
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 3147

The Welfare Reform and Pensions
(Northern Ireland) Order 1999

PART VI

WELFARE

CHAPTER I

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Benefits for widows and widowers

Bereavement payments

51.—(1) For section 36 of the Contributions and Benefits Act there shall be substituted—

“36 Bereavement payment.

(1) A person whose spouse dies on or after the appointed day shall be entitled to a bereavement payment if—

- (a) either that person was under pensionable age at the time when the spouse died or the spouse was then not entitled to a Category A retirement pension under section 44 below; and
- (b) the spouse satisfied the contribution condition for a bereavement payment specified in Schedule 3, Part I, paragraph 4.

(2) A bereavement payment shall not be payable to a person if that person and a person of the opposite sex to whom that person was not married were living together as husband and wife at the time of the spouse’s death.

(3) In this section “the appointed day” means the day appointed for the coming into operation of Articles 51 to 53 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.”.

(2) In Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (rates of benefits etc.), for Part II there shall be substituted—

“PART II

BEREAVEMENT PAYMENT

Bereavement payment.	£2,000.00”.
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