
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 1030

**The Occupational Pension Schemes
(Master Trusts) Regulations 2018**

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Occupational Pension Schemes (Master Trusts) Regulations 2018.

(2) These Regulations, with the exception of regulation 23(2)(b)(i) and (ii), come into force on 1st October 2018.

(3) Regulation 23(2)(b)(i) and (ii) comes into force on 1st April 2019.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 1 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Interpretation and notices

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the 1993 Act” means the Pension Schemes Act 1993(1);

“the 1995 Act” means the Pensions Act 1995(2);

“the 2004 Act” means the Pensions Act 2004(3);

“the Act” means the Pension Schemes Act 2017;

“additional charge” means an administration charge for advice, information or a service provided to a member, including where the member requests a transfer to another pension scheme;

“the Administration Regulations” means the Occupational Pension Schemes (Scheme Administration) Regulations 1996(4);

“active member” has the meaning given by section 124(1) of the 1995 Act;

“arrangement” means an allocation of contributions to one or more investments;

“the Charges and Governance Regulations” means the Occupational Pension Schemes (Charges and Governance) Regulations 2015(5);

“Code” means a code of practice issued by the Regulator;

“commencement date” means the date on which section 3 of the Act (prohibition on operating scheme unless authorised) comes into force for all purposes;

(1) 1993 c. 48.
(2) 1995 c. 26.
(3) 2004 c. 35.
(4) S.I. 1996/1715.
(5) S.I. 2015/879.

“the Companies Act” means the Companies Act 2006⁽⁶⁾;

“default arrangement” has the meaning given in regulation 3 of the Charges and Governance Regulations⁽⁷⁾;

“discounted level” means a lower level of an administration charge which applies in particular circumstances, including—

- (a) a lower level which applies to members from a particular employer, or
- (b) a lower level which applies to a member according to the value of the member’s rights in the scheme;

“financial regulator” means the Financial Conduct Authority or the Prudential Regulatory Authority;

“receiving scheme”, except in Schedule 5, means a pension scheme to which (subject to Part 4ZA of the 1993 Act⁽⁸⁾ (transfers and contribution refunds) and to provision made by regulations under section 24(2)(b) and (4) of the Act) members’ accrued rights and benefits under the scheme are proposed to be transferred;

“the Regulator” means the Pensions Regulator;

“scheme year” means—

- (a) a year specified for the purposes of the scheme in any document comprising the scheme, or
- (b) if no year is specified under paragraph (a), a period of 12 months beginning on 1st April or on such other date as the trustees select;

“service provider” means a person providing advisory, administrative, investment or other services in respect of the scheme;

“third-party charge” means any administration charge imposed on or in respect of a member by a person other than the trustees;

“the TUPE Regulations” means the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006⁽⁹⁾.

(2) Except where paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 provides otherwise, sections 303 and 304 of the 2004 Act (service of notifications and other documents) are treated as applying to notices and notifications issued under these Regulations.

Commencement Information

I2 Reg. 2 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Connected employers

3.—(1) For the purposes of section 1(3)(b) of the Act (Master Trust schemes: definition), an employer (“A”) is connected with another employer (“B”), and an employer which is a group undertaking of A is connected with an employer which is a group undertaking of B—

- (a) where A and B have separate legal identities but are structured so that the economic position of the shareholders of each is, as far as practicable, the same as if they held shares in a single company comprising the combined businesses of A and B;

⁽⁶⁾ 2006 c. 46, amended by S.I. 2013/3008 and 2015/980; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

⁽⁷⁾ Regulation 3 was amended by S.I. 2008/393, 2013/1970, 2015/889, 2016/649 and 2017/516.

⁽⁸⁾ Part 4ZA was amended, and the part heading inserted, by the Pension Schemes Act 2015 (c. 8), Schedule 4, Part 1, paragraph 4(2)(a).

⁽⁹⁾ S.I. 2006/246.

- (b) where A employs scheme members jointly with B;
 - (c) in respect of active members of the scheme, following a transfer of those members to A from B (but see paragraph (3));
 - (d) where A holds or controls, or in the previous six months has held or controlled, at least 33% of the voting power in B;
 - (e) where A is, or in the previous six months has been, engaged in a joint venture with B.
- (2) In paragraph (1)—
- (a) “employer” means a person who employs or engages persons who are members of the scheme;
 - (b) “group undertaking” has the meaning given by section 1161(5) of the Companies Act;
 - (c) “joint venture” means an arrangement, contractual or otherwise, by which two or more parties undertake an economic activity that is subject to joint control.

(3) Where the transfer referred to in paragraph (1)(c) is not a relevant transfer as defined in regulation 2 of the TUPE Regulations⁽¹⁰⁾, A and B (and their respective group undertakings) are connected for no more than six months beginning with the date of the transfer.

Commencement Information

I3 Reg. 3 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Application for authorisation

4.—(1) The following provisions of this regulation apply for the purposes of section 4(5)(a) of the Act (application for authorisation).

(2) The other information to be included in an application, in relation to each person acting in a capacity mentioned in section 7(2) or (3) of the Act (fit and proper persons requirement), is—

- (a) in the case of an individual—
 - (i) the person’s full name;
 - (ii) the person’s date of birth;
 - (iii) the title and description of the person’s role in relation to the scheme;
 - (iv) the person’s residential address and address for correspondence, if different, including any change to the residential address in the five years before the date of the application for authorisation;
 - (v) a criminal conviction certificate obtained by means of an application in accordance with section 112(1) of the Police Act 1997⁽¹¹⁾ or, in relation to the law of a country outside the United Kingdom, any equivalent document;
- (b) in the case of a body corporate within the meaning given by section 1173(1) of the Companies Act—
 - (i) the full name of each person who exercises a function in respect of or on behalf of the body corporate acting in such a capacity;
 - (ii) the date of birth of each such person who is an individual;

⁽¹⁰⁾ There are further provisions about relevant transfers in regulation 3 of the TUPE Regulations, which was amended by [S.I. 2014/16](#).

⁽¹¹⁾ [1997 c. 50](#); section 112(1) was amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009 ([c. 26](#)), section 97(2) and Schedule 8, Part 8, the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 ([c. 9](#)), section 80(1), and [S.I. 2012/3006](#).

