
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 3147

**The Welfare Reform and Pensions
(Northern Ireland) Order 1999**

**PART I
INTRODUCTORY**

Title and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.

(2) Subject to the following provisions of this Article, this Order shall come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint^{F1}.

(3) The following provisions shall come into operation on such day or days as the Lord Chancellor may by order appoint—

- (a) Articles 18, 19 and 20;
- (b) Article 74(1) so far as relating to paragraphs 1 to 3 and 52 of Schedule 9;
- (c) Article 75(3) and (4); and
- (d) Article 76 so far as relating to the entries in Part II of Schedule 10.

(4) The following provisions come into operation on the seventh day after the day on which this Order is made—

- (a) this Article and Article 2;
- (b) Articles 49, 54, 55, 57, 65 and 68;
- (c) Article 67 so far as relating to Part V of Schedule 8;
- (d) Article 69;
- (e) Articles 70 to 73;
- (f) Article 74(1) so far as relating to paragraphs 55 to 59 and 61 of Schedule 9;
- (g) Article 74(2) to (4);
- (h) Article 75(1), (2), (5) and (6).

(5) The following provisions come into operation on the seventh day after the day on which this Order is made, but for the purpose only of the exercise of any power to make regulations—

- (a) Parts II to V;
- (b) Articles 56 and 58;
- (c) Article 67 so far as relating to paragraph 22 of Schedule 8.

F1 partly exercised by SRs 1999/494; 2000/68, 133, 182, 209, 332; 2001/114, 137, 438; 2002/25, 63; 2003/204

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

“the Administration Act” means the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

“the Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

“the Department” means [^{F2}the Department for Communities] ;

“government department” means a Northern Ireland department or a department of the government of the United Kingdom;

“the Housing Executive” means the Northern Ireland Housing Executive;

“the Matrimonial Causes Order” means the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978;

“the Pension Schemes Act” means the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993;

“the Pensions Order” means the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;

“statutory provision” has the meaning assigned to it by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954;

“the Welfare Reform Act” means the Welfare Reform and 1999 c. Pensions Act 1999.

(3) In this Order, except Articles 1, 74(2) and (3) and 75(1) and (5), and in any statutory provision amended by this Order, references to the coming into operation of any provision of this Order are to its coming into operation otherwise than for the purpose of authorising the making of regulations.

F2 Words in art. 2(2) substituted (8.5.2016) by [The Departments \(Transfer of Functions\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/76\)](#), art. 1(3), [Sch. 6 para. 48](#) (with art. 9(2))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999, PART I.