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- PART 1 Information to be given by occupational pension schemes that fall within paragraph 1 of Schedule 1
- 1. The conditions persons must meet to become members of the...
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- 9. Where the scheme is the National Employment Savings Trust Corporation...
- 10. A statement that— (a) the Money and Pensions Service is...
- 11. The postal address and electronic address at which each of...
- 12. Except where the scheme has no relevant employment which is...
- 13. If a member of the scheme has to give a...
- 14. Whether, and if so on what conditions (if any), a...
- 15. The following information about benefits payable under the scheme (referred...

- 16. Where the member has money purchase benefits, a statement that...
- 16A Where the member has rights to cash balance benefits, a...
- 17. Except where the scheme is a public service pension scheme,...
- 18. (1) The scheme's internal dispute resolution arrangements.
- 18A In respect of a collective money purchase scheme, a statement...
- 18B In respect of a collective money purchase scheme, a summary...
 - PART 2 Information to be given by occupational pension schemes not falling within paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 and schemes that are established under the Salvation Army Act 1963
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- 22. A statement relating to the matters mentioned in paragraph 21—...
- 22A Where the member has flexible benefits, a statement explaining the...
- 22B Subject to paragraph 22C Where the member has safeguarded benefits...
- 22C Paragraph 22B does not apply to a member of an...
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- 24. A statement that— (a) the Money and Pensions Service is...
- 25. The postal address and electronic address at which each of...
- 26. A statement setting out— (a) which benefits—
- 27. A statement that most of the provisions of the 1995...
- 28. Where the member has money purchase benefits, a statement that...
- 28A Where the member has rights to cash balance benefits, a...
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- 31. A summary of the reasons for the decision in paragraph...
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- 2. The scheme rules (except where regulation 29B applies).
- 3. The contents of any document that supplements or alters in...
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- 21. The number of beneficiaries and active, deferred and pensioner members...
- 22. Except in the case of a money purchase scheme other...
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- 25. If the auditor's statement made in accordance with regulations made...
- 26. If such situation as is mentioned in paragraph 25 in...
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- 28. Whether the trustees have produced a statement of the principles...
- 29. Except in relation to a wholly insured scheme, a statement...
- 30. (1) Where the scheme is one to which Article 35...
- 31. A copy of any statement made on the resignation or...
- 32. Except where the scheme is a trust scheme that applies...
- 33. (1) Where the scheme is a trust scheme that applies...
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- 2. In the case of the first summary funding statement issued...
- 3. In the case of any subsequent summary funding statement, an...
- 4. The actuary's estimate of solvency contained in the last actuarial...
- 5. A summary of any recovery plan prepared under Article 205...
- 6. A statement explaining— (a) whether the scheme has been modified...
- 7. Where there has been a modification, directions or a schedule...
- 8. A statement explaining whether any payment to the employer under...
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- 1. The amount of any benefits (and how they are calculated)...
- 2. One of the following amounts, chosen by the trustees or...
- 3. The amount of the member's pensionable remuneration on a date...

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- 4. The date on which the member's pensionable service started.
- 5. A summary of the method for calculating the member's benefits...
- 6. Details of how any deduction from benefits is calculated.
- 6A Where the trustees are required to publish a report on...
 - PART 3 Information for deferred members
- 7. The date the member's pensionable service ended.
- 8. The amount of the member's benefits and survivors' benefits payable...
- 9. The amount of the member's pensionable remuneration on the date... PART 4 — Information for pension credit members
- 10. The amount of the member's benefits and survivors' benefits payable...
- 11. A summary of the method for calculating the member's benefits...
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- 4. The value of the member's accrued rights under the scheme...
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- 6A For cash balance benefits, an illustration of the amount of...
- 7. (1) The amount referred to in paragraph 6 must be...
- 8. (1) The assumptions are— (a) where the calculation relates to...
- 9. A statement that the information given under this Part is...
- 10. A statement of how the person to whom the information...
- 11. A statement that general assumptions have been made.
- 12. A statement that any amounts in the information given under...
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- 15. A statement that— (a) assumptions have been made about the...
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 - 2. The member's retirement date and age used for the purposes...
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 - 4. An explanation of how the member may obtain further details...
 - 5. The amount that represents the member's share of the available...
 - 6. The amount that represented the member's share of the available...

- 7. Details of any deduction from the member's benefits.
- 8. Where applicable, a statement that, if the member exercises rights...
- 9. A statement that there may be increases and decreases in...
- 10. A statement that illustrations of the amount of pension that...
- 11. A statement that— (a) any future increases or decreases in...
- 12. A statement that the amounts in any illustrations of amount...
- 13. Either— (a) an explanation of the meaning and basis of...
- 14. Where any illustrations of amount of pension are expressed as...
- 15. In relation to the information that must be published on...
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- 17. Either— (a) a summary of the methods and assumptions used...
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- 18. Where the member has reached normal minimum pension age on... PART 3 — Information for deferred and pension credit members
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- 23. The amount, at the illustration date, of any benefits payable...
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- 26. A statement that it is assumed the active member will...
- 27. A statement as to any assumed salary increases taken into...
- 28. Either— (a) a summary of the method used for calculating...
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- 29. The date on which the member became a deferred member....
- 30. A statement that no further contributions are expected to be...
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- 1. A statement that the person has an opportunity to select...
- 2. A statement that the person has an opportunity to select...
- 3. A statement that different annuities have different features and different...
- 4. Either— (a) an explanation of the characteristic features of the...
- 5. A statement that the person should consider taking advice about...
- PART 2 Information on accessing benefits for members and survivors
- 6. The amount of benefit that is payable.
- 6A In relation to a collective money purchase scheme, a statement...
- 7. If benefit is payable periodically— (a) any conditions for continuing...
- 8. Any rights and options that persons have on the death...
- 9. Any procedures for exercising the rights and options referred to...
- 10. The provisions (or, as the case may be, a statement...

PART 3 — Information to be given to members having an opportunity to transfer flexible benefits

- 11. A statement that the member has an opportunity to transfer...
- 12. A statement that different pension providers offer different options in...

- 13. A statement that different options have different features, different rates...
- 14. Either— (a) a copy of guidance that explains the characteristic...
 - PART 4 Information to be given by collective money purchase schemes about benefit adjustments
- 15. Where benefit is not yet payable to the person—
- 16. Where benefit is payable to the person—
- 17. Any rights or options a person may be entitled to...
- 18. A statement that there is no promise or guarantee as...
- 19. A summary of the method and assumptions used to calculate...
- 20. The postal and electronic address to which enquiries relating to...
- 21. The level of the benefit adjustment that should have been...
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- 25. A statement indicating whether the failure to apply the benefit...
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- 1. A statement that the scheme is being wound up.
- 2. The reasons why the scheme is being wound up.
- 3. Where Article 22 of the 1995 Order (circumstances in which...
- 4. In the case of active members, whether death in service...
- 5. A summary of the action that is being taken, and...
- 6. An estimate of when— (a) the scheme's liabilities are likely...
- 7. Except in the case of a collective money purchase scheme,...
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- 8. Whether the member or beneficiary's benefits are reduced because the...
- 9. The amount of any reduction of the member's, or beneficiary's,...
- 10. Who has or will become liable for the payment of...
 - PART 3 Information to be given by personal pension schemes after winding up
- 11. (1) The amount of— (a) contributions (before the making of...
- 12. At a date specified by the managers of the scheme—...
- 13. The options available to a member for preserving, transferring or...
- 14. An account of the amount by which the member's accrued...
- PART 4 Report under Article 72A of the 1995 Order
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- 1. In the Occupational Pension Schemes (Preservation of Benefit) Regulations (Northern...
- 2. In regulation 3(3) of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) Regulations...
- 3. In regulation 11 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Transfer Values)...

- 4. In the Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding Up) Regulations (Northern Ireland)...
- 5. In the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts...
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- 7. After regulation 10 of the Pensions on Divorce etc. (Provision...
- In the Pension Sharing (Pension Credit Benefit) Regulations 8. (Northern Ireland)...
- 9. In the Stakeholder Pension Schemes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000-
- 10. In regulation 5A of the Personal Pension Schemes (Payments by...
- In regulation 7 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding Up... 11.
- In regulation 13 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Independent 12. Trustee)...
- 13 In the Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding up, etc.) Regulations (Northern...
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- 1. A statement that pensions guidance is available to help the...
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- 5. A statement that the person should access the pensions guidance...

PART 2 — Information on members' benefits

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- An estimate of the value of any accrued rights to... 7.
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- 9. An explanation that the cash equivalent or value (as appropriate)...
- 10. In relation to the member's accrued rights to flexible benefits...
- Where the member has a right or entitlement to benefits... 11.
 - PART 3 Further information
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- 13. Where the member has accrued rights to flexible benefits that...
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- 1. A summary of—(a) the rate or amount specified in...
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- 3. A summary of the rules governing how the rate or...
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- PART 2 Valuation and benefit adjustment statement
- 6. The name of the scheme to which the statement relates....
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- An explanation of the methods and assumptions used in the... 8.
- 9. The effective date of the latest actuarial valuation to which...

- 10. A description of the model used to calculate benefit illustrations...
- 11. In the case of the first valuation statement for the...
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Explanatory Note

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.