
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 3336

**The Water and Sewerage Services
(Northern Ireland) Order 2006**

PART IX

INFORMATION

Powers to acquire and duties to provide information

Information sharing for purposes of special provision in charges scheme

264.—(1) This Article applies to any information relating to a consumer which is held by the Department of Finance and Personnel or the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the purposes of the administration of—

- (a) a scheme under Article 30A of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977; or
- (b) housing benefit.

(2) Information to which this Article applies must, if an authorised officer of a relevant undertaker so requires, be supplied to—

- (a) the undertaker; or
- (b) any person or body providing services to the undertaker,

for the purpose of enabling or assisting the undertaker to give effect to any special provision included in a charges scheme of the undertaker in compliance with regulations under Article 202(2)(d)(i).

(3) Any requirement under paragraph (2) must specify—

- (a) the description of information which is to be supplied;
- (b) in the case of information to be supplied to a person other than the authorised officer, the name and address of that person;
- (c) the form in which the information is to be supplied; and
- (d) the date by which the information is to be supplied.

(4) This Article—

- (a) does not limit the circumstances in which information may be supplied apart from this Article; but
- (b) has effect despite any restriction on the purposes for which information may be disclosed or used.

(5) The Department may by order amend paragraph (1) by adding any description of information to, or removing any description of information from, the list in that paragraph; but no description of information may be added to that list unless it is information of a description held by a Northern Ireland department or the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

(6) In this Article—

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“authorised officer”, in relation to a relevant undertaker, means an officer of the undertaker authorised for the purposes of this Article by the undertaker;

“consumer” has the same meaning as in Chapter I of Part VII;

“housing benefit” means housing benefit provided by virtue of a scheme under section 122 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7).

Commencement Information

- II** [Art. 264](#) wholly in operation at 1.4.2007; [art. 264](#) in operation at 1.1.2007 in so far as it confers power on a Northern Ireland department to make regulations or orders or makes provision with respect to the exercise of any such power, see [art. 1\(3\)\(e\)](#); [art. 264](#) in operation at 1.4.2007 insofar as not already in operation by [S.R. 2007/194](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#) (subject to [art. 3](#), [Sch. 2](#))

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

- art. 293(10A) inserted by [2015 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 2\(b\)](#)