
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 1382 (c. 41)

**PENSIONS
SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Welfare Reform and Pensions Act
1999 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2000**

Made - - - - 22nd May 2000

The Secretary of State for Social Security, in exercise of powers conferred on him by sections 83(1) and 89(1) and (6) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999⁽¹⁾, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2000.

(2) In this Order, references to sections and Schedules are references to sections of, and Schedules to, the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999.

Appointed days

2. The day appointed for the coming into force of—

- (a) section 11(1), (2), (3) and (11) (effect of bankruptcy on pension rights) and section 13(1) and (2) (application to Scotland), in so far as section 13(1) and (2) relates to those provisions, is 29th May 2000;
- (b) section 11(12) (sharing of rights under pension arrangements) is 1st December 2000;
- (c) section 18, so far as relating to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 2, is 29th May 2000;
- (d) section 67(3) and (4) ('relevant age' for higher rate mobility component of disability living allowance) is 9th April 2001; and
- (e) paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 2 (income payment orders and bankruptcy) is 29th May 2000.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Security.

22nd May 2000

Jeff Rooker
Minister of State,
Department of Social Security

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force provisions of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (“the Act”) as follows.

Section 11(1), (2), (3) and (11) of the Act (which provides for rights under tax-approved pension schemes to be excluded from a bankrupt’s estate), section 13(1) and (2) (application to Scotland) in so far as that section relates to section 11(1), (2), (3) and (11), and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act (income payment orders may be made against pensions), are brought into force on 29th May 2000.

Section 11(12) (under which a person is treated as having a right under an approved pension arrangement where he is entitled to a pension credit) is brought into force on 1st December 2000.

Section 67(3) and (4) (which reduces for certain categories of case the lower age limit for entitlement to the higher rate mobility component of disability living allowance from age 5 to age 3) is brought into force on 9th April 2001.

An assessment of the cost to business of the commencement of provisions in the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 is detailed in the Regulatory Impact Assessment of that Act. A copy of the Assessment has been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament. Copies of the Assessment are available from the Department of Social Security, Regulatory Impact Unit, 3rd Floor, The Adelphi, 1-11 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6HT.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

The following provisions have been brought into force by:—

- the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1999 ([S.I. 1999/3309](#)) (C. 88),
- the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1999 ([S.I. 1999/3420](#)) (C. 92),
- the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2000 ([S.I. 2000/629](#)) (C. 13),
- the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2000 ([S.I. 2000/1047](#)) (C. 29),
- the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2000 ([S.I. 2000/1116](#)) (C. 35), or
- the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (Scotland) (Commencement No. 6) Order 2000 ([S.S.I. 2000/111](#)) (C. 36).

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
section 1	1st October 2000	2000/1047
section 2	1st October 2000	2000/1047
sections 3 to 5	8th October 2001	2000/1047

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<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
section 6(1), (2) and (4)	8th October 2001	2000/1047
Schedule 1, except paragraph 1(3), and section 6(3) except in so far as it relates to that sub-paragraph	1st October 2000	2000/1047
Schedule 1 paragraph 1(3), and section 6(3) in so far as it relates to that sub-paragraph	8th October 2001	2000/1047
section 7	1st October 2000	2000/1047
section 8, except the definition of 'designated scheme'	1st October 2000	2000/1047
section 8(1) as it relates to the definition of 'designated scheme'	8th October 2001	2000/1047
section 10	3rd April 2000	2000/629
Schedule 2 in the following respects and section 18 in so far as it relates to them:—		
paragraphs 3 and 4, 8 to 13 and 15 to 19	25th April 2000	2000/1047
sections 19, 21 and 22 and Schedules 3 and 4	1st December 2000	2000/1116
section 20	1st December 2000	2000/1047
sections 23 and 24	1st December 2000	2000/1047
sections 26 to 51 and Schedules 5 and 6	1st December 2000	2000/1047
section 53	12th January 2000 and 2nd April 2000	1999/3309
sections 54 to 56	24th April 2000 and 9th April 2001	2000/1047
section 61	3rd April 2000	1999/3309
section 66	12th January 2000	1999/3309
section 67(1) and (2)	12th January 2000	1999/3309
Schedule 8 in the following respects, and section 70 in so far as it relates to them:—		
Part I	24th April 2000 and 9th April 2001	2000/1047
paragraph 23(1), (2) and (4)	13th December 1999	1999/3309
paragraph 23(3)	3rd April 2000	1999/3309

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
paragraph 24	3rd April 2000	1999/3309
paragraphs 30 to 32 (partially)	12th January 2000 and 2nd April 2000	1999/3309
paragraph 33	1st December 2000	2000/1047
section 73 and Schedule 9	22nd December 1999 and 6th April 2000	1999/3420
section 74 and Schedule 10	22nd December 1999 and 6th April 2000	1999/3420
sections 75 and 76	22nd December 1999	1999/3420
sections 77 and 78	6th April 2000	1999/3420
Schedule 12 in the following respects, and section 84(1) in so far it relates to them:—		
paragraphs 1 to 4	1st December 2000	2000/1116
paragraphs 5 to 7, and 8(1), (2), (5) and (6)	1st December 2000	2000/1047
paragraph 8(3) and (4)	15th April 2000	S.S.I. 2000/111
paragraphs 9, 11, 12 and 14 to 63	1st December 2000	2000/1047
paragraphs 64 to 66	1st December 2000	2000/1116
paragraph 73	25th April 2000	2000/1047
paragraph 74	6th April 2000	1999/3420
paragraph 75	25th April 2000	2000/1047
paragraphs 76 to 78	6th April 2000	1999/3420
paragraphs 84 to 86	6th April 2000	1999/3420
section 85(3) and (4)	1st December 2000	2000/1116
section 85(5)	1st December 2000	2000/1047
Schedule 13 in the following respects, and section 88 in so far as it relates to them:—		
Part I (partially)	25th April 2000	2000/1047
Part II (partially)	1st December 2000	2000/1047, 2000/1116
Part III	1st December 2000	2000/1047
Part V (partially)	2nd April 2000, 24th April 2000 and 9th April 2001	1999/3309, 2000/1047
Parts VI and VII	6th April 2000	1999/3420