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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

PUBLIC SERVICE PENSIONS

**The Health and Social Care Pension Scheme (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023**

Made - - - -

9 March 2023

Coming into operation

1 April 2023

The Department of Health makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 12(1), (2) and (3), and 14(1) and (2) of, and Schedule 3 to, the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and sections 1(1) and (2)(e), 2(1) and 3(1) to (3) of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 to, the Public Service Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2014(a) (“2014 Act”).

In accordance with Article 12(4) of the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and sections 21(1) and 22(2)(a) of the 2014 Act, the Department has consulted the representatives of such persons as appear to the Department likely to be affected by these Regulations with a view to reaching agreement with them.

In accordance with section 22(2)(b) of the 2014 Act, the Department has laid a report before the Assembly.

In accordance with Article 12(1) of the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and 3(5) of the 2014 Act the Regulations are made with the consent of the Department of Finance.

PART 1

Introductory

Citation, commencement and effect

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health and Social Care Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023.

(2) These Regulations come into operation on 1 April 2023 and have effect as provided by paragraphs (3) to (5).

(3) Part 2, Part 3, and regulations 18, 19, 22, 25 and 26 have effect from 15 March 2015.

(4) Part 6 has effect from 1 April 2022.

(5) Regulations 20, and 21 and Part 5 have effect from 1 November 2022.

PART 2

Amendment of the Health and Personal Social Services (Superannuation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

General

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (Superannuation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(a) are amended as follows.

Amendment of regulation 2

3. In regulation 2 (interpretation), at the appropriate place insert—

““shared parental leave” means leave under section 107E or 107G of the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.”

Amendment of regulation 65

4. In regulation 65 (absence because of illness or injury or certain types of leave)(b) in paragraphs (1) and (4)(b) after “parental leave” insert “, shared parental leave”.

PART 3

Amendments to the Health and Social Care (Pension Scheme) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

General

5. The Health and Social Care (Pension Scheme) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(c) are amended as follows.

Amendment of regulation 6

6. In regulation 6 (interpretation: general) at the appropriate place insert—

““shared parental leave” means leave under section 107E or 107G of the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.”

Amendment of regulation 9

7. In regulation 9 (pensionable service: breaks in service)(d)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(e) after “parental leave,” insert “shared parental leave,”;

(b) in paragraph (7) after “parental leave,” insert “shared parental leave,”.

(a) S.R. 1995 No.95 as amended by S.R. 1997 Nos.217 and 390; S.R. 1998 No.299; S.R. 1999 No.293; S.R. 2002 No.69; S.R. 2004 Nos.103 and 104; S.R. 2005 Nos.155, 533, 534 and 565; S.R. 2006 Nos.159 and 410; S.R. 2008 Nos.96, 130 and 163; S.R. 2009 Nos.65 and 188; S.R. 2010 Nos.22, 286 and 420; S.R. 2011 No.256; S.R. 2012 Nos.42 and 78; S.R. 2013 Nos.40, 73, 247 and 259; S.R. 2014 Nos.59 and 225; S.R. 2015 Nos.56, 121 and 122; S.R. 2016 No.384 and S.R. 2019 No.62.

(b) Regulation 65 is amended by S.R. 2005 No.155; S.R. 2008 No.130; S.R. 2010 No.22;

(c) S.R. 2008 No.256 as amended by S.R. 2009 Nos.65 and 188; S.R. 2010 Nos.22, 286 and 420; S.R. 2011 No.256; S.R. 2012 Nos.42 and 78; S.R. 2013 Nos.40, 73, 247 and 259; S.R. 2014 Nos.59 and 225; S.R. 2015 Nos.56, 121 and 122; S.R. 2016 No.384 and S.R. 2019 No.62

(d) Regulation 9 is amended by S.R. 2009 No.65; S.R. 2010 No.22; S.R. 2013 No.40;

Amendment of regulation 14

8. In regulation 14 (pensionable pay: breaks in service) (a) in paragraph (1)(e) after “parental leave,” insert “shared parental leave,”.

