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## Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2012

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 2: Automatic Enrolment**

# Section 10: Rounded figures for earnings trigger and qualifying earnings band

*Section 10* inserts a new section 15A into the Pensions (No. 2) Act. The amounts for the earnings trigger and the upper and lower limits of the qualifying earnings band relate to a jobholder's gross earnings in a nominal pay reference period of 12 months. Sections 3(6B), 5(7B) and 13(2) of the Pensions (No. 2) Act provide that, where an employer's pay reference period is less or more than 12 months, those amounts will be proportionately less or more. Whenever the Secretary of State makes an order under section 15A of the Pensions Act 2008 specifying rounded figures to be used for the purposes of the corresponding provisions of that Act, section 15A enables the Department to make a corresponding Order for Northern Ireland.