
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 544

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Reciprocal
Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005**

Made - - - - 30th November 2005

Coming into operation 5th December 2005

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 155(1)(b) and (2) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(1) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 5th December 2005.

Modification of Acts

2. The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(2) and the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 shall be modified or adapted to such extent as may be required to give effect to the alterations set out in Schedule 1 to this Order which are proposed to the agreements set out in the Orders in Council or orders made by the Secretary of State specified in Schedule 2 to this order.

Dated this 30th day of November 2005.

Peter Hain
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of
State

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SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING AGREEMENTS

Where in the agreements set out in the Schedule to an Order in Council or an order made by the Secretary of State specified in Schedule 2 to this order there are references to the terms set out in column 1, such references shall for the purposes of applying the relevant legislation of the United Kingdom be altered to be replaced by the corresponding terms set out in column 2, and pronouns used in such agreements in relation to those terms shall be altered as necessary to include both the masculine and feminine gender.

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Woman (other than in the expression “married woman”)	Person
Man Husband (other than in the expression “wife or husband”)	Person Spouse or civil partner
Wife (other than in the expression “wife or husband”)	Spouse or civil partner
Spouse	Spouse or civil partner
Married woman	Married person or civil partner
Wife or husband	Spouse or civil partner
Marriage	Marriage or civil partnership
Widow (other than in the expressions “widow or widower”, “widow’s benefit”, “widow’s payment”, “widow’s pension” or “widowed mother’s allowance” ⁽³⁾)	Widow, widower or surviving civil partner
Widow or widower	Widow, widower or surviving civil partner
Divorce	Divorce or dissolution of a civil partnership
Widowhood	Death of a spouse or civil partner

(3) See S.R. 2001 No. 86

SCHEDULE 2

Article 2

Orders in Council and orders of the Secretary of State modified by this order

<i>Title of Order in Council or order</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Previously modified by</i>
The National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Reciprocal Agreement with Luxembourg) Order (Northern Ireland) 1955	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955 No 77	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 ⁽⁴⁾ , the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 ⁽⁵⁾ , the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988 ⁽⁶⁾ , the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 ⁽⁷⁾ and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 ⁽⁸⁾ .
The National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Reciprocal Agreement with the Netherlands) Order (Northern Ireland) 1955	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955 No 122	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 ⁽⁹⁾ and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Reciprocal Agreement with Israel) Order (Northern Ireland) 1958	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958 No 32	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979,

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- (4) [S.I. 1976/1044](#)
(5) [S.R. 1979 No. 92](#)
(6) [S.R. 1988 No. 120](#)
(7) [S.R. 1995 No. 110](#)
(8) [S.R. 2001 No. 86](#)
(9) [S.R. 1996 No. 327](#)

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		the Social Security (Israel) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984(10), the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Family Allowances, National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Reciprocal Agreement with Belgium) Order (Northern Ireland) 1958	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958 No 93	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Reciprocal Agreement with France) Order (Northern Ireland) 1958	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958 No 101	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.

<i>Title of Order in Council or order</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Previously modified by</i>
The National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Reciprocal Agreement with Italy) Order (Northern Ireland) 1958	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958 No 130	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Family Allowances, National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Reciprocal Agreement with Yugoslavia) Order (Northern Ireland) 1958	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958 No 151	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Family Allowances, National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Reciprocal Agreement with Denmark) Order (Northern Ireland) 1960	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960 No 16	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security

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		(Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Family Allowances, National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Reciprocal Agreement with Germany) Order (Northern Ireland) 1961	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961 No 148	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Reciprocal Agreement with Turkey) Order (Northern Ireland) 1961	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961 No 149	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Reciprocal Agreement with the Republic of Ireland) Order (Northern Ireland) 1964	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No 142	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements)

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		Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The National Insurance (Republic of Ireland) Order (Northern Ireland) 1966	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966 No 50	The National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Republic of Ireland) Order (Northern Ireland) 1968 ⁽¹¹⁾ , the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Family Allowances, National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Switzerland) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No 143	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Bermuda) Order (Northern Ireland) 1970	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No 22	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.

⁽¹¹⁾ [S.R. 1968 No. 252](#)

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The National Insurance (Republic of Ireland) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No 4	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Family Allowances, National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Spain) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975	S.R. 1975 No. 77	The Social Security (Spain) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976(12), the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Portugal) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979	S.R. 1979 No. 303	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982(13), the Social Security (Portugal) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987(14), the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern

(12) [S.I. 1976/2148](#)

(13) [S.R. 1982 No. 378](#)

(14) [S.R. 1987 No. 399](#)

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		Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Austria) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981	S.R. 1981 No. 144	The Social Security (Austria) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987(15), the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Austria) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992(16), the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Mauritius) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981	S.R. 1981 No. 363	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Cyprus) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983	S.R. 1983 No. 387	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Cyprus) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994(17), the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security

(15) [S.R. 1987 No. 402](#)
(16) [S.R. 1992 No. 560](#)
(17) [S.R. 1994 No. 262](#)

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		(Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (New Zealand) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983	S.R. 1983 No. 432	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Finland) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984	S.R. 1984 No. 68	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Finland) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992(18), the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (United States of America) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984	S.R. 1984 No. 449	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (United States of America) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997(19) and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Iceland) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985	S.R. 1985 No. 205	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Iceland) Order (Northern Ireland)

(18) [S.R. 1992 No. 561](#)

(19) [S.R. 1997 No. 339](#)

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		1992(20), the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Sweden) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988	S.R. 1988 No. 119	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988, the Social Security (Sweden) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992(21), the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Philippines) Order (Northern Ireland) 1989	S.R. 1989 No. 428	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Norway) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991	S.R. 1991 No. 139	The Social Security (Norway) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992(22), the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Barbados) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992	S.R. 1992 No. 151	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and the Social Security

(20) [S.R. 1992 No. 562](#)
(21) [S.R. 1992 No. 564](#)
(22) [S.R. 1992 No. 563](#)

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		(Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Jersey and Guernsey) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994	S.R. 1994 No. 427	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Canada) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995	S.R. 1995 No. 405	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Malta) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996	S.R. 1996 No. 345	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.
The Social Security (Jamaica) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997	S.R. 1997 No. 183	The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for social security legislation to be modified, to reflect changes made to the benefit entitlement of spouses and civil partners by the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 and the Civil Partnership Act 2004, in relation to the Orders in Council and orders made by the Secretary of State listed in Schedule 2 to this Order (which give effect to agreements made between the Governments of the United Kingdom and other countries providing for reciprocity in certain social security matters).