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PART 10

Transfers

CHAPTER 2

Transfers out

Transfer value payments made to other schemes or pension arrangements

133.—(1) A transfer value payment may only be made in respect of the accrued rights to benefits of an active or deferred member of this scheme.

(2) A transfer value payment may only be made to—

- (a) a registered pension scheme that is not a connected scheme; or
- (b) a pension arrangement that is a qualifying recognised overseas pension scheme for the purposes of Part 4 (pension schemes etc.) of the 2004 Act.

(3) A transfer value payment may not be made in respect of rights that are attributable (directly or indirectly) to a pension credit.

(4) A member may only require the scheme manager to use a transfer value payment in a way specified in section 91(2) (ways of taking right to cash equivalent) of the 1993 Act⁽¹⁾.

(5) The whole of the transfer value payment must be made in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

(6) If section 92(2) (further provisions concerning exercise of option under section 91) of the 1993 Act⁽²⁾ applies, benefits attributable to the following may be excluded from the transfer value payment—

- (a) the member's accrued rights to a guaranteed minimum pension; or
- (b) the member's accrued rights attributable to service in contracted-out employment, within the meaning of Part 3 (certification of pension schemes and effects on members' state scheme rights and duties) of the 1993 Act, on or after 6 April 1997.

Application for a statement of entitlement

134.—(1) This regulation applies in relation to an active or deferred member of this scheme (P) who requires a transfer value payment to be made in respect of P's accrued rights to benefits under this scheme.

(1) Section 91(2) was amended by [S.I. 2001/3649](#).

(2) Section 92(2) was amended by the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 ([S.I. 1995/3213 \(N.I. 22\)](#)) Article 147 and Schedule 3 paragraph 53, the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 ([S.I. 1999/3147 \(N.I. 11\)](#)) Articles 17, 76, Schedule 2 paragraph 2 and Schedule 10, Part 1, the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c1 (N.I.)) sections 13, 18, Schedule 4 paragraph 29 and Schedule 6, Part 6 and the Pensions (2008 No. 2 Act) (Abolition of Protected Rights) (Consequential Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012 ([S.R. 2012 No. 124](#)) Article 4.

(2) Before requesting the transfer value payment, P must apply for a statement of entitlement by notice to the scheme manager.

(3) P may withdraw the application by notice to the scheme manager at any time before the statement is provided.

(4) P may make a second application by notice to the scheme manager in the period of 12 months beginning with the date of the first application⁽³⁾.

Statement of entitlement

135.—(1) The scheme manager must specify in the statement of entitlement the date by reference to which the cash equivalent is calculated (“guarantee date”).

(2) Unless paragraph (4) applies, the guarantee date must fall within both the following periods—

- (a) the 3 months beginning with the date of the member’s application for the statement of entitlement (“the 3 month period”); and
- (b) the 10 days ending with the date on which the member is provided with that statement (“the 10 day period”).

(3) In counting the 10 day period, Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day and Good Friday are excluded.

(4) The scheme manager may specify in the statement of entitlement a guarantee date that falls within the 6 months beginning with the date of the member’s application for the statement of entitlement if—

- (a) for reasons beyond the control of the scheme manager, the information needed to calculate the amount of the cash equivalent cannot be obtained before the end of the 3 month period; and
- (b) the scheme manager considers it reasonable to specify a guarantee date that falls outside the 3 month period.

Request for transfer value payment to be made

136.—(1) An active or deferred member of this scheme who is provided with a statement of entitlement may request a transfer value payment to be made in respect of the member’s accrued rights to benefits under this scheme.

(2) The request for the transfer value payment must—

- (a) be made by notice to the scheme manager;
- (b) specify the pension scheme or other pension arrangement to which the transfer value payment is to be made; and
- (c) meet any other conditions the scheme manager requires.

(3) The member by notice to the scheme manager may withdraw the request at any time before the transfer value payment is made.

(4) The member may not withdraw the request if an agreement for the use of the whole or part of the transfer value payment has already been entered into with a third party.

(3) Regulation 6(3) of [S.R. 1996 No. 619](#) provides that a member may not make a second application within this period unless the rules of the scheme provide otherwise.

Calculating the amount of a transfer value

137.—(1) If a transfer value is paid later than 6 months after the guarantee date, the amount of the guaranteed cash equivalent must be increased in accordance with regulations made under section 93 (calculation of cash equivalents) of the 1993 Act.

(2) If the transfer value is less than the minimum transfer value, the amount of the transfer value must be increased so that it is equal to the amount of the minimum transfer value.

(3) In this regulation, “minimum transfer value” means the total of—

(a) the sum of all member contributions and payments for extra pension made by the member;
and

(b) the sum of all transfer value payments received by this scheme in relation to the member.

“member contributions” has the meaning given in regulation 124; and

“payments for extra pension” are payments made under Schedule 1.

Effect of transfers-out

138. If a transfer value payment is made under this Chapter in respect of a member’s accrued rights to benefits under this scheme, those rights are extinguished.