



Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 8

An Act to consolidate for Northern Ireland certain enactments relating to the administration of social security and related matters, with corrections and minor improvements under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act 1949. [13th February 1992]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Extent Information

- E1** This Act extends to Northern Ireland only except as provided by s. 168(6).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Power to amend conferred (1.7.1992) by [Social Security Administration Act 1992 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 177(1)(5), 189(11), 192(4)**
- C2** Act excluded (1.7.1992) by [Social Security Contributions and Benefits \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1992 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 55, 173(4), Sch. 5 para. 2(4)(b)** (with s. 108(5))
Act excluded (1.7.1992) by [Social Security Contributions and Benefits \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1992 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 55, 173(4), Sch. 5 para. 7(2)(b)** (with s. 108(5))
Act modified (1.7.1992) by [Social Security Contributions and Benefits \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1992 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 95(4)(5)(c), 173(4)** (with s. 108(5))
- C3** Act amended (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1992 \(c. 9\)](#), **ss. 2(3), 7(2)**
Act explained (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1992 \(c. 9\)](#), **ss. 5, 7(2), Sch. 3 para. 1(2)**
Power to amend or repeal conferred (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1992 \(c. 9\)](#), **ss. 5, 7(2), Sch. 3 para. 7(1)**
Power to amend conferred (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1992 \(c. 9\)](#), **ss. 5, 7(2), Sch. 3 paras. 12(c), 13**

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- Power to amend conferred (1.7.1992) by Social Security (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 9), ss. 5, 7(2), **Sch. 3 para.14**
- Power to amend conferred (1.7.1992) by Social Security (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 9), ss. 5, 7(2), **Sch. 3 para. 21(3)(4)(d)**
- power to modify Act conferred (16.11.1995) by S.I. 1995/2702 (N.I. 13), **art. 17(4)**; S.R. 1995/428, **art. 2**
- power to amend Act conferred (2.12.1999) by 1998 c. 47, **s. 87**; S.I. 1999/3209, **art. 2**
- Act applied (with modifications) (7.2.1994) by 1993 c. 49, **s. 163(1)**; S.R. 1994/17, **art. 2**
- Act applied (24.9.1996) by S.I. 1996/1919 (N.I. 16), **art. 11(5)**
- C4** Act modified (27.7.1992) by S.R. 1992/328, **art. 2**
- C5** Act modified (31.12.1992) by S.R. 1992/560, **art. 2**
- C6** Act modified (31.12.1992) by S.R. 1992/561, **art. 2**
- C7** Act modified (31.12.1992) by S.R. 1992/562, **art. 2**
- C8** Act modified (31.12.1992) by S.R. 1992/563, **art. 2**
- C9** Act modified (31.12.1992) by S.R. 1992/564, **art. 2**
- Act modified (4.7.1994) by S.R. 1994/262, art. 2, **Sch.**
- Act modified (2.11.1994) by S.R. 1994/427, art. 2, **Sch.**
- Act modified (13.4.1995) by S.R. 1995/110, art. 2, **Schs. 1-3**
- Act modified (13.4.1995) by S.I. 1995/150, **art. 24**
- Act modified (1.12.1995) by S.R. 1995/405, art. 2, **Schs. 1-3** (as amended (15.7.2015) by S.R. 2015/281, regs. 1(1), 3(2))
- Act modified (6.4.1997) by S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22), art. 123, **Sch. 2 Pt. I para. 1**; S.R. 1997/192, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions in arts. 3-13)
- Act modified (9.9.1998) by S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10), **art. 4(1)(2)(c)**; S.R. 1998/312, art. 2, **Sch. Pt. I**
- Act: power to modify (temp.) conferred (24.3.1999) by S.I. 1999/671, arts. 1(2)(c), 14(1)(2)(b), **Sch. 6**
- Act amended (5.7.1999, 6.9.1999, 5.10.1999, 18.10.1999 and 29.11.1999 for different purposes, otherwise prosp.) by S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10), **arts. 1(2), 9**; S.R. 1999/310, art. 2(1)(b), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 4, 14); S.R. 1999/371, art. 2(b), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 4, 18); S.R. 1999/407, art. 2(b), **Sch.** (with art. 4); S.R. 1999/428, art. 2(b), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 4, 16) and S.R. 1999/472, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 20-22 and subject to art. 2(2) of that S.R.)
- Act modified (1.9.1999) by S.R. 1999/349, reg. 2(2), **Sch.**
- Act modified (1.9.1999) by S.R. 1999/350 reg. 2(2), **Sch.**
- Act (except Pt. XII): certain functions transferred (5.10.1999) by 1999 c. 10, ss. 2, 20, **Sch. 2 para. 7(d)**
- Act modified (5.10.1999) by 1999 c. 10, ss. 2, 20, **Sch. 2 para. 31**
- Act: power to modify conferred (5.10.1999) by 1999 c. 10, ss. 2, 20, **Sch. 2 para. 35**
- Act: functions transferred from the Department of Health and Social Services to the Department for Social Development (1.12.1999) by S.R. 1999/481, art. 8(b), **Sch. 6 Pt. II**
- Act excluded (1.12.1999 for certain purposes, otherwise 1.12.2000) by 1992 c. 7, **s. 55C(6)** (as inserted by S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11), art. 47(1)(2), **Sch. 6 para. 3**; S.R. 2000/133, art. 2(3), **Sch. Pt. IV**)
- Act modified (1.8.2000) by S.R. 2000/246, art. 2, **Sch.**
- Act modified (1.12.2000) by S.R. 2000/377, art. 2, **Sch.**
- C10** Act: (except Pt. 12) transfer of functions (1.4.2003 for specified purposes, 7.4.2003 in so far as not already in force) by Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21), **ss. 50(2)(d), 61** (with s. 54(2)(3)(5)(7)(9)); S.I. 2003/392, art. 2 (subject to savings in art. 3)
- C11** Act modified (5.12.2005) by The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. 2005/544), art. 2, **Sch. 1, 2**
- C12** Act modified (1.3.2007) by The Social Security Investigation Powers (Arrangements with Great Britain) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/67), reg. 3, Sch. 1, **Sch. 2**
- C13** Act modified (1.6.2007) by The Social Security (Netherlands) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/295), **art. 2**

