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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 15

#### FINANCIAL RELIEF IN THE HIGH COURT OR A COUNTY COURT ETC.: NORTHERN IRELAND

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 15: functions transferred (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), art. 15(1), **Sch. 17 para. 21(b)** (with arts. 15(6), 28-31)

#### PART 4

#### MATTERS TO WHICH COURT IS TO HAVE REGARD UNDER PARTS 1 TO [F13A]

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in Sch. 15 Pt. 4 heading substituted (6.4.2011) by [Pensions \(No. 2\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 13\)](#), ss. 98, 118, **Sch. 5 para. 16(2)**; S.R. 2011/108, art. 2(2), Sch.

#### *Terminating considerations*

- 18 (1) Sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) apply if, on or after the making of a dissolution or nullity order, the court decides to exercise its powers under—
- (a) Part 1 (financial provision on dissolution etc.) by virtue of paragraph 2(1) (a), (b) or (c),
  - (b) Part 2 (property adjustment orders),<sup>F1</sup> . . .
  - (c) Part 3 (pension sharing orders),<sup>F2</sup> or]
  - [<sup>F3</sup>(d) Part 3A (pension compensation sharing orders),]
- in favour of one of the civil partners.
- (2) The court must consider whether it would be appropriate to exercise those powers in such a way that the financial obligations of each civil partner towards the other will be terminated as soon after the making of the dissolution or nullity order as the court considers just and reasonable.
- (3) If the court decides to make—
- (a) a periodical payments order, or
  - (b) a secured periodical payments order,
- in favour of one of the civil partners (“A”), it must in particular consider whether it would be appropriate to require the payments to be made or secured only for such term as would in its opinion be sufficient to enable A to adjust without undue hardship to the termination of A’s financial dependence on the other civil partner.

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(4) If—

- (a) on or after the making of a dissolution or nullity order, an application is made by one of the civil partners for a periodical payments or secured periodical payments order in that civil partner’s favour, but
  - (b) the court considers that no continuing obligation should be imposed on either civil partner to make or secure periodical payments in favour of the other,
- the court may dismiss the application with a direction that the applicant is not entitled to make any future application in relation to that civil partnership for an order under Part 1 by virtue of paragraph 2(1)(a) or (b).

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in Sch. 15 para. 18(1)(b) repealed (6.4.2011) by Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 13), ss. 98, 116, 118, Sch. 5 para. 16(5)(a), **Sch. 10 Pt. 4**; S.R. 2011/108, **art. 2(2)**, Sch.
- F2** Word in Sch. 15 para. 18(1)(c) inserted (6.4.2011) by Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 13), ss. 98, 118, **Sch. 5 para. 16(5)(b)**; S.R. 2011/108, **art. 2(2)**, Sch.
- F3** Sch. 15 para. 18(1)(d) added (6.4.2011) by Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 13), ss. 98, 118, **Sch. 5 para. 16(5)(c)**; S.R. 2011/108, **art. 2(2)**, Sch.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

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

- s. 102(8A) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(2\)](#)
- s. 103(10) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(5\)](#)
- s. 108(5) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(8\)](#)
- s. 213(1A) inserted by [2013 c. 30 Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)](#)