
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 creates a new benefit called state pension to which people reaching pensionable age on or after 6th April 2016 may be entitled.

This Order provides that Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, regulations made under it and other social security legislation, are to be modified to give effect to the alterations in—

Schedule 1, which are proposed to the agreements in the Schedules to the Orders in Council and Orders listed in Schedule 2, and

Schedule 3, which are proposed to the agreements in the Schedules to the Orders referred to in Schedule 3.

These Orders in Council and Orders give effect to agreements made between the Government of the United Kingdom and governments of other countries providing for reciprocity in certain social security matters. These agreements are now altered because of a change in the law of Northern Ireland and will now include the state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this Order as it has no impact on business or civil society organisations. A regulatory impact assessment for the changes made by the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 is available from the Communications Team, Department for Social Development, 4th Floor, Lighthouse Building, Gasworks Business Park, Belfast BT7 2JB or

<https://www.dsdni.gov.uk/publications/pensions-bill-draft-regulatory-impact-assessment-june-2015>