
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2012 No. 215

**The Statistics and Registration Service
Act 2007 (Disclosure of Social Security
Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 (Disclosure of Social Security Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on the day after the day on which they are affirmed by a resolution of the Assembly.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954⁽¹⁾ shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(2) In these Regulations —

“the Act” means the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007;

“benefit” means any benefit within the meaning of section 1(4) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992⁽²⁾;

“unique individual identifier” means the number which—

- (a) is assigned to an individual by the Department for Social Development, the Secretary of State or the Commissioners for Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs; and
- (b) does not, without additional information, identify the individual.

Disclosure of social security information

3.—(1) The Department for Social Development may, for the purpose set out in paragraph (2), disclose to the Board the information set out in paragraphs (a) to (f) of regulation 4 in respect of an individual who received a benefit on or after 1st January 2001 and the information set out in paragraphs (g) to (i) of regulation 4 held in connection with that information.

(2) The purpose mentioned in paragraph (1) is to enable the Board to carry out its functions in connection with—

- (a) the production of population statistics under section 20 (production of statistics) of the Act;
- (b) the assessment of census returns under the Census Act (Northern Ireland) 1969⁽³⁾.

4. The information referred to in regulation 3 is —

- (a) the individual’s—

(1) 1954 c. 33 (NI).

(2) 1992 c. 8(NI); section 1(4) was amended by paragraph 21 of Schedule 2 to the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15)), paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 14 (N.I.)) and paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 3 to the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 (c. 2 (N.I.))

(3) 1969 c.8.

- (i) surname, and any former surname;
 - (ii) first name;
 - (iii) middle name, or if more than one, each middle name;
 - (iv) date of birth;
 - (v) date of death, if applicable;
 - (vi) gender; and
 - (vii) unique individual identifier;
- (b) if the individual is, or was, married or formed a civil partnership on or after 1st January 2001, that information;
- (c) in relation to each address in the United Kingdom at which the individual resides, or has resided at any time on or after 1 January 2001—
- (i) that individual's full address including postcode; and
 - (ii) the start and end dates for the period the individual is recorded as resident at that address;
- (d) if the individual is, or was, resident outside of the United Kingdom on or after 1st January 2001, that information, and the start and end dates for the period the individual is recorded as resident outside of the United Kingdom;
- (e) in relation to each benefit the individual has received—
- (i) the type of benefit received; and
 - (ii) the date the individual started and ceased to receive that benefit;
- (f) in relation to any benefit the individual would have been entitled to but for receipt of a different type of benefit referred to in paragraph (e)—
- (i) the type of other benefit the individual would have been entitled to; and
 - (ii) the dates the individual's entitlement to that other benefit would have started and ceased;
- (g) where the individual's entitlement to, or amount of, any type of benefit is, or was, dependent upon a relationship with another individual, that other individual's —
- (i) surname, and any former surname;
 - (ii) first name;
 - (iii) middle name or, if more than one, each middle name;
 - (iv) date of birth;
 - (v) date of death, if applicable;
 - (vi) gender;
 - (vii) unique individual identifier; and
 - (viii) full address including postcode for each address in the United Kingdom at which the other individual resides, or has resided, on or after 1st January 2001;
- (h) the nature of the relationship between the individual entitled to the type of benefit, and the other individual referred to in paragraph (g); and
- (i) the dates the dependency on the other individual referred to in paragraph (g) for the individual's entitlement to, or amount of, the type of benefit started and ceased.

Further disclosure of personal information by the Board

5.—(1) In the application of section 39 (confidentiality of personal information) of the Act to personal information which is disclosed to the Board under regulations 3 and 4, subsection (4)(c) of that section applies to the extent that the Board may disclose such personal information to the persons specified in regulation 6.

(2) Information may only be disclosed under paragraph (1) for the purpose of enabling or assisting the Board to produce population statistics under section 20 (production of statistics) of the Act.

6. The persons referred to in regulation 5 (1) are—

- (a) the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency(4) but only in respect of individuals whose place of residence is, or was at any time on or after 1st January 2001, Northern Ireland; and
- (b) the National Records of Scotland(5) but only in respect of individuals whose place of residence is, or was at any time on or after 1st January 2001, Scotland.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 23rd May 2012



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A senior officer of the
Department of Finance and Personnel

I consent

23rd May 2012

Francis Maude
Minister for the
Cabinet Office

(4) The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency is an Executive Agency within the Department of Finance and Personnel.

(5) The National Records of Scotland was formed on 1st April 2011 by a merger of the General Register Office of Scotland and the National Archives for Scotland and is a Non-Ministerial Department of the Scottish Administration.