



Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993

1993 CHAPTER 49

PART IV

PROTECTION FOR EARLY LEAVERS

CHAPTER I

PRESERVATION OF BENEFIT UNDER OCCUPATIONAL SCHEMES

69 Form of short service benefit and its alternatives.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) and section 77, a member's short service benefit must be—
 - (a) payable directly out of the resources of the scheme; or
 - (b) assured to him by such means as may be prescribed.
- (2) Subject to subsections (3) to (5), a scheme may, instead of providing short service benefit, provide—
 - (a) for the member's accrued rights (including any transfer credits allowed under the scheme)—
 - (i) to be transferred to another occupational pension scheme with a view to acquiring transfer credits for the member under the other scheme, or
 - (ii) to be transferred to a personal pension scheme ^{F1} . . . with a view to acquiring rights for the member under the rules of the scheme ^{F2} . . .; or
 - (b) for such alternatives to short service benefit as may be prescribed.
- (3) The option conferred by subsection (2)(a) is additional to any obligation imposed by [^{F3}Chapter 1 of Part 4ZA].
- (4) The alternatives specified in subsection (2)(a) and (b) may only be by way of complete or partial substitute for short service benefit—

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- (a) if the member consents; or
 - (b) in such other cases as may be prescribed.
- (5) An alternative prescribed under subsection (2)(b) may only include payment by way of return of contributions—
- (a) if they relate to a period of service before 6th April 1975; or
 - (b) if there has been such a payment relating to a period of service before that date and the contributions relate to a period of service of less than 5 years after that date.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 69(2)(a)(ii) ceased to have effect (1.12.1999 for certain purposes only) by [S.I. 1999/3147 \(N.I. 11\)](#), arts. 1(5)(a), 17, **Sch. 2 para. 2(a)** (with transitional provisions in art. 75(1)(2)) and repealed (25.4.2000) by [S.I. 1999/3147 \(N. I. 11\)](#) art. 17, Sch. 10 Pt. I; [S.R. 2000/133](#), art. 2(3), **Sch. Pt. II**
- F2** Words in s. 69(2)(a)(ii) ceased to have effect (1.12.1999 for certain purposes only) by [S.I. 1999/3147 \(N.I. 11\)](#), arts. 1(5)(a), 17, **Sch. 2 para. 2(a)** (with transitional provisions in art. 75(1)) and repealed (25.4.2000) by [S.I. 1999/3147 \(N. I. 11\)](#) art. 17, Sch. 10 Pt. I; [S.R. 2000/133](#), art. 2(3), **Sch. Pt. II**
- F3** Words in s. 69(3) substituted (6.4.2015) by [Pension Schemes Act 2015 \(c. 8\)](#), s. 89(3)(b), **Sch. 4 para. 53** (with s. 87)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 69 modified (27.4.2005) by [The Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes \(Pension Liberation\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2005 \(S.R. 2005/193\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(5)**, (6)

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