

Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2012

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PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2012

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The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

1. In section 2A (claim or full entitlement to certain benefits...
2. In section 2AA (full entitlement to certain benefits conditional on...
3. In section 2D (work-related activity) in subsection (9)(e) for “6...

The Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 22)

4. In Article 123 (equalisation of and increase in pensionable age...

The Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 1)

5. In section 11 (increase in pensionable age for men and...
6. In Schedule 3 (increase in pensionable age for men and...

SCHEDULE 2 — Abolition of certain additions to the state pension: consequential amendments etc.

The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7)

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SCHEDULE 4 — Pension Protection Fund

Requirements to obtain actuarial valuations

1. The Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 is amended as follows...
2. In Article 54(3) (right to apply under Article 367 of...
3. (1) Article 125 (effect of review of ill health pension)...
4. In Article 126 (interpretation) in the definition of “scheme valuation”...
5. (1) Article 127 (Board's obligation to obtain valuation of assets...
6. After Article 127 insert— Determinations under Article 127
(1) Where the Board makes a determination under Article 127(2)(a)...
7. (1) Article 128 (approval of valuation) is amended as follows...
8. In Article 129(1) (binding valuations) for “127” substitute “127(2)(b)...
9. (1) Article 135 (application for Board to assume responsibility for...
10. In Article 138(5)(b) (requirement to wind up scheme) after “that...

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11. (1) Article 142 (Board's duty to assume responsibility for closed...
12. (1) Article 144 (transfer notice) is amended as follows.
13. (1) Schedule 8 (reviewable matters) is amended as follows.

Requirement to obtain protected benefits quotation

14. In Article 135(4)(a) of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005...
15. (1) Article 136 of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005...
16. In the following provisions of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order...

Removal of restriction on transfer notices

17. (1) The Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 is amended as...

Assembly control of orders and regulations

18. In Article 288(3) of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005...

Pension credit members

19. (1) Schedule 6 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005...
20. In the Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 omit...

Postponement of compensation

21. Schedule 6 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (pension...
22. For paragraph 25A (deferral of compensation) and the heading before...
23. (1) In paragraph 5(3) (periodic compensation for postponed pensioner at...
24. (1) In paragraph 6 (periodic compensation for widow or widower...
25. In paragraph 24(1) (commutation of periodic compensation) for "becomes payable"...
26. (1) In paragraph 25B (eligibility for terminal illness lump sum) —...
27. (1) Paragraph 28 (annual increase in periodic compensation) is amended...
28. (1) In paragraph 29 (Board's powers to alter rates of...

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Pension compensation sharing: postponement of compensation

29. Schedule 4 to the Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland)...
30. (1) Omit paragraph 11 (deferral of compensation).
31. (1) In paragraph 4(3) (periodic compensation for transferee over pension...
32. (1) In paragraph 5 (periodic compensation for widow etc. of...
33. In paragraph 9(1) (commutation of periodic compensation) for “becomes payable”...
34. (1) In paragraph 12 (eligibility for terminal illness lump sum) —...
35. (1) Paragraph 17 (annual increase in periodic compensation) is amended...
36. In paragraph 20 (Board's power to alter rates of revaluation...

Calculation of compensation: admissible rules etc.

37. (1) Schedule 6 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005...

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 20(1)-(3) omitted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 11\(c\)](#)
- s. 21(2) omitted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) s. 41\(2\)](#)