- (iii) the residential address and address for correspondence, if different, including any change to the residential address in the five years before the date of the application for authorisation;
- (c) in the case of any person, responses to a list of questions raised by the Regulator in the application to assess whether the person is a fit and proper person.
- (3) The other information to be included in an application, in relation to whether the systems and processes used in running the scheme are sufficient, is—
- (a) in the case of a scheme in respect of which an annual statement of governance has been prepared as required by regulation 23 of the Administration Regulations⁽¹²⁾, the most recent statement prepared in accordance with that regulation;
- (b) in the case of a scheme in respect of which an annual statement of governance as required by regulation 23 of the Administration Regulations has not previously been prepared, a document which contains, as far as practicable, the information which would be required to be included in a document prepared under that regulation in respect of the scheme;
- (c) in cases where a statement of investment principles⁽¹³⁾ has been prepared in respect of a scheme in accordance with regulation 2 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment) Regulations 2005⁽¹⁴⁾, the most recent statement prepared in accordance with that regulation;
- (d) detail of the systems and processes used, or intended to be used, in the running of the scheme, and whether they have been devised, applied or maintained by the scheme or a service provider, including details of the matters set out in Schedule 4.
- (4) An application for authorisation must be accompanied by a fee of—
- (a) £41,000 for an existing scheme, or
- (b) £23,000 for a scheme which is not an existing scheme.
- (5) In paragraph (4), “existing scheme” means a Master Trust scheme which was in operation before the commencement date.
- (6) The Regulator must pay fees received under paragraph (4) to the Secretary of State, unless the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury directs otherwise.

Commencement Information

I4 Reg. 4 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Fit and proper persons requirement

5. Schedule 1 sets out the matters that the Regulator must take into account in assessing, for the purposes of section 7 of the Act (fit and proper persons requirement), whether a person involved in a Master Trust scheme is a fit and proper person.

Commencement Information

I5 Reg. 5 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

⁽¹²⁾ Regulation 23 was inserted by [S.I. 2015/879](#) and amended by [S.I. 2016/427](#).

⁽¹³⁾ “Statement of investment principles” is defined in section 35(2) of the 1995 Act; section 35 was substituted by the 2004 Act, section 244.

⁽¹⁴⁾ [S.I. 2005/3378](#).

Financial sustainability requirement

6.—(1) Part 1 of Schedule 2 sets out the matters that the Regulator must take into account in deciding, for the purposes of section 8 of the Act (financial sustainability requirement), whether it is satisfied that a Master Trust scheme is financially sustainable.

(2) Part 2 of Schedule 2 sets out the requirements to be met by a Master Trust scheme and each scheme funder relating to its financing.

Commencement Information

I6 Reg. 6 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Financial sustainability requirement: business plan

7.—(1) A Master Trust scheme's business plan must be submitted—

- (a) in writing,
- (b) in the format set out in a Code, and
- (c) in accordance with any further requirements set out in a Code.

(2) The business plan must contain the information listed in Part 1 of Schedule 3 (but see paragraph (6)).

(3) The business plan must comply with the requirements set out in a Code in relation to the matters listed in Part 2 of Schedule 3 (but see paragraph (6)).

(4) The information in the business plan must be provided as at the later of—

- (a) a date chosen by the scheme strategist, but not earlier than six months before the date when the scheme's trustees apply to the Regulator for authorisation, and
- (b) where the business plan has been revised as a result of a significant change to the information contained in it, the date on which the significant change occurred.

(5) If a revised business plan is submitted in accordance with section 9(6) of the Act (financial sustainability requirement: business plan), the business plan must indicate which parts of it have been revised.

(6) The Regulator may give notice to the scheme's trustees stipulating that a revised business plan submitted during a period when the circumstances in paragraph (7) apply—

- (a) must state that those circumstances apply, and
- (b) need not comply with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(7) The circumstances are—

- (a) that the scheme has experienced a triggering event,
- (b) that the trustees are pursuing continuity option 1 or 2, and
- (c) that the Regulator has approved an implementation strategy in respect of the scheme.

Commencement Information

I7 Reg. 7 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Scheme funder requirements: activities

8.—(1) A current or prospective scheme funder which wishes to be exempted from the requirement in section 10(3) of the Act (that the scheme funder should only carry out activities that relate directly to Master Trust schemes in relation to which it is a scheme funder) must submit the following information to the Regulator in the format required by the Regulator—

- (a) the reasons why the scheme funder wishes to be exempted from the requirement;
- (b) a description of those activities of the scheme funder which do not relate directly to the Master Trust scheme;
- (c) details of the financial support which the scheme funder will provide to the Master Trust scheme;
- (d) the following financial information in respect of the scheme funder as at the date on which the information is submitted to the Regulator under this paragraph—
 - (i) actual turnover, gross margin, overheads and operating profit for the previous 12 months;
 - (ii) a cash flow statement for the previous 12 months, including any undrawn overdraft facility or revolving credit facility;
 - (iii) forecast and actual profit and loss for the previous 12 months;
 - (iv) budget for the previous 12 months and any variation against that budget;
 - (v) cash resources;
 - (vi) cash flow forecast for the following four quarters;
 - (vii) operating costs;
 - (viii) inter-company loans and other forms of funding;
 - (ix) any significant risks to which the scheme funder is exposed and its strategy for mitigating them;
- (e) whether the scheme funder is regulated by a financial regulator and, if so—
 - (i) the identity of that regulator, and
 - (ii) the basis on which the scheme funder's financial arrangements with the Master Trust scheme have been accounted for in any capital reserves which the financial regulator requires the scheme funder to hold;
- (f) such other information as the Regulator may require in order to be satisfied that the scheme funder is giving adequate financial support to the Master Trust scheme.

(2) If a current or prospective scheme funder cannot provide some or all of the financial information referred to in paragraph (1)(d), it must give reasons for this to the Regulator.

(3) A current or prospective scheme funder may provide financial information in addition to that referred to in paragraph (1)(d) if it considers that the information would assist the Regulator in assessing the scheme funder's request for exemption from the requirement in section 10(3) of the Act.

(4) If the Regulator is satisfied—

- (a) that the scheme funder's arrangements for giving financial support to the scheme are sufficiently transparent, and
- (b) that, on the basis of the information listed in paragraph (1) and any additional information provided under paragraph (3), section 10(3) of the Act should not apply to the scheme funder,

the Regulator must notify the scheme funder to that effect, upon which the requirement in section 10(3) of the Act does not apply.

(5) The requirement in section 10(3) of the Act does not apply to the trustee corporation established by section 75 of the Pensions Act 2008(15).

