

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

**2023 No. 197**

**FAIR EMPLOYMENT**

**The Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023**

Made - - - - 29th November 2023  
Coming into operation 1st January 2024

The Executive Office (1) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 50 and 51 of the Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(2) and now vested in it(3).

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2024.

**Commencement Information**

I1 [Art. 1](#) in operation at 1.1.2024, see [art. 1](#)

**Amendment of the Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) Order (Northern Ireland) 2004**

2. For the Schedule to the Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) Order (Northern Ireland) 2004(4) substitute the Schedule set out in the Schedule to this Order.

**Commencement Information**

I2 [Art. 2](#) in operation at 1.1.2024, see [art. 1](#)

(1) Formerly the Office of the First minister and deputy First Minister; see section 1(1) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c.5 (N.I.)).  
(2) S.I. 1998/3162 (N.I.21)  
(3) S.R. 1999 No. 481; Article 4(a) and Schedule 2, Part I  
(4) S.R. 2004 No. 494; to which the most recent amending Order is SR 2016 No. 269

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023. (See end of Document for details)

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## Revocation

3. The Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016(5) is revoked.

### Commencement Information

**I3** [Art. 3](#) in operation at 1.1.2024, see [art. 1](#)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Executive Office on 29th of November 2023.

(L.S.)

*Siobhan Broderick*  
A senior officer of the Executive Office

SCHEDULE

Article 2

**Commencement Information**

**I4** Sch. in operation at 1.1.2024, see **art. 1**

“SCHEDULE

Articles 3 and 4

**PART 1**

**PUBLIC AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSES  
OF ARTICLES 52 TO 65 OF THE 1998 ORDER**

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute  
Arts Council of Northern Ireland  
Belfast Harbour Commissioners  
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust  
The Big Lottery Fund  
Board of Trustees of the National Museums and Galleries of Northern Ireland  
British Broadcasting Corporation  
Charity Commission for Northern Ireland  
Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland  
Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland  
Citybus Limited  
Coleraine Harbour Commissioners  
Commission for Victims and Survivors for Northern Ireland  
Commissioner for Children and Young People for Northern Ireland  
Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland  
Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland  
Construction Industry Training Board  
Council for Catholic Maintained Schools  
Dalriada Water Limited  
Any District Council  
The Education Authority  
Equality Commission for Northern Ireland  
Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission  
General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland  
General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland  
The Governing Body of Belfast Metropolitan College  
The Governing Body of North West Regional College  
The Governing Body of Northern Regional College  
The Governing Body of South Eastern Regional College

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The Governing Body of South West College  
The Governing Body of Southern Regional College  
The Governing Body of Stranmillis University College, Belfast  
Governors of the Armagh Observatory and Planetarium  
Health and Social Care Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority  
Information Commissioner's Office  
Invest Northern Ireland  
Labour Relations Agency  
Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland  
Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland  
Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners  
Middletown Centre for Autism Limited  
The National Heritage Memorial Fund  
NI Water Clear Limited  
The North/South Language Body  
Northern Health and Social Care Trust  
Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust  
Northern Ireland Assembly Commission  
Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service (Special Agency)  
Northern Ireland Community Relations Council  
Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment  
Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Board  
Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority  
Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency  
Northern Ireland Housing Executive  
Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission  
Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission  
Northern Ireland Library Authority  
Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee  
Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency  
Northern Ireland Museums Council  
Northern Ireland Policing Board  
Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery  
Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman  
Northern Ireland Railways Company Limited  
Northern Ireland Screen Commission  
Northern Ireland Social Care Council  
Northern Ireland Tourist Board  
Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company  
Northern Ireland Water Alpha Limited

Northern Ireland Water Limited  
Office of Communications  
Patient and Client Council  
The Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland  
Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust  
Probation Board for Northern Ireland  
Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being  
Regional Business Services Organisation  
Royal Mail Group Limited  
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust  
Southern Health and Social Care Trust  
The Special EU Programmes Body  
Sports Council for Northern Ireland  
State Pathologist's Department  
Strategic Investment Board Limited  
Tourism Ireland Limited  
The Trade and Business Development Body  
Ulster Supported Employment Limited  
Ulsterbus Limited  
Victims and Survivors Service Limited  
Warrenpoint Harbour Authority  
Waterways Ireland  
Western Health and Social Care Trust  
Youth Council for Northern Ireland

## PART II

### PUBLIC AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLES 62 TO 65 OF THE 1998 ORDER

The Secretary of State  
Any Northern Ireland Department  
Any Northern Ireland Minister  
Commissioners for His Majesty's Revenue and Customs  
The Lord Chancellor  
The Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland  
The Controller of His Majesty's Stationery Office  
The Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland  
Director of Savings  
Food Standards Agency  
Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation”

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) Order (Northern Ireland) 2004 (“the 2004 Order”) which specifies a number of persons or bodies as public authorities for certain purposes under Part VII of the Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (“the 1998 Order”).

The Schedule to the 2004 Order lists in Part I the bodies who are public authorities for the purposes of Articles 52 to 65 of the 1998 Order and in Part II the bodies who are public authorities for the purposes of Articles 62 to 65 of the 1998 Order.

Article 2 of this Order substitutes a new Schedule to the 2004 Order.

The following bodies have been added to Part I of the Schedule:

Dalriada Water Limited

Information Commissioner’s Office

NI Water Clear Limited

Northern Ireland Water Alpha Limited

The following amendments have been made to Part I of the Schedule:

Commissioner for Older People in Northern Ireland

has been amended to:

Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland

CITB NI

has been amended to:

Construction Industry Training Board

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service Agency

has been amended to:

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service (Special Agency)

Royal Mail Group PLC

has been amended to:

Royal Mail Group Limited

The governing body of Belfast Metropolitan College

has been amended to:

The Governing Body of Belfast Metropolitan College

The governing body of North West Regional College

has been amended to:

The Governing Body of North West Regional College

The governing body of Northern Regional College  
has been amended to:

The Governing Body of Northern Regional College

The governing body of South Eastern Regional College  
has been amended to:

The Governing Body of South Eastern Regional College

The governing body of South West College

has been amended to:

The Governing Body of South West College

The governing body of Southern Regional College

has been amended to:

The Governing Body of Southern Regional College

The governing body of Stranmillis University College, Belfast

has been amended to:

The Governing Body of Stranmillis University College, Belfast

The following amendments have been made to Part II of the Schedule:

Comptroller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office

has been amended to:

Controller of His Majesty's Stationery Office

Commissioners of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

has been amended to:

Commissioners for His Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Department for National Savings

has been amended to:

Director of Savings

Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland

has been amended to:

Food Standards Agency

The following deletion has been made to Part I of the Schedule:

Regional Health and Social Care Board

Article 3 revokes the Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023.