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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1999 No. 494 (C. 38)**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Welfare Reform and Pensions (1999 Order)  
(Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999**

*Made . . . . . 15th December 1999*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 1(2) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999(a), and now vested in it(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

*Citation and interpretation*

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform and Pensions (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999.

(2) In this Order any reference to a numbered Article or Schedule is to the Article of, or the Schedule to, the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.

*Appointed days*

**2.**—(1) The day appointed for the coming into operation of—

- (a) Article 50 (extension of entitlement to state maternity allowance)—
  - (i) for the purpose only of the exercise of any power to make regulations, is 12th January 2000;
  - (ii) for all other purposes, is 2nd April 2000;
- (b) for the purposes of cases to which Article 50 applies, Part VI of Schedule 8 (maternity allowance) and Article 67 in so far as it relates to that Part—
  - (i) for the purpose only of the exercise of any power to make regulations, is 12th January 2000;
  - (ii) for all other purposes, is 2nd April 2000; and
- (c) for the purposes of cases to which Article 50 applies, the entries in Part V of Schedule 10 (repeals) relating to—
  - (i) section 21 of, and Schedule 3 and 4 to, the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(c);
  - (ii) the Maternity Allowance and Statutory Maternity Pay Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994(d),  
and Article 76 in so far as it relates to them, is 2nd April 2000.

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(a) S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11)  
(b) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481  
(c) 1992 c. 7  
(d) S.R. 1994 No. 176

- (2) The day appointed for the coming into operation of—
- (a) Article 58 (incapacity for work: personal capability assessments), paragraph 22(3) of Schedule 8 (requirement to have a medical examination), in so far as those provisions are not already in operation, and paragraph 23 of Schedule 8 (own occupation test) and Article 67 in so far as it relates to those paragraphs, is 3rd April 2000;
  - (b) paragraph 22(1), (2) and (4) of Schedule 8 (test of incapacity for work), in so far as not already in operation, and Article 67 in so far as it relates to that paragraph, is 16th December 1999.
- (3) The day appointed for the coming into operation of Article 63 (attendance allowance) and Article 64(1) and (2) (disability living allowance) is 12th January 2000.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development  
on 15th December 1999.

(L.S.)

*C. Radcliffe*

Senior Officer of the Department for Social Development

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order provides for the coming into operation of the following provisions of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999—

Article 50 (extension of entitlement to state maternity allowance) and, for the purposes of cases to which Article 50 applies, Part VI of Schedule 8 and Article 67 in so far as it relates to that Part, for the purposes only of authorising the making of regulations, on 12th January 2000 and for all other purposes on 2nd April 2000;

for the purposes of cases to which Article 50 applies, repeals in Part V of Schedule 10 in respect of maternity allowance and Article 76 in so far as it relates to those repeals, on 2nd April 2000;

Article 58 (incapacity for work: personal capability assessments), paragraph 22(3) of Schedule 8 (requirement to have a medical examination), in so far as those provisions are not already in operation, and paragraph 23 of Schedule 8 (own occupation test) and Article 67 in so far as it relates to those paragraphs, on 3rd April 2000;

paragraph 22(1), (2) and (4) of Schedule 8 (test of incapacity for work), so far as those provisions are not already in operation, and Article 67 in so far as it relates to that paragraph, on 16th December 1999;

Article 63 (attendance allowance) and Article 64(1) and (2) (disability living allowance) on 12th January 2000.

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