



## 2022 CHAPTER 25

### *Final provisions*

#### **Key definitions**

**8.** In this Act—

- (a) “period products” means manufactured articles the purpose of which is to absorb or collect menstrual flow;
- (b) types of period products include tampons, sanitary towels and articles which are reusable;
- (c) “person”, in the context of a reference to a person who needs to use period products, means a person who menstruates (whether that person is a woman, girl or other person);
- (d) references to such a person’s “needs” are references to that person’s needs for period products arising from menstruation by that person.

#### **Interpretation**

**9.** In this Act—

- “department” means a Northern Ireland department;
- “the Executive” means the Executive Committee of the Assembly, established under section 20 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998;
- “further education premises” means premises occupied by an institution of further education;
- “higher education institution” means a body described in Article 3(2)(a) of the Higher Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2005;

“higher education premises” means premises occupied by a higher education institution;

“hospital premises” means premises occupied by a hospital within the meaning of Article 2(2) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;

“institution of further education” has the meaning given by Article 2(2) of the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997;

“public service body” means a body—

- (a) constituted by or under a statutory provision; and
- (b) having functions that consist of or include providing public services or otherwise serving the public interest,

and also includes a body falling within section 2(2)(b), (c) or (d) which is not constituted by or under a statutory provision;

“school” has the meaning given in Article 2(2) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986;

“school premises” means premises occupied by a school;

“specified public service body” means a public service body specified in regulations made under section 2;

“statutory provision” has the meaning given by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954.

### **Commencement**

**10.—**(1) The following provisions of this Act come into operation on the day after Royal Assent—

- (a) section 2(1), (2) and (7) to (16);
- (b) section 8;
- (c) section 9;
- (d) this section; and
- (e) section 11.

(2) The other provisions of this Act come into operation—

- (a) at the end of the period of two years beginning with the day of Royal Assent, or
- (b) on such earlier day or days as the Executive Office may by order appoint instead.

(3) An order under this section may include such transitional, transitory or saving provision as the Executive Office considers appropriate.

**Short title**

**11.** This Act may be cited as the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.