



# Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969

## 1969 CHAPTER 24

### PART I

#### SOCIETIES WHICH MAY BE REGISTERED

**[<sup>F1</sup> Societies which may be registered.**

- (1) A society for carrying on any industry, business or trade (including dealings of any kind with land) that meets the conditions in subsection (2) may be registered under this Act as—
  - (a) a co-operative society, or
  - (b) a community benefit society.
- (2) The conditions are—
  - (a) that it is shown to the satisfaction of the registrar—
    - (i) in the case of registration as a co-operative society, that the society is a bona fide co-operative society, or
    - (ii) in the case of registration as a community benefit society, that the business of the society is being, or is intended to be, conducted for the benefit of the community,
  - (b) that the society's rules contain provision in respect of the matters mentioned in Part 1 of Schedule 1, and
  - (c) that the place that under those rules is to be the society's registered office is in Northern Ireland.
- (3) Subsection (1) is subject to—
  - (a) section 2 (minimum number of members of a society);
  - (b) section 7(1) (society with withdrawable share capital not to be registered with the object of carrying on the business of banking).

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- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a)(i) “co-operative society” does not include a society that carries on, or intends to carry on, business with the object of making profits mainly for the payment of interest, dividends or bonuses on money invested or deposited with, or lent to, the society or any other person.]

**F1** Ss. 1, 1A substituted (6.4.2018) for s. 1 by [Credit Unions and Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 16\)](#), **ss. 8(1), 17(2)** (with [Sch. 2 paras. 2, 3](#)); [S.R. 2017/217](#), art. 2(b)

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