Commencement Information

I8 Reg. 8 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Scheme funder requirements: accounts

9.—(1) Where a scheme funder is a charity, its accounts must meet the requirements in the Companies Act notwithstanding the provisions of any other enactment.

(2) If a scheme funder has no audited accounts at the time when it becomes a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme, the Regulator may require a proportion, set out in a Code, of the assets required to meet the costs mentioned in section 8(3) of the Act (financial sustainability requirement) to be—

- (a) deposited in a separate account in the name of the trustees kept with a deposit taker as defined in section 49(8A) of the 1995 Act(16) (other responsibilities of trustees, etc) within three months from the date on which it becomes a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme, and
- (b) kept in that account until the date on which the scheme funder submits audited accounts to the Regulator.

(3) Regulations 4 and 8 to 10 of the Partnerships (Accounts) Regulations 2008(17) apply, and regulation 7 of those Regulations does not apply, to a scheme funder that is—

- (a) a Scottish partnership which is a limited partnership,
- (b) a Scottish partnership which is not a limited partnership, or
- (c) a comparable undertaking incorporated in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom,

irrespective of whether it is a qualifying partnership as defined in regulation 3 of those Regulations.

(4) The provisions of Part 16 of the Companies Act (audit) listed in paragraph (5) apply to a scheme funder which is—

- (a) an undertaking formed or incorporated under the law of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom, and
- (b) not otherwise subject to a requirement to produce audited accounts.

(5) The provisions are—

- (a) Chapter 1 (requirement for audited accounts);
- (b) section 495 (auditor's report on company's annual accounts);
- (c) section 496 (auditor's report on strategic report and directors' report);
- (d) section 498 (duties of auditor);
- (e) section 499 (auditor's general right to information);
- (f) section 503 (signature of auditor's report);
- (g) section 504 (senior statutory auditor);
- (h) section 505 (names to be stated in published copies of auditor's report);

(15) 2008 c. 30.

(16) Section 49(8A) was inserted by [S.I. 2001/3649](#) and amended by the Financial Services Act 2012 (c. 21), Schedule 18, Part 2, paragraph 82(1) and (2) and by [S.I. 2007/3014](#).

(17) [S.I. 2008/569](#); regulation 4 was amended by [S.I. 2013/2005](#) and regulation 9 was amended by [S.I. 2016/649](#).

- (i) section 506 (circumstances in which names may be omitted).
- (6) The provisions listed in paragraph (5) apply for the purposes of that paragraph with any necessary modifications to take account of the corporate structure of the scheme funder.
- (7) An auditor may be appointed for the purposes of the provisions listed in paragraph (5) only by the members of the scheme funder.
- (8) In the provisions listed in paragraph (5) (as they apply for the purposes of that paragraph) and in paragraph (7), a reference to “members” is a reference to the persons within that undertaking who are comparable to members within the meaning given by section 112 (1) and (2) of the Companies Act.
- (9) If a triggering event within item 4, 5 or 6 of the table in section 21(6) of the Act has occurred in relation to a scheme, the Regulator may give notice to the scheme funder specifying the period within which the scheme funder must submit its accounts.
- (10) A scheme funder that is partly or wholly funded by an undertaking must provide to the Regulator the accounts of that undertaking, produced in accordance with the Companies Act.

Commencement Information

I9 Reg. 9 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Systems and processes requirements

10. Schedule 4 sets out the matters which the Regulator must take into account when deciding whether it is satisfied that the systems and processes used in running a Master Trust scheme are sufficient to ensure that the scheme is run effectively.

Commencement Information

I10 Reg. 10 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Continuity strategy: administration charges

11.—(1) For the purposes of section 12(5) of the Act, the section of the continuity strategy setting out the levels of administration charges must set them out as follows.

- (2) The section must set out all levels of administration charges in the current scheme year for each charge structure, including any discounted levels—
- (a) for each arrangement, including a default arrangement, and any different levels in relation to any one arrangement;
 - (b) for any additional charges, including the reason for imposing them;
 - (c) for any third-party charges, including the reason for imposing them;
 - (d) for any other type of administration charge in the scheme, including the reason for imposing it.
- (3) The levels must be set out on an annualised basis.
- (4) Where there is a discounted level, the reason for charging the lower level must also be set out.

Commencement Information

I11 Reg. 11 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Continuity strategy: information

12.—(1) The following information is specified for the purposes of section 12(6)(a) of the Act (continuity strategy requirement)—

- (a) the steps the trustees would take to decide which continuity option to pursue (if applicable) and the timescales for taking those steps;
 - (b) details of—
 - (i) the main decisions and actions that would need to be taken to protect members' interests during a triggering event period,
 - (ii) the person responsible for taking them, and
 - (iii) the timescales for taking them;
 - (c) details of strategies for communicating with employers and members, including—
 - (i) the information to be provided, and
 - (ii) the stages at which communication would take place;
 - (d) details of strategies for communicating with the Regulator;
 - (e) if applicable, details of how the trustees would choose the receiving scheme;
 - (f) if applicable, details of how the scheme's assets and members' personal data would be transferred to the receiving scheme;
 - (g) details of how members' records are to be maintained during a triggering event period;
 - (h) details of how assets held at scheme level would be reconciled with assets held at member level;
 - (i) details of how the trustees would comply with any legal requirements and meet any legal costs arising from a triggering event;
 - (j) a plan for making decisions on investments when a triggering event occurs, and for dealing with scheme investments during a triggering event period;
 - (k) a plan for dealing with any outstanding contributions due from employers and members;
 - (l) details of how the scheme's administrative services would continue after a triggering event;
 - (m) details of how service providers would be retained and paid for during a triggering event period;
 - (n) details of how implementation of the continuity strategy would be funded.
- (2) A continuity strategy must be prepared—
- (a) in writing,
 - (b) in the format set out in a Code, and
 - (c) in accordance with any further requirements set out in a Code.

