



# Pensions Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 30

### PART 1

#### PENSION SCHEME MEMBERSHIP FOR JOBHOLDERS

### CHAPTER 2

#### COMPLIANCE

##### *Offences and monitoring*

#### **47 Offences by partnerships and unincorporated associations**

- (1) Proceedings for an offence under section 45 alleged to have been committed by a partnership or an unincorporated association may be brought in the name of the partnership or association.
- (2) For the purposes of such proceedings—
  - (a) rules of court relating to the service of documents are to have effect as if the partnership or association were a body corporate;
  - (b) the following provisions apply in relation to the partnership or association as they apply in relation to a body corporate—
    - (i) section 33 of the Criminal Justice Act 1925 (c. 86) and Schedule 3 to the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43);
    - (ii) section 70 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46).
- (3) A fine imposed on a partnership or association on its conviction of an offence under section 45 is to be paid out of the funds of the partnership or association.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies where an offence under section 45 committed by a partnership is proved—
  - (a) to have been committed with the consent or connivance of a partner, or
  - (b) to be attributable to any neglect on the part of a partner.

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- (5) The partner, as well as the partnership, is guilty of the offence and is liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (6) Subsection (7) applies where an offence under section 45 committed by an unincorporated association is proved—
  - (a) to have been committed with the consent or connivance of an officer of the association, or
  - (b) to be attributable to any neglect on the part of an officer of the association.
- (7) The officer, as well as the association, is guilty of the offence and is liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (8) “Officer” in this section means—
  - (a) an officer of the association or a member of its governing body, or
  - (b) a person purporting to act in such capacity.
- (9) “Partner” in this section includes a person purporting to act as a partner.

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

- s. 3(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 44 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 5(1C) inserted by [2023 c. 44 s. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 13(3)(ec) inserted by [2023 c. 20 Sch. para. 56](#)
- s. 13A inserted by [2023 c. 44 s. 1\(4\)](#)
- s. 24(1)(c) inserted by [2015 c. 8 Sch. 2 para. 43\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 143(6)(7) inserted by [2023 c. 44 s. 1\(5\)\(b\)](#)