
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 2006

The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015

PART 6

Social security: general

Information-sharing

Articles 120 to 122: supplementary

- 123.**—(1) In Articles 120 and 121, “benefit” includes any allowance, payment, credit or loan.
- (2) Any power to make regulations under Articles 120 and 121 includes power—
- (a) without prejudice to section 17(5) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954, to make different provision for different areas;
 - (b) to make such incidental, supplemental, consequential, transitional or saving provision as the Department thinks necessary or expedient.
- (3) Regulations made under Article 120 and 121 are subject to negative resolution.
- (4) Sections 39 (information relating to certain benefits) and 40 (unlawful disclosure of certain information) of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 are repealed but this is subject to paragraph (5).
- (5) Notwithstanding paragraph (4), the following provisions of that Act continue to have effect—
- (a) section 39 insofar as it permits the use, supply or provision by any person of information which came to that person, by virtue of subsection (1), (2) or (5) of that section, before the day on which subsection (4) comes into operation;
 - (b) section 40 insofar as it relates to the disclosure by any person of such information.