



2015 CHAPTER 5

PART 1 **N.I.**

STATE PENSION

Transition: pension sharing on divorce etc.

Shared state pension on divorce etc. **N.I.**

13.—(1) A person is entitled to a state pension under this section if—

- (a) the person has reached pensionable age, and
- (b) the person is entitled to a state scheme pension credit.

(2) A state pension under this section is payable at the appropriate weekly rate set out in Schedule 8.

(3) The rate of the state pension for a person under this section is to be increased from time to time in accordance with the applicable paragraph of Schedule 9.

(4) A person may be entitled to more than one state pension under this section.

(5) There are provisions elsewhere that affect a person's entitlement to a state pension under this section or the rate at which it is payable.

(6) In this Part—

“state scheme pension credit” means—

- (a) a new state scheme pension credit, or
- (b) an old state scheme pension credit;

“new state scheme pension credit” means a credit under Article 46A(2)(b) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999;

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“old state scheme pension credit” means a credit under Article 46(1)(b) of that Order.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 13(2) in operation at 16.7.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/307, art. 2\(2\)\(i\)](#)
- I2** S. 13 in operation at 6.4.2016 so far as not brought into operation earlier by an order, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Pension sharing: reduction in the sharer's section 4 pension **N.I.**

14.—(1) The rate of a person's state pension under section 4 is reduced under this section if the person is subject to a state scheme pension debit.

(2) The amount by which the rate is reduced is the amount of the appropriate weekly reduction set out in Schedule 10.

(3) A person's state pension may be reduced more than once under this section.

(4) In this Part—

“state scheme pension debit” means—

- (a) a new state scheme pension debit, or
- (b) an old state scheme pension debit;

“new state scheme pension debit” means a debit under Article 46A(2)(a) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999;

“old state scheme pension debit” means a debit under Article 46(1)(a) of that Order.

Commencement Information

- I3** S. 14(2) in operation at 16.7.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/307, art. 2\(2\)\(j\)](#)
- I4** S. 14 in operation at 6.4.2016 so far as not brought into operation earlier by an order, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Pension sharing: amendments **N.I.**

15 Schedule 11 contains amendments to do with pension sharing.

Commencement Information

- I5** S. 15 in operation at 16.7.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/307, art. 2\(2\)\(k\)](#)
- I6** S. 15 in operation at 6.4.2016 so far as not brought into operation earlier by an order, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) transitional provisions for effects of commencing S.I. 2017/297, art. 2 by [S.R. 2017/58](#) Order