' DUTIES

#### *Duty in relation to workers without qualifying earnings*

### **9 Workers without qualifying earnings**

- (1) This section applies to a worker—
  - (a) to whom paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 1(1) apply (working in Great Britain and aged between 16 and 75),
  - (b) to whom paragraph (c) of section 1(1) does not apply (qualifying earnings), and
  - (c) who is not an active member of a pension scheme that satisfies the requirements of this section.
- (2) The worker may by notice require the employer to arrange for the worker to become an active member of a pension scheme that satisfies the requirements of this section.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision—
  - (a) about the form and content of the notice;
  - (b) about the arrangements that the employer is required to make;
  - (c) for determining the date with effect from which the worker is (subject to compliance with any requirements of the scheme) to become an active member under the arrangements.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (4) Subsections (5) and (6) apply where a worker becomes an active member of a pension scheme in pursuance of a notice under this section and, within the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which that notice was given—
  - (a) ceases to be an active member of that scheme because of any action or omission by the worker, and
  - (b) gives the employer a further notice under this section.
- (5) The further notice does not have effect to require the employer to arrange for the worker to become an active member of a pension scheme.
- (6) But any arrangements the employer makes for the worker to become, within that period, an active member of a pension scheme that satisfies the requirements of this section must be made in accordance with regulations under this section.
- (7) A pension scheme satisfies the requirements of this section if—
  - (a) it is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004 (c. 12), and
  - (b) in the case of a personal pension scheme, there are, in relation to the worker concerned, direct payment arrangements (within the meaning of section 111A of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 (c. 48)) between the worker and the employer.