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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 46**

**The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order  
2015 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2016**

**Provisions coming into force on 17th February 2016**

**3.—**(1) The following provisions of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 come into force on 17th February 2016.

(2) In Part 3 (working age benefits)—

- (a) in Chapter 1 (jobseeker's allowance), Article 53 (procedure for regulation-making powers);
- (b) in Chapter 2 (employment and support allowance)—
  - (i) Article 56 (dual entitlement);
  - (ii) Article 59 (condition relating to youth).

(3) In Part 4 (other benefit changes), Articles 77 to 79 (social fund).

(4) In Part 6 (social security: general)—

- (a) Articles 101 and 102 (benefit cap);
- (b) Article 111 (recovery of benefits: application of the Limitation (Northern Ireland) Order 1989);
- (c) Article 112 (powers to require information relating to investigations);
- (d) Article 113 (time limits for legal proceedings);
- (e) Article 120 (information-sharing in relating to provision of overnight care, etc.);
- (f) Article 121 (information-sharing in relation to welfare services etc.);
- (g) Article 122 (unlawful disclosure of information);
- (h) Article 123 (Articles 120 to 122: supplementary);
- (i) Article 124 (information-sharing for social security or employment purposes etc.);
- (j) Article 125 (reports by Department).

(5) In Part 7 (miscellaneous)—

- (a) in Article 127 (collection of child support maintenance), paragraphs (1) and (2)(a);
- (b) Articles 129 to 131 (child support maintenance);
- (c) Article 132 (use of jobcentres by sex industry);
- (d) Article 133 (reduced fee for dog licences);
- (e) Article 135 (discretionary support);
- (f) Article 136 (discretionary support Commissioner);
- (g) Article 137 (payments to persons suffering financial disadvantage);
- (h) Articles 138 and 139 (duties of the Department).

(6) In Part 8 (repeals)—

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- (a) Article 140 (repeals);
- (b) Part 2 of Schedule 12 (entitlement to jobseeker's allowance);
- (c) Part 12 of Schedule 12 (information-sharing).

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Art. 3 in operation at 12.2.2016

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