Amendment of regulation 35

9. In regulation 35 (effect of member being absent or leaving and rejoining this Section of the Scheme during the contribution option period the Scheme during the contribution option period)(b) in paragraph (1)(e) after “parental leave,” insert “shared parental leave,”.

Amendment of regulation 89

10. In regulation 89 (death during period of absence)—

- (a) at the end of sub-paragraph (d) omit “or parental leave,”.
- (b) after sub-paragraph (d) insert—
 - “(e) parental leave or shared parental leave,”

Amendment of regulation 137

11. In regulation 137 (interpretation), at the appropriate place insert—

““shared parental leave” means leave under section 107E or 107G of the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.”

Amendment of regulation 140

12. In regulation 140 (pensionable service: breaks in service)(c)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) after “parental leave,” insert “shared parental leave,”;
- (b) in paragraph (7) after “parental leave,” insert “shared parental leave,”.

Amendment of regulation 143

13. In regulation 143 (meaning of “pensionable earnings”)(d)-

- (a) in paragraph(4)(b) after “parental leave,” insert “shared parental leave,”;
- (b) in paragraph(5)(b) after “parental leave,” insert “shared parental leave,”.

Amendment of regulation 144

14. In regulation 144 (pensionable earnings: breaks in service) (e)in paragraph (1)(e) after “parental leave,” insert “shared parental leave,”.

Amendment of regulation 166

15. In regulation 166 (effect of member being absent or leaving and rejoining this Section of the scheme during the contribution option period)(f) in paragraph (1)(e) after “parental leave” insert “or shared parental leave”.

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- (a) Regulation 14 is amended by S.R. 2009 No.65; S.R. 2009 No.188; S.R. 2010 No.22;
 - (b) Regulation 35 is amended by S.R. 2010 No.22;
 - (c) Regulation 140 is amended by S.R. 2009 No.65; S.R. 2010 No.22;
 - (d) Regulation 143 is amended by S.R. 2009 No.65; S.R. 2010 No.22; S.R. 2013 No.40;
 - (e) Regulation 144 is amended by S.R. 2009 No.65; S.R. 2010 No.22; S.R. 2013 No.40; S.R. 2013 No.259;
 - (f) Regulation 166 is amended by S.R. 2010 No.22;

Amendment of regulation 216

16. In regulation 216 (death during period of absence)—
- (a) at the end of sub-paragraph (d) omit “or parental leave,”.
 - (b) after sub-paragraph (d) insert—
 - “(e) parental leave or shared parental leave,”

PART 4

Amendments to the Health and Social Care Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

General

17. The Health and Social Care Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(a) are amended as follows.

Amendment of regulation 21

18. In regulation 21 (absence from work) in paragraph (1)(e) after “parental leave,” insert “shared parental leave, or”.

Amendment of regulation 28

19. In regulation 28 (pensionable earnings: break in service) in paragraph (2)(e) after “parental leave,” insert “shared parental leave, or”.

Amendment of regulation 30

- 20.—(1) Regulation 30 (Members’ contributions: employees)(b) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (3)—
- (a) after “the scheme year 2022/23” insert “(from 1 November 2022) and scheme year 2023/24 and each subsequent scheme year;”
 - (b) for the table in paragraph (3), substitute—

“Table Scheme Year 2022/23 (from 1 November 2022) and Scheme Year 2023/24 and each subsequent scheme year.

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Pensionable earnings band</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Contribution percentage rate</i>
Up to £13,246	5.1%
£13,247 to £16,831	5.7%
£16,832 to £22,878	6.1%
£22,879 to £23,948	6.8%
£23,949 to £28,223	7.7%
£28,224 to £29,179	8.8%
£29,180 to £43,805	9.8%
£43,806 to £49,245	10.0%
£49,246 to £56,163	11.6%

(a) S.R. 2015 No.120 as amended by S.R. 2016 No.384; S.R. 2019 No.62; S.R. 2022 No.153; S.R. 2022 No.156; S.R. 2022 No.196; S.R. 2022 No.244 and S.R. 2022 No.245.

(b) Regulation 30 as amended by S.R. 2019 No.62, regulation 14 and S.R. 2022 No.244.

£56,164 to £72,030	12.5%
£72,031 and above	13.5%

(3) In paragraph (3A)—

- (a) after “the scheme year 2022/23” insert “(from 1 November 2022) and scheme year 2023/24 and each subsequent scheme year”;
- (b) for the table in paragraph (3A), substitute—

“Table Scheme Year 2022/23 (from 1 November 2022) and Scheme Year 2023/24 and each subsequent scheme year

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Pensionable earnings band</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Contribution percentage rate</i>
Up to £13,246	5.1%
£13,247 to £16,831	5.7%
£16,832 to £22,878	6.1%
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£49,246 to £56,163	11.6%
£56,164 to £72,030	12.5%
£72,031 and above	13.5%

Amendment of regulation 31

21.—(1) Regulation 31 (members’ contributions: practitioners and non-GP providers)(a) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (9)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for “each scheme year from 2015/16 to 2021/22, Table 1” substitute “the scheme year 2022/23, Table 1A and Table 1B as applicable”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for “the scheme year 2022/23” substitute “scheme year 2023/24 and each subsequent scheme year”
- (c) for the heading “Table 1 Scheme Years from 2015/16 to 2021/22” substitute “Table 1A Scheme Year 2022/23 from 1 April 2022 to 31stOctober 2022 (both dates inclusive)”;
- (d) after Table 1, insert—

“Table 1B Scheme Year 2022/23 from 1 November 2022 to 31 March 2023 (both dates inclusive)

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Pensionable earnings band</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Contribution percentage rate</i>
Up to £13,246	5.1%
£13,247 to £16,831	5.7%
£16,832 to £22,878	6.1%
£22,879 to £23,948	6.8%
£23,949 to £28,223	7.7%
£28,224 to £29,179	8.8%
£29,180 to £43,805	9.8%

(a) Regulation 31 was amended by S.R. 2019 No.62; S.R. 2022 No.244;

£43,806 to £49,245	10.0%
£49,246 to £56,163	11.6%
£56,164 to £72,030	12.5%
£72,031 and above	13.5%

- (e) in the heading for Table 2, for “Year 2022/23” substitute “Year 2023/24 and each subsequent scheme year”.
- (f) For Table 2, substitute—

<i>“Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Pensionable earnings band</i>	<i>Contribution percentage rate</i>
Up to £13,246	5.1%
£13,247 to £16,831	5.7%
£16,832 to £22,878	6.1%
£22,879 to £23,948	6.8%
£23,949 to £28,223	7.7%
£28,224 to £29,179	8.8%
£29,180 to £43,805	9.8%
£43,806 to £49,245	10.0%
£49,246 to £56,163	11.6%
£56,164 to £72,030	12.5%
£72,031 and above	13.5%

Amendment of regulation 67

22. In regulation 67 (effect of being absent or leaving and rejoining scheme during contributions payment period) in paragraph (1)(e) after “parental leave” insert “or shared parental leave”.

Amendment of regulation 104

23. In regulation 104 (previous earnings: general), in paragraph (7), in the definition of “re-valued pensionable earnings”, omit “and Personnel” and after “by order” insert “(in respect of the HSC Pension Scheme 2015)”.

Amendment of Schedule 7

24.—(1) Schedule 7 (pension accounts) is amended as follows.

(2) (2) In paragraph 1 (interpretation)—

(a) for the definition of “index adjustment” substitute—

““index adjustment” means—

- (a) in relation to the opening balance of earned pension for a scheme year (other than the opening balance of club transfer earned pension), the percentage increase or decrease in prices specified in an order (in respect of the HSC Pension Scheme 2015) made by the Department of Finance under section 9(2) of the 2014 Act in relation to the previous scheme year, plus 1.5%; and
- (b) in relation to the opening balance of club transfer earned pension for a scheme year, the adjustment that is—
- (i) equal to the adjustment that would apply to the opening balance of that amount of earned pension under the sending scheme for the previous scheme year, and;
- (ii) applied to the opening balance of club transfer earned pension on the same day as the percentage increase or decrease referred to in paragraph (a).”

- (b) in the definition of “AP index adjustment”, after “in an order”, insert “(in respect of the HSC Pension Scheme 2015)” and omit “and Personnel”.
- (3) In paragraph 3 (meaning of “leaver index adjustment”)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (1), in Step 1, after “in an order”, insert “(in respect of the HSC Pension Scheme 2015)” and omit “and Personnel”;
 - (b) for sub-paragraph (2), substitute—
 - “(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (2A), the leaver index adjustment for an amount of club transfer accrued earned pension is—
 - (a) equal to the adjustment that would apply under the sending scheme to an amount of accrued earned pension equal to the amount of club transfer accrued earned pension specified in the active member’s account at the end of the relevant last day; and
 - (b) applied to the amount of club transfer earned pension at the end of the relevant last day on the same day as the percentage increase or decrease referred to in the definition of index adjustment in paragraph 1(a).”
 - (c) after paragraph (b) insert –
 - “(2A) If the amount of the leaver index adjustment under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) is an amount that is less than zero, the amount of the leaver index adjustment for the purposes of that sub-paragraph paragraphs is zero.”
- (4) In paragraph 4 (meaning of “leaver AP index adjustment”), in sub-paragraph (2)(b), after “in an order”, insert “(in respect of the HSC Pension Scheme 2015)” and omit “and Personnel”.

Amendment of Schedule 8

- 25.** In Schedule 8 (practitioner income) in paragraph 3—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (3)(b) after “parental leave,” insert “shared parental leave.”;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (4)(b) after “parental leave,” insert “shared parental leave.”.

Amendment of Schedule 13

- 26.** In Schedule 13(a) (definitions)—
 - (a) at the appropriate place in Column 1, insert “shared parental leave”, and for the corresponding entry in Column 2 insert “means leave under section 107E or 107G of the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;

PART 5

Modifications of member contribution provisions in the Health and Social Care Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

General

27. The Health and Social Care Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(b) are modified in accordance with this Part.

Expiry of modifications in this Part

28. The modifications in this Part apply until the end of 31 March 2024.

(a) Schedule 13 is amended by S.R. 2016 No.384; S.R. 2022 No.196;
 (b) S.R. 2015 No.120 as amended by S.R. 2016 No.384; S.R. 2019 No.62; S.R. 2022 No.153; S.R. 2022 No.156; S.R. 2022 No.196; S.R. 2022 No.244 and S.R. 2022 No.245.

Modification of regulation 31

29. Regulation 31 (members' contributions: practitioners and non-GP providers)(a) is to be read as if—

- (a) in paragraph (3), for “the scheme year in question” there were substituted “each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 and for the scheme year 2023/24”;
- (b) after paragraph (9), there were inserted—
 - “(9A) For the purposes of this regulation, the “relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23” means the period—
 - (a) beginning with 1 April 2022 and ending with 31 October 2022 (both dates inclusive);
 - (b) beginning with 1 November 2022 and ending with 31 March 2023 (both dates inclusive).”;
- (c) in paragraph (10), at the end, there were inserted “and references to the relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 in regulations 37 and 38 must be construed in accordance with paragraph (9A)”.

Modification of regulation 37

30. Regulation 37 (members' contributions: supplementary: medical practitioners and non-GP providers)(b) is to be read as if—

- (a) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) in the words before sub-paragraph (a), for “a scheme year” there were substituted “each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), after “M’s pensionable earnings for” there were inserted “each relevant period of”.
- (b) after paragraph (2), there were inserted—
 - “(2A) Paragraph (3A) applies if, in respect of the scheme year 2022/23, M—
 - (a) has certified M’s pensionable earnings in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 10 and forwarded a record of the earnings to the Department; or
 - (b) was not required to certify M’s earnings in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 10 but the Department has the figure that represents M’s pensionable earnings for that year.”;
- (c) in paragraph (3)—
 - (i) in the words before sub-paragraph (a), for “the scheme year in question” there were substituted “each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23”;
 - (ii) for sub-paragraph (a), there were substituted—
 - “(a) certified or final pensionable earnings from all group D sources for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 uprated according to the formula:

$$\frac{PE}{NDRP} \times 365$$

where—

PE is the certified or final amount of M’s pensionable earnings from all group D sources for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23;

(a) Regulation 31 was amended by S.R. 2019 No.62; S.R. 2022 No.244
(b) Regulation 37 was amended by S.R. 2022 No.196; S.R. 2022 No.244

NDRP is the number of days of M's group D service in each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23; and";

(iii) in sub-paragraph (b)—

(aa) after "received" there were inserted "for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23";

(bb) at the end, there were inserted—

“,

and the pensionable earnings to which the contribution rate is applied for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 are M's certified or final pensionable earnings from all group D sources for the relevant period”.

(d) after paragraph (3), there were inserted—

“(3A) If paragraph (3) does not apply to M in respect of the scheme year 2022/23, M's contributions payable for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 are those specified in column 2 of the relevant table in respect of the amount of pensionable earnings referred to in column 1 of that table which corresponds to the aggregate of—

(a) the pensionable earnings from all group D sources for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 determined by applying the formula:

$$\frac{PE}{NDPS} \times NDRP$$

where—

PE is the certified or final amount of M's pensionable earnings from all group D sources for the scheme year 2022/23;

NDPS is the number of days of M's group D service in the scheme year 2022/23;

NDRP is the number of days of M's group D service in each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23,

and updated according to the formula:

$$\frac{PE}{NDRP} \times 365$$

where—

PE is M's pensionable earnings from all group D sources for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 determined in accordance with this paragraph;

NDRP is the number of days of M's group D service in each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23; and

(b) any additional pensionable earnings M is treated as having received for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 during an absence from work in accordance with regulation 28,

and the pensionable earnings to which the contribution rate is applied for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 are determined by applying the formula:

$$\frac{PE}{NDPS} \times NDRP$$

where—

PE is the certified or final amount of M's pensionable earnings from all group D sources for the scheme year 2022/23;

NDPS is the number of days of M’s group D service in the scheme year 2022/23;
NDRP is the number of days of M’s group D service in each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23.”;

- (e) in paragraph (4), in the words before sub-paragraph (a), for “paragraph (3) does” there were substituted “paragraphs (3) or (3A) do”;
- (f) in paragraph (5)—
 - (i) for “paragraph (2)(a) or (b) is”, there were substituted “paragraphs (2)(a) or (b) or (2A)(a) or (b) are”;
 - (ii) for “paragraph (3)” there were substituted “paragraphs (3) or (3A)”.

Modification of regulation 38

31. Regulation 38 (members’ contributions: supplementary: dental practitioners)(a) is to be read as if—

- (a) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) in the words before sub-paragraph (a), for “a scheme year” there were substituted “each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), after “M’s pensionable earnings for” there were inserted “each relevant period of”.
- (b) after paragraph (2), there were inserted—

“(2A) Paragraph (3A) applies if, in respect of the scheme year 2022/23, M—

 - (a) has reconciled or certified M’s pensionable earnings in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 10 and forwarded a record of those earnings to the Department; or
 - (b) was not required to reconcile or certify M’s earnings in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 10 but the Department has the figure that represents M’s pensionable earnings for the scheme year.”;
- (c) in paragraph (3)—
 - (i) in the words before sub-paragraph (a), for “the scheme year in question” there were substituted “each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23”;
 - (ii) for sub-paragraph (a), there were substituted—

“(a) reconciled, certified or final pensionable earnings from all group D sources for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 uprated according to the formula:

$$\frac{PE}{NDRP} \times 365$$

where—

PE is the reconciled, certified or final amount of the dental practitioner’s pensionable earnings from all group D sources for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23;

NDRP is the number of days of dental practitioner service in each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23; and”;

- (iii) in sub-paragraph (b)—
 - (aa) after “received” there were inserted “for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23”;

(a) Regulation 38 was amended by S.R. 2022 No.196; S.R. 2022 No.244

(bb) at the end, there were inserted—

“,

and the pensionable earnings to which the contribution rate is applied for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 are M’s reconciled, certified or final pensionable earnings from all group D sources for the relevant period”.

(d) after paragraph (3), there were inserted—

“(3A) If paragraph (3) does not apply to M in respect of the scheme year 2022/23, M’s contributions payable for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 are those specified in column 2 of the relevant table in respect of the amount of pensionable earnings referred to in column 1 of that table which corresponds to the aggregate of—

(a) the pensionable earnings from all group D sources for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 determined by applying the formula:

$$\frac{PE}{NDPS} \times NDRP$$

where—

PE is the reconciled, certified or final amount of the dental practitioner’s pensionable earnings from all group D sources for the scheme year 2022/23;

NDPS is the number of days of dental practitioner service in the scheme year 2022/23;

NDRP is the number of days of dental practitioner service in each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23,

and updated according to the formula:

$$\frac{PE}{NDRP} \times 365$$

where—

PE is M’s pensionable earnings from all group D sources for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 determined in accordance with this paragraph;

NDRP is the number of days of dental practitioner service in each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23; and

(b) any additional pensionable earnings M is treated as having received for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 during an absence from work in accordance with regulation 28,

and the pensionable earnings to which the contribution rate is applied for each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23 are determined by applying the formula:

$$\frac{PE}{NDPS} \times NDRP$$

where—

PE is the reconciled, certified or final amount of the dental practitioner’s pensionable earnings from all group D sources for the scheme year 2022/23;

NDPS is the number of days of dental practitioner service in the scheme year 2022/23;

NDRP is the number of days of dental practitioner service in each relevant period of the scheme year 2022/23.”;

- (e) in paragraph (4), in the words before sub-paragraph (a), for “paragraph (3) does” there were substituted “paragraphs (3) or (3A) do”;
- (f) in paragraph (5)—
 - (i) for “paragraph (2)(a) or (b) is”, there were substituted “paragraph (2)(a) or (b) or (2A)(a) or (b) are”;
 - (ii) for “paragraph (3)” there were substituted “paragraph (3) or (3A)”.

PART 6

Consequential Amendments in the Health and Social Care Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

General

32. The Health and Social Care Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(a) are amended as follows.

Amendment of regulation 31

33. In regulation 31(5), (7)(b) and (8) in each place for “RHSCB” substitute “Department”.

Amendment of regulation 32

34. In the table in regulation 32(6) and in regulation 32(8) for “RHSCB” substitute “Department”.

Amendment of regulation 37

35. In regulation 37(2)(a) and (b), (4) and (6) for “RHSCB” substitute “Department”.

Amendment of regulation 38

36. In regulation 38(2)(a) and (b), (4) and (6) in each place for “RHSCB” substitute “Department”.

Amendment of regulation 83

37. In regulation 83(4)(b)(ii) for “RHSCB” substitute “Department”.

Amendment of regulation 149

38. In regulation 149(2)(b) and (c), (3)(f) and (g) (in both places), (5), (6), (7)(a), (9)(in both places), (10)(a) and (11)(a) for “RHSCB” substitute “Department”.

Amendment of regulation 150

39. In regulation 150(10) for “RHSCB” substitute “Department”.

(a) S.R. 2015 No.120 as amended by S.R. 2016 No.384; S.R 2019 No.62; S.R 2022 No.153; S.R 2022 No.156; S.R 2022 No.196; S.R 2022 No.244 and S.R 2022 No.245.

Amendment of Schedule 5

40. In Schedule 5 omit paragraph 1(b).

Amendment of Schedule 8

41. In Schedule 8 for “RHSCB” substitute “Department” in—

- (a) paragraph 1, the definition of “collaborative services” (in both places) and “commissioned services”;
- (b) paragraph 3(3);
- (c) paragraphs 6(2), (4)(c), (5)(a) and (7).

Amendment of Schedule 10

42. In Schedule 10 for “RHSCB” substitute “Department” in—

- (a) paragraph 1(2);
- (b) paragraph 2(2);
- (c) paragraph 3(1);
- (d) paragraph 4(1), (3) and (4) (in both places);
- (e) paragraph 7(1)(b) (in both places), (2), (3)(a) and (b), (4)(a) and (b) (in each place), (5)(b) (in both places), