
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides for the coming into force of provisions of the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (“the Transfer Order”).

In accordance with Article 2 of this Order, the provisions of Article 22 of the Transfer Order come into force on 26th March 1999, the provisions of the Transfer Order specified in Schedule 1 to this Order also come into force on 26th March 1999 for purposes connected with the making of regulations, the provisions specified in Schedule 2 to this Order come into force on 1st April 1999 and the provisions specified in Schedule 3 to this Order (which apply in relation to provisions of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 which are to come into force on 6th April 1999) come into force on 6th April 1999.

This Order also makes transitional provision, in connection with the coming into force of provisions of the Transfer Order, in relation to regulations made under paragraphs 6 and 8 of Schedule 1 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7) (Article 3), as to decisions and appeals relating to contributions, statutory sick pay, statutory maternity pay and certain matters arising under Part III of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993 (Article 4), as to the preparation of accounts of the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund (Article 5) and as to complaints to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration which were previously made to the Parliamentary Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (Article 6).

Article 23 of the Transfer Order is brought into force on 25th March 1999 by an Order (The Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (1999 Order) (Commencement of Article 23) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999) which was not made by a statutory rule and copies of which can be obtained from the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, Social Security Policy and Legislation Division, Room D3, Castle Buildings, Stormont, Belfast BT4 3SQ.