Commencement Information

I12 Reg. 12 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Supervisory return: contents

13. For the purposes of section 15(2) of the Act, the Regulator may require the following information to be included in a supervisory return, to the extent that it has not already been provided to the Regulator—

- (a) details of how trustees' competence is being maintained, with particular reference to their compliance with the knowledge and understanding requirements in sections 247, 248 and 249 of the 2004 Act⁽¹⁸⁾;
- (b) details of the scheme strategist's professional development;
- (c) where the scheme is an ear-marked scheme as defined in regulation 1(2) of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996⁽¹⁹⁾—
 - (i) the most recent accounts published in relation to each insurance company with which the trustees or managers of the scheme hold policies of insurance or annuity contracts falling within the description in that definition, and
 - (ii) where any such insurance company is part of a group in respect of which there is a duty to prepare group accounts under section 399 of the Companies Act⁽²⁰⁾, the most recent such accounts which have been published;
- (d) the scheme's most recent business plan;
- (e) details of the scheme's current position in relation to its objectives in the business plan;
- (f) any other information that is relevant to the authorisation criteria listed in section 5(3) of the Act (decision on application).

Commencement Information

113 Reg. 13 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Significant events: notifying the Regulator

14. The following are significant events which must be notified to the Regulator under section 16 of the Act (duty to notify Regulator)—

- (a) a change or addition to the persons involved with the scheme in the capacities listed in section 7(2) or (3) of the Act (fit and proper persons requirement), unless the change or addition is a triggering event;
- (b) an individual who is involved with the scheme in a capacity listed in section 7(2) or (3) of the Act, or whose involvement in the running of the scheme has been suspended while the individual's appointment is being considered—
 - (i) is convicted of an offence;
 - (ii) enters bankruptcy;
 - (iii) has a County Court judgment registered, or in Scotland a decree of the Sheriff Court issued, against him or her;
 - (iv) is sanctioned by a regulator other than the Regulator;
 - (v) is disqualified as a company director;
 - (vi) has been the subject of an adverse judgment or has reached a settlement in civil proceedings, particularly in connection with investment or other financial business, misconduct, fraud or the formation or management of a body corporate;
 - (vii) has contravened any of the requirements or standards of a regulator, including the Regulator;

⁽¹⁸⁾ Section 248(8) was amended by [S.I. 2009/1941](#).

⁽¹⁹⁾ [S.I. 1996/1975](#); the definition of "ear-marked scheme" was amended by [S.I. 1997/786](#).

⁽²⁰⁾ Section 399 was amended by [S.I. 2015/980](#) and [2016/1245](#).

- (viii) has a change of circumstances, through ill health or otherwise, which materially impairs the individual’s ability to operate in a capacity listed in section 7(2) or (3);
- (ix) has any other change of circumstances which the person required to give notice considers likely to affect the Regulator’s assessment under section 7 of the Act of whether the individual is a fit and proper person;
- (c) a significant change to the statement of investment principles⁽²¹⁾;
- (d) a change that requires revision of the business plan under section 9(4) of the Act;
- (e) a failure to meet a key milestone, target, estimate or assumption in the business plan;
- (f) the scheme is unable or unlikely to meet its liabilities on demand;
- (g) the scheme is unable or unlikely to meet the level of assets or liquidity agreed with the Regulator and set out in the business plan;
- (h) except where regulation 28(1) applies to a scheme, a change to the financial reporting period to be used in the accounts of the scheme or scheme funder;
- (i) a change in the financial information which a scheme funder has supplied to the Regulator with an application for exemption under regulation 8(1);
- (j) a failure of the systems or processes used in running the scheme which has a significant adverse effect on the security or quality of data or on service delivery;
- (k) a significant change to the systems and processes used in running the scheme, or in any person responsible for delivering key services to the scheme;
- (l) an investigation of the scheme, or of a person involved in the scheme, by a regulator or other competent authority inside or outside the United Kingdom.

Commencement Information

I14 Reg. 14 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Fixed and escalating penalties

15.—(1) Where the Regulator issues a fixed penalty notice to a person under section 17(1) of the Act, the penalty is £500.

(2) Where the Regulator issues an escalating penalty notice to a person under section 18(1) of the Act, the daily rate is determined in accordance with the table.

(3) In the first column of the table, Day 1 is the day specified in the escalating penalty notice, in accordance with section 18(6)(d) of the Act, as being the date from which the penalty is payable, and subsequent days are numbered accordingly.

(4) The second column of the table shows the daily rate payable in respect of each day when the notice is in force.

(5) The table is—

<i>Day</i>	<i>Daily rate</i>
1	£1,000
2	£2,000

(21) “Statement of investment principles” is defined in section 35(2) of the 1995 Act; section 35 was substituted by the 2004 Act, section 244.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Daily rate</i>
3	£3,000
4	£4,000
5	£5,000
6	£6,000
7	£7,000
8	£8,000
9	£9,000
10	£10,000
Each subsequent day	£10,000.

Commencement Information

I15 Reg. 15 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Triggering events: notification requirements

16.—(1) For the purposes of section 22(6)(b) of the Act, if a triggering event occurs in relation to a Master Trust scheme, the trustees must notify the employers of the following matters—

- (a) the nature of the triggering event;
- (b) except where regulation 27(3) applies to the scheme, that the trustees—
 - (i) have submitted an implementation strategy to the Regulator and the date on which they did so, or
 - (ii) will submit an implementation strategy to the Regulator by the date specified in regulation 17; and
 - (iii) in either case, will make the implementation strategy available to the employers after it has been approved by the Regulator;
- (c) the timetable for future communications with the employers.

(2) Notifications under section 22 of the Act (notification requirements) must be given before the end of—

- (a) seven days (in the case of notifications to the Regulator), or
- (b) fourteen days (in the case of notifications to employers),

beginning with the date specified in paragraph (3).

- (3) The specified date is—
 - (a) the date on which the triggering event occurred (in the case of notifications made under section 22(2) or (6) of the Act), or
 - (b) the date on which the person under the duty to notify the Regulator became aware that the event had occurred (in the case of notifications made under section 22(4) of the Act).

Commencement Information

I16 Reg. 16 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Implementation strategy: approval

17. Where trustees are required to submit an implementation strategy to the Regulator for approval, it must be submitted before the end of the 28 days beginning with the date on which—

- (a) the decision to refuse or withdraw authorisation became final, in the case of a triggering event within item 1, 2 or 2A(22) of the table in section 21(6) of the Act; or
- (b) the triggering event occurred, in the case of a triggering event within any other item of the table in section 21(6) of the Act.

Commencement Information

I17 Reg. 17 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Implementation strategy: administration charges

18.—(1) The levels to be set out in the section relating to administration charges in the implementation strategy (“fixed charge levels”) must be set out and calculated using the following method.

(2) Where the triggering event period is more or less than a full year, the fixed charge levels apply on a pro rata basis.

(3) The method comprises the steps in paragraphs (4), (5) and (6).

(4) The first step is for the trustees to set out the levels of administration charges in paragraph (7) for the scheme year in which the triggering event occurred.

(5) The second step is for the trustees to set out the levels of administration charges in paragraph (7) for the scheme year preceding the one in which the triggering event occurred.

(6) The third step is for the trustees to—

- (a) compare each level from the set of levels for the scheme year in paragraph (4) with the corresponding level from the set of levels for the scheme year in paragraph (5), and
- (b) take the lower of the two levels as the fixed charge level.

(7) For the scheme year under paragraphs (4) and (5), the trustees must set out all levels of administration charges for each charge structure, including any discounted levels—

- (a) for each arrangement, including a default arrangement, and any different levels in relation to any one arrangement;
- (b) for any additional charges, including the reason for imposing them;
- (c) for any third-party charges, including the reason for imposing them;
- (d) for any other type of administration charge in the scheme, including the reason for imposing it.

(8) The levels in paragraph (7) must be set out on an annualised basis.

(9) Where there is a discounted level, the reason for charging the lower level must also be stated.

Commencement Information

I18 Reg. 18 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

(22) Item 2A of the table is substituted for item 2 by paragraph 10(c) of Schedule 2 to the Act in respect of Master Trust schemes in operation before the commencement date.

Implementation strategy: content

19.—(1) An implementation strategy must contain—

- (a) details of—
 - (i) the main decisions and actions that will be taken, in relation to the continuity option being pursued, to address the triggering event that has occurred,
 - (ii) the person responsible for taking them, and
 - (iii) the timescales for taking them;
- (b) a communications plan setting out what information will be communicated to employers and members and when, including information about—
 - (i) the continuity option being pursued, and
 - (ii) key milestones and when they were achieved;
- (c) a plan setting out how members' assets are to be transferred (if applicable);
- (d) a plan setting out how the integrity of members' records will be maintained during the triggering event period;
- (e) a plan setting out how assets held at scheme level are to be reconciled with assets held at member level;
- (f) details of how the trustees will comply with any legal requirements and meet any legal costs arising from the triggering event that has occurred and the continuity option being pursued;
- (g) details of how scheme investments will be managed during the triggering event period;
- (h) a plan for dealing with any outstanding contributions due from employers and members;
- (i) details of how the scheme's administrative services will continue during the triggering event period and how the trustees will implement the continuity option being pursued;
- (j) details of how service providers are to be retained and paid during the triggering event period;
- (k) details of how carrying out the steps identified in the implementation strategy is to be funded, with particular reference to the continuity option being pursued.

(2) An implementation strategy must be prepared—

- (a) in writing,
- (b) in the format set out in a Code, and
- (c) in accordance with any further requirements set out in a Code.

(3) After approval by the Regulator, the implementation strategy must be made available to the employers within the seven days beginning with the date on which the Regulator notifies the trustees that the implementation strategy is approved.

Commencement Information

I19 Reg. 19 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Continuity option 1: transfer out and winding up

20. Schedule 5 applies when the trustees of a Master Trust scheme—

- (a) are required, or decide, to pursue continuity option 1; and
- (b) propose to transfer members' accrued rights and benefits under the scheme.

Commencement Information

I20 Reg. 20 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Continuity option 2: resolving triggering event

21. For the purposes of section 25(4) of the Act (continuity option 2: resolving triggering event) (or, where applicable, of section 25(4)(d) as substituted by paragraph 5(c) of Schedule 2 to the Act), the notification must be given before the end of the 14 days beginning with the date on which the triggering event was, in the trustees' opinion, resolved.

Commencement Information

I21 Reg. 21 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Periodic reporting requirement

22.—(1) For the purposes of section 30(2) of the Act (periodic reporting requirement), the first report must be submitted before the end of the 14 days beginning with the date on which the Regulator notifies the trustees that the implementation strategy is approved.

- (2) For the purposes of section 30(4)(b) of the Act, periodic reports must record—
- (a) decisions made by the trustees and participating employers about the receiving scheme, and
 - (b) decisions made by the trustees in relation to arrangements under paragraph 12 of Schedule 5.
- (3) The following information is specified for the purposes of section 30(4)(c) of the Act—
- (a) if the person preparing the periodic report is not an independent trustee appointed pursuant to section 23(1) of the 1995 Act (**23**) (power to appoint independent trustees), the name and address of that person;
 - (b) if an actuary is appointed under section 47(1)(b) of the 1995 Act (professional advisers), the name and address of the actuary;
 - (c) a statement as to whether any of the scheme's administrative services are being carried out by a person other than the trustees, including the name and address of that person;
 - (d) the timescales for completing the steps identified in the implementation strategy;
 - (e) details of whether any particular issues are affecting the trustees' ability to pursue or complete the steps identified in the implementation strategy.
- (4) This regulation does not apply to a scheme to which regulation 27(3) applies.

Commencement Information

I22 Reg. 22 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Fraud compensation

23.—(1) This paragraph applies to a scheme when all the following conditions are met—

(23) Section 23 was substituted by section 36(3) of the 2004 Act.

- (a) the scheme has been authorised by the Regulator under section 5 of the Act;
- (b) there are one or more scheme funders and a triggering event within item 4 or 5 of the table in section 21(6) of the Act has occurred in relation to every scheme funder;
- (c) the scheme is pursuing continuity option 1; and
- (d) the trustees have submitted the implementation strategy to the Regulator.

(2) Where paragraph (1) applies, the following enactments have effect in relation to the scheme with the following modifications—

- (a) in the 2004 Act, omit—
 - (i) section 182(1)(c), (2) to (4), 6(a), (8) and (9) (insolvency of employers);
 - (ii) the words “the later of” in section 182(6);
 - (iii) the definition of “relevant event” in section 182(10);
 - (iv) section 183 (board’s duties where employer unlikely to continue as a going concern);
 - (v) section 185(5)(d) (board’s duty to give notice to the insolvency practitioner or the employer) and the “and” before it;
 - (vi) paragraph 21 of Schedule 9 (issue of a notice under section 183);
- (b) in the Occupational Pension Schemes (Fraud Compensation Payments and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005(24)—
 - (i) omit regulation 2(1)(ka)(25);
 - (ii) in regulation 2(2), for “(ka)” substitute “(k)”;
 - (iii) in regulation 5(3)—
 - (aa) in sub-paragraph (c), for “employer” substitute “each scheme funder (as defined in section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017)”;
 - (bb) for sub-paragraph (e), substitute—
 - “(e) the date the triggering event (as defined in section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017) occurred;”;

^{F1}(c)

F1 [Reg. 23\(2\)\(c\)](#) omitted (1.4.2022) by virtue of [The Occupational Pension Schemes \(Fraud Compensation Levy\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/259\)](#), regs. 1, 4

Commencement Information

I23 [Reg. 23\(1\)\(2\)\(a\)\(b\)\(iii\)\(c\)](#) in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

I24 [Reg. 23\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)\(ii\)](#) in force at 1.4.2019, see [reg. 1\(3\)](#)

Pause orders

24.—(1) Where a pause order containing a direction under section 31(5)(e) of the Act (pause orders) has effect in respect of a scheme, section 99 of the 1993 Act(26) (trustees’ duties after exercise of option) has effect in relation to that scheme as if for subsection (2)(b) of section 99 there were substituted—

- “(b) in the case of an application that relates to money purchase benefits, by the later of—

(24) [S.I. 2005/2184](#).
 (25) Regulation 2(1)(ka) was inserted, and regulation 2(2) amended, by article 2 of the National Employment Savings Trust (Consequential Provisions) Order 2010 ([S.I. 2010/9](#)).
 (26) Section 99(2) was substituted by the Pension Schemes Act 2015 (c. 8), Schedule 4, Part 1, paragraph 13.

- (i) the last day of the six months beginning with the date of the application, or
 - (ii) where a pause order made under section 31(5) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 and containing a direction under section 31(5)(e) of that Act has effect in relation to that scheme before the last day of the period referred to in sub-paragraph (i), the last day of the three months beginning with the date on which the pause order ceases to have effect.”.
- (2) Regulation 13(1) of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Transfer Values) Regulations 1996(27) (extension of time limits for payment of cash equivalents) is amended as follows—
- (a) at the end of sub-paragraph (ba) omit “or”;
 - (b) after sub-paragraph (ba) insert—
 - “(bb) the scheme is, or within the three months immediately before the end of that period has been, the subject of a pause order under section 31(5) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 which contains a direction under section 31(5)(e) of that Act (no transfers etc of members’ rights); or”;
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (c), for “(b) or (ba)” substitute “(b), (ba) or (bb)”.

Commencement Information

I25 Reg. 24 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Administration charges

25.—^[F2](1) The administration charges that apply in relation to members of a Master Trust scheme must not include—

- (a) costs incurred as a result of buying, selling, lending or borrowing investments;
- (b) where a court order provides for the recovery by the trustees of costs incurred in complying with the order, the amount of those costs;
- (c) charges permitted by regulations made under section 24 or 41 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999(28) (charges by pension arrangements in relation to earmarking orders and charges in respect of pension sharing costs);
- (d) costs solely associated with the provision of death benefits^[F3];
- (e) costs solely attributable to holding physical assets.]

^[F4](2) For the purposes of this regulation, the costs solely attributable to holding a physical asset include—

- (a) the costs of managing and maintaining the asset;
- (b) fees for valuing the asset;
- (c) the cost of insuring the asset;
- (d) ground rent, charges, rates, taxes and utilities bills incurred in relation to the asset.]

^[F4](3) In this regulation—

- (a) “commodity” means any goods of a fungible nature that are capable of being delivered, including metals and their ores and alloys, agricultural products and energy such as

(27) [S.I. 1996/1847](#). Regulation 13(1) was amended by [S.I. 2016/200](#), and sub-paragraph (ba) was inserted by [S.I. 2005/686](#); there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

(28) [1999 c. 30](#); section 24 was amended by section 263(10)(b) of, and paragraph 158(2) of Schedule 27 and Schedule 30 to, the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), and by article 2(2) of [S.I. 2005/3175](#).

electricity, but not including cash or financial instruments (within the meaning of article 3 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001);

- (b) “physical asset” means an asset whose value depends on its physical form, including—
- (i) land,
 - (ii) buildings and other structures on land or sea,
 - (iii) vehicles, ships, aircraft or rolling stock, and
 - (iv) commodities.]

- F2** [Reg. 25\(1\)](#): reg. 25 renumbered as reg. 25(1) (5.4.2022 immediately after regulation 10(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2021 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2021 (saving provision in respect of the definition of "administration charge") ceases to have effect) by [The Occupational Pension Schemes \(Master Trusts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/277\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(2)**
- F3** [Reg. 25\(1\)\(e\)](#) and semi-colon substituted for full-stop (5.4.2022 immediately after regulation 10(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2021 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2021 (saving provision in respect of the definition of "administration charge") ceases to have effect) by [The Occupational Pension Schemes \(Master Trusts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/277\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(3)**
- F4** [Reg. 25\(2\)\(3\)](#) inserted (5.4.2022 immediately after regulation 10(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2021 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2021 (saving provision in respect of the definition of "administration charge") ceases to have effect) by [The Occupational Pension Schemes \(Master Trusts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/277\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(4)**

Commencement Information

- I26** [Reg. 25](#) in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Application of Part 1 of the Pension Schemes Act 2017

26.—(1) Part 1 of the Act does not apply to schemes which have all the following characteristics—

- (a) on 20th October 2016, the scheme—
 - (i) was providing non-money purchase benefits (whether alone or in conjunction with other benefits), and
 - (ii) was used, or intended to be used, by two or more employers;
- (b) membership of the scheme is limited to members, or former members, of a pension scheme established by statute for a specific occupational group, industry or profession;
- (c) the scheme ceased to accept new members on a date which is not later than six months after the commencement date.

(2) In paragraph (1)(c), a “new member” includes a person who was formerly a member of the scheme by virtue of a relationship with a previous employer, except where that person’s employment contract was transferred to the person’s current employer as a result of a relevant transfer as defined in regulation 2 of the TUPE Regulations.

27.—(1) Part 1 of the Act does not apply to schemes to which one or more of the following paragraphs apply.

- (2) This paragraph applies where—
 - (a) the scheme has only one member, and

- (b) the member is, or has been, employed by all the employers which use the scheme.
 - (3) This paragraph applies where the scheme is a relevant small scheme as defined in regulation 1(2ZB) of the Administration Regulations(29), and—
 - (a) the scheme has only one member, or
 - (b) 50% or more of the trustees are members of the scheme.
 - (4) This paragraph applies where the only money purchase benefits provided by the scheme are attributable to one or more of the following—
 - (a) additional voluntary contributions made by or on behalf of non-money purchase members of the scheme, in respect of a period when—
 - (i) they are active members of the scheme, or
 - (ii) they have ceased to be active members of the scheme because they have reached a maximum service limit in relation to the scheme;
 - (b) money purchase rights or benefits transferred from other pension schemes in respect of persons who, at the time of the transfer, were active non-money purchase members of the receiving scheme, where those rights or benefits are closed to future accrual;
 - (c) pension credits created pursuant to section 29 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (creation of pension debits and credits).
- 28.—**(1) This paragraph applies to a Master Trust scheme which—
- (a) was established before the commencement date,
 - (b) provides both money purchase benefits and non-money purchase benefits, and
 - (c) has more than one scheme funder, each of which is a participating employer.
- (2) Where paragraph (1) applies to a scheme, Part 1 of the Act has effect in relation to that scheme as if the following provisions were omitted—
- (a) section 4(2)(b) (requirement to submit the latest accounts of each scheme funder);
 - (b) section 7(2)(f) (requirement for the Regulator to assess whether the scheme funder is a fit and proper person);
 - (c) the words “each scheme funder,” in section 9(5) (requirement to approve the business plan and any revisions to it);
 - (d) section 10(1), (2) and (3) (scheme funder requirements);
 - (e) the words “each scheme funder,” in section 12(8) (requirement to approve the continuity strategy and any revisions to it);
 - (f) section 14(3) and (4) (requirement for the scheme funder to submit accounts to the Regulator);
 - (g) section 16(2)(e) (duty on a scheme funder to notify the Regulator of significant events);
 - (h) section 39(3) (reference in section 10(3) to activities that relate directly to Master Trust schemes);
 - (i) the words “scheme funders and” in paragraph 4(2)(b) of Schedule 1 (requirement for the Regulator to notify the scheme funders that an action that contravenes a pause order has been validated).
- (3) This paragraph applies to a scheme where—
- (a) paragraph (1) applies to the scheme,

- (b) a triggering event within item 4, 5, 6 or 7 of the table in section 21(6) of the Act has occurred in relation to the scheme, and
 - (c) the trustees of the scheme have decided to pursue continuity option 2.
- (4) Where paragraph (3) applies to a scheme—
- (a) Part 1 of the Act has effect in relation to that scheme as if the following provisions were omitted—
 - (i) section 20(c) (duty to comply with section 26);
 - (ii) section 26 (approval of implementation strategy);
 - (iii) section 27 (content of implementation strategy);
 - (iv) section 28 (duty to pursue continuity option);
 - (v) section 30(4)(a) (periodic reporting requirement);
 - (vi) section 32 (prohibition on new employers during triggering event period);
 - (vii) section 33 (prohibition on increasing charges etc during triggering event period);
 - (viii) the definition of “implementation strategy” in section 39(1);
 - (b) section 31 of the Act has effect in relation to the scheme as if—
 - (i) in subsection (2), for “either of the following two conditions” there were substituted “the following condition”;
 - (ii) subsection (3) were omitted; and
 - (iii) in subsection (4), for “Condition 2” there were substituted “The condition”;
 - (c) regulation 22(3) does not apply, and the following provisions apply for the purposes of section 30(2) and (4)(c) of the Act (periodic reporting requirement)—
 - (i) the first report must be submitted before the end of the 28 days beginning with the date on which the triggering event occurred;
 - (ii) if the person preparing the periodic report is not an independent trustee appointed pursuant to section 23(1) of the 1995 Act⁽³⁰⁾ (power to appoint independent trustees), the report must contain the name and address of that person;
 - (iii) if an actuary is appointed under section 47(1)(b) of the 1995 Act (professional advisers), the report must contain the name and address of the actuary;
 - (iv) the report must contain a statement as to whether any of the scheme’s administrative services are being carried out by a person other than the trustees, including the name and address of that person;
 - (v) the report must state the actions being taken by the trustees in the absence of an implementation strategy, the timescales for completing them, and details of any particular issues affecting the trustees’ ability to pursue or complete them.

29.—(1) Two or more pension schemes are treated as a single Master Trust scheme for the purposes of Part 1 of the Act when paragraph (2) or (4) applies.

- (2) This paragraph applies where—
 - (a) none of the schemes is a Master Trust scheme;
 - (b) none of the schemes has any of the characteristics set out in paragraph (3);
 - (c) each scheme provides money purchase benefits (whether alone or in conjunction with other benefits);

⁽³⁰⁾ Section 23 was substituted by the 2004 Act, section 36(3).

- (d) each scheme is used by one employer, or by two or more employers which are connected with one another within the meaning given by section 1(3)(a) of the Act or regulation 3; and
 - (e) the schemes are under common control.
- (3) The characteristics are—
- (a) the scheme has only one member;
 - (b) the scheme is a relevant small scheme as defined in regulation 1(2ZB) of the Administration Regulations and 50% or more of the trustees are members of the scheme;
 - (c) the only money purchase benefits provided by the scheme are attributable to one or both of the following—
 - (i) additional voluntary contributions made by or on behalf of non-money purchase members of the scheme, in respect of a period when—
 - (aa) they are active members of the scheme, or
 - (bb) they have ceased to be active members of the scheme because they have reached a maximum service limit in relation to the scheme;
 - (ii) money purchase rights or benefits transferred from other pension schemes in respect of persons who, at the time of the transfer, were active non-money purchase members of the receiving scheme, where those rights or benefits are closed to future accrual;
 - (d) the Regulator has appointed a trustee to the scheme pursuant to section 7 of the 1995 Act⁽³¹⁾ (appointment of trustees) and the scheme is closed to future contributions; or
 - (e) all the employers using the schemes are connected with one another within the meaning given by section 1(3)(a) of the Act or regulation 3.
- (4) This paragraph applies where—
- (a) one of the schemes is a Master Trust scheme;
 - (b) each other scheme is primarily promoted to current or former members of the Master Trust scheme for the purpose of providing decumulation options; and
 - (c) all the schemes are under common control.
- (5) For the purposes of this regulation, schemes are under common control where—
- (a) they have at least three of the following persons in common—
 - (i) a scheme funder (or a person who would be a scheme funder if the scheme were a Master Trust scheme);
 - (ii) a scheme strategist (or a person who would be a scheme strategist if the scheme were a Master Trust scheme);
 - (iii) a person who promotes or markets the scheme;
 - (iv) a majority of trustees; or
 - (b) they have two of the persons listed in sub-paragraph (a) in common and the schemes are—
 - (i) provided by a common service provider, or
 - (ii) subject to the same rules.

Commencement Information

I27 Reg. 26 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

⁽³¹⁾ Section 7 was amended by the 2004 Act, section 35(1), Schedule 12, paragraph 36, and Schedule 13, paragraph 1; the Pensions Act 2014 (c. 19), Schedule 19, paragraph 3; and the Pensions Act 2008 (c. 30), section 131(1).

- I28** Reg. 27 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)
I29 Reg. 28 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)
I30 Reg. 29 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Amendment of the Companies Act 2006

30.—(1) The Companies Act is amended as follows.

(2) In section 384(**32**) (companies excluded from the small companies regime)—

(a) in subsection (1)—

- (i) omit “or” at the end of paragraph (b)(i); and
- (ii) after paragraph (b)(ii) insert—

“(iii) is a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme within the meanings given by section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 (interpretation of Part 1), or”;

(b) in subsection (2)—

- (i) omit “or” at the end of paragraph (d);
- (ii) insert “or” at the end of paragraph (e); and
- (iii) after paragraph (e) insert—

“(f) a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme within the meanings given by section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 (interpretation of Part 1).”.

(3) In section 467(**33**) (companies excluded from being treated as medium-sized)—

(a) in subsection (1)—

- (i) omit “or” at the end of paragraph (b)(i);
- (ii) insert “or” at the end of paragraph (b)(ii); and
- (iii) after paragraph (b)(ii) insert—

“(iii) is a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme within the meanings given by section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 (interpretation of Part 1), or”;

(b) in subsection (2)—

- (i) omit “or” at the end of paragraph (d);
- (ii) insert “or” at the end of paragraph (e); and
- (iii) after paragraph (e) insert—

“(f) a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme within the meanings given by section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 (interpretation of Part 1).”.

(4) In section 478(**34**) (companies excluded from small companies exemption), in paragraph (b)

(a) omit “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (i); and

(32) Subsections (1) and (2) were amended by [S.I. 2007/2932](#) and [2015/980](#); subsection (2) was also amended by the Financial Services Act 2012 (c. 21), Schedule 18, paragraph 111, and [S.I. 2013/2005](#).

(33) Subsections (1) and (2) were amended by the Financial Services Act 2012 (c. 21), Schedule 18, paragraph 113, and [S.I. 2013/2005](#); subsection (2) was also amended by [S.I. 2007/2932](#), [2008/393](#) and [2015/980](#).

(34) Paragraph (b) was amended by [S.I. 2007/2932](#).

(b) after sub-paragraph (ii) insert—

“(iii) is a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme within the meanings given by section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 (interpretation of Part 1), or”.

(5) In section 479B(35) (companies excluded from the subsidiary companies audit exemption), in paragraph (b)—

(a) omit “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (i); and

(b) after sub-paragraph (ii) insert—

“(iii) is a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme within the meanings given by section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 (interpretation of Part 1), or”.

Commencement Information

I31 Reg. 30 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Amendment of the Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008

31.—(1) The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008(36) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 5 (LLPs subject to the small LLPs regime), in modified section 384 of the Companies Act(37) (LLPs excluded from the small LLPs regime)—

(a) in subsection (1)—

(i) omit “or” at the end of paragraph (b)(i); and

(ii) after paragraph (b)(ii) insert—

“(iii) is a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme within the meanings given by section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 (interpretation of Part 1), or”;

(b) in subsection (2)—

(i) omit “or” at the end of paragraph (d);

(ii) insert “or” at the end of paragraph (e); and

(iii) after paragraph (e) insert—

“(f) a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme within the meanings given by section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 (interpretation of Part 1).”.

(3) In regulation 26 (medium-sized LLPs), in modified section 467 of the Companies Act(38) (LLPs excluded from being treated as medium-sized)—

(a) in subsection (1)—

(i) omit “or” at the end of paragraph (b)(i); and

(ii) after paragraph (b)(ii) insert—

“(iii) is a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme within the meanings given by section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 (interpretation of Part 1),”;

(35) Section 479B was inserted by [S.I. 2012/2301](#) and amended by [S.I. 2015/980](#).

(36) [S.I. 2008/1911](#).

(37) Section 384, as modified by regulation 5, was amended by [S.I. 2013/2005](#) and [2016/575](#).

(38) Section 467, as modified by regulation 26, was amended by [S.I. 2013/2005](#) and [2016/575](#).

(b) in subsection (2)—

- (i) omit “or” at the end of paragraph (d);
- (ii) insert “or” at the end of paragraph (e); and
- (iii) after paragraph (e) insert—

“(f) a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme within the meanings given by section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 (interpretation of Part 1).”.

(4) In regulation 34 (exemption from audit: small LLPs), in modified section 478 of the Companies Act (LLPs excluded from small LLPs exemption), in paragraph (b)—

- (a) omit “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (i); and
- (b) after sub-paragraph (ii) insert—

“(iii) is a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme within the meanings given by section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 (interpretation of Part 1), or”.

(5) In regulation 34A(39) (exemption from audit: qualifying subsidiaries), in modified section 479B(40) of the Companies Act (LLPs excluded from the subsidiary LLPs audit exemption), in paragraph (a)—

- (a) omit “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (i); and
- (b) after sub-paragraph (ii) insert—

“(iii) is a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme within the meanings given by section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 (interpretation of Part 1), or”.

Commencement Information

I32 Reg. 31 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Amendment of the Overseas Companies Regulations 2009

32.—(1) The Overseas Companies Regulations 2009(41) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 38 (duty to prepare accounts), in the introductory text, after “read as follows” insert—

“(save that the modification of section 396 does not apply in relation to a company which is a scheme funder of a Master Trust scheme within the meanings given by section 39(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 2017 (interpretation of Part 1))”.

Commencement Information

I33 Reg. 32 in force at 1.10.2018, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

(39) Regulation 34A was inserted by [S.I. 2012/2301](#).

(40) Section 479B, as modified by regulation 34A, was amended by [S.I. 2016/575](#).

(41) [S.I. 2009/1801](#).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

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Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Occupational Pension Schemes (Master Trusts) Regulations 2018.