
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 2006

The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015

PART 6

Social security: general

Information-sharing

Articles 120 to 122: supplementary

- 123.**—(1) In Articles 120 and 121, “benefit” includes any allowance, payment, credit or loan.
- (2) Any power to make regulations under Articles 120 and 121 includes power—
- (a) without prejudice to section 17(5) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954, to make different provision for different areas;
 - (b) to make such incidental, supplemental, consequential, transitional or saving provision as the Department thinks necessary or expedient.
- (3) Regulations made under Article 120 and 121 are subject to negative resolution.
- (4) Sections 39 (information relating to certain benefits) and 40 (unlawful disclosure of certain information) of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 are repealed but this is subject to paragraph (5).
- (5) Notwithstanding paragraph (4), the following provisions of that Act continue to have effect—
- (a) section 39 insofar as it permits the use, supply or provision by any person of information which came to that person, by virtue of subsection (1), (2) or (5) of that section, before the day on which subsection (4) comes into operation;
 - (b) section 40 insofar as it relates to the disclosure by any person of such information.

Commencement Information

II [Art. 123](#) in operation at 17.2.2016 by [S.R. 2016/46](#), [art. 3\(4\)\(h\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015, Section 123 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 27 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.R. 2009/4 by [S.R. 2019/107 art. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.R. 2017/190 by [S.R. 2019/4 art. 5](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.R. 2017/190 by [S.R. 2019/7 art. 3](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.R. 2017/216 by [S.R. 2018/1 art. 7](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SR 2016/46, art. 5(a) by [S.R. 2016/166 art. 3](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pts. 25 modified by [S.R. 2019/212 art. 2\(2\)\(g\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk SR 2019/212](#) revoked (19.12.2020) by SR 2020/348, art. 1(2)(2))
- art. 56(1) repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 12 Pt. 1](#)