



# Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999

## 1999 CHAPTER 30

### PART III

#### PENSIONS ON DIVORCE ETC.

##### *Pension sharing orders*

#### 19 Orders in England and Wales.

Schedule 3 (which amends the <sup>M1</sup>Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 for the purpose of enabling the court to make pension sharing orders in connection with proceedings in England and Wales for divorce or nullity of marriage, and for supplementary purposes) shall have effect.

#### Commencement Information

II S. 19 wholly in force at 1.12.2000; s. 19 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent see s. 89(1)(5); s. 19 in force at 1.12.2000 by [S.I. 2000/1116](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

#### Marginal Citations

M1 1973 c. 18.

#### 20 Orders in Scotland.

- (1) The <sup>M2</sup>Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985 shall be amended as follows.
- (2) In section 8(1) (orders for financial provision), after paragraph (b) there shall be inserted—  
“(baa) a pension sharing order.”
- (3) In section 27 (interpretation), in subsection (1), there shall be inserted at the appropriate place—

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999, Cross Heading: Pension sharing orders. (See end of Document for details)

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““pension sharing order” is an order which—

(a) provides that one party’s—

(i) shareable rights under a specified pension arrangement, or

(ii) shareable state scheme rights,

be subject to pension sharing for the benefit of the other party, and

(b) specifies the percentage value, or the amount, to be transferred;”.

(4) In that section, after subsection (1) there shall be inserted—

“(1A) In subsection (1), in the definition of “pension sharing order”—

(a) the reference to shareable rights under a pension arrangement is to rights in relation to which pension sharing is available under Chapter I of Part IV of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999, or under corresponding Northern Ireland legislation, and

(b) the reference to shareable state scheme rights is to rights in relation to which pension sharing is available under Chapter II of Part IV of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999, or under corresponding Northern Ireland legislation.”

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#### **Commencement Information**

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#### **Marginal Citations**

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