
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1677

The Occupational Pension Schemes (Schemes that were Contracted-out) (No.2) Regulations 2015

PART 8

PROVISION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Payment in lieu of benefit and delay in refund for the purposes of the employer's right of recovery: Northern Ireland

41.—(1) For the purposes of section 57(10) of the 1993 (NI) Act (payments in lieu of benefit) a payment in lieu of benefit is to include a payment made or to be made out of the resources of the scheme towards the provision of deferred benefits for the earner.

(2) The following provisions of this regulation apply, for the purpose of enabling any right of recovery conferred by section 57 of the 1993 (NI) Act to be exercised, where an employed earner (or, by virtue of a connection with the earner, any other person) is entitled to a refund of any payments made under a scheme that was contracted-out in respect of the earner towards the provision of benefits under the scheme ("the refund").

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), where a contributions equivalent premium falls to be paid in respect of the earner under the 1993 (NI) Act and the person liable for the refund has been given a notice of delay in accordance with paragraph (5), that person is not to make the refund in whole or in part until after the end of the period of four weeks starting with—

- (a) the date of payment of the contributions equivalent premium; or
- (b) the last day of the prescribed period for payment of that premium,

whichever occurs first.

(4) Paragraph (3) does not apply to so much, if any, of the refund as exceeds the amount certified by the Commissioners under section 59(1)(d) of the 1993 (NI) Act (certification of amount attributable to reductions of contributions).

(5) A notice of delay is a notice in writing given by the trustees of the scheme concerned, relating either to a particular case or to a class of case and containing the following particulars—

- (a) the name of the earner or such particulars as will sufficiently identify the class of case concerned;
- (b) such particulars as will sufficiently identify the refund or refunds concerned; and
- (c) a memorandum in a form approved by the Commissioners giving brief particulars of the effect of paragraphs (3) and (4).

(6) Where the trustees of a scheme have given a notice of delay, they are to inform the person to whom the notice was given of the end date of the period during which they may not make a refund to which the notice applies.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Occupational Pension Schemes (Schemes that were Contracted-out) (No.2) Regulations 2015, Section 41.