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- C14** Act modified (1.10.2007) by The Social Security (Ireland) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/438), art. 2, Sch. 1, **Sch. 2**
- C15** Act: transfer of functions (12.4.2010) by The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), art. 1(2), **Sch. 17 para. 12** (with arts. 28-31)
- C16** Act applied in part (with modifications) (1.10.2010) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Transitional Provisions and Housing Benefit) (Existing Awards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/312), regs. 1, 16, **Sch. 2** (with reg. 3)
- C17** Act modified (1.6.2015) by The Social Security (Contributions) (Republic of Chile) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/179), **art. 2**
- C18** Act modified (6.4.2016) by The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/188), arts. 1, 2, **Sch. 1 Sch. 2**
- C19** Act modified (6.4.2016) by The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreement) (Isle of Man) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/189), arts. 1, 2, **Sch.**
- C20** Act modified (6.4.2017) by The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreements) Order (Northern Ireland) 2017 (S.R. 2017/73), arts. 1, 2
- C21** Act modified (24.7.2020) by The Universal Credit (Northern Ireland Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/677), regs. 1, 2, **Sch.**
- C22** Act modified (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.R.) by The Social Security (Ireland) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (S.R. 2019/77), **art. 2**; 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- C23** Act modified (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.R.) by The Social Security (Switzerland) (Citizens' Rights Agreement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (revoked) 2019 (S.R. 2019/212), **art. 2(2)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- C24** Act modified (1.1.2021) by The Social Security (Norway) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/357), arts. 1(2), 2, **Sch.**
- C25** Act modified (9.9.2021) by The Social Security (Switzerland) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021 (S.R. 2021/277), arts. 1(2), 2(2)(a), **Sch.**
- C26** Act modified (19.10.2023) by The Social Security (Iceland) (Liechtenstein) (Norway) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023 (S.R. 2023/181), arts. 1(1), 2, **Sch.**
- C27** Act modified (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.R.) by The Social Security (Gibraltar) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024 (S.R. 2024/21), **art. 2(2)(a)**

Commencement Information

- I1** Act wholly in force at 1.7.1992 see s. 168(4)

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

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2018/1125 reg. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. [S.I. 2018/1125, reg. 8](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24), s. 4(3), Sch. 5 para. 4(4))
- Act modified by [S.R. 2019/211 art. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Affecting Order revoked (19.12.2020) without ever being in force by [S.R. 2020/347, arts. 1\(1\), 2](#))

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

- s. 101(1)(4)(5)s. 101(6)(a)(b) words repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 12 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 2A(9) added by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 24](#)
- s. 2G(1)(d) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 65\(5\)](#)
- s. 5(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 18\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 31A(1A) words substituted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 11\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 104A(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2007 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 42\(3\)](#)
- s. 110A inserted by [2007 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 43](#)
- s. 110A repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 12 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 110A heading word inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 114\(4\)](#)
- s. 110A(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 114\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 110A(4)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 114\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 110A(4)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 114\(6\)](#)
- s. 110ZA inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 114\(2\)](#)
- s. 110ZA repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 12 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 116E and cross-heading inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 16\(3\)](#)
- s. 126(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 126(2) by [2007 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 35](#)
- s. 130AB inserted by [2008 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 14](#)
- s. 140C inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 20](#)
- s. 166(2)(ac) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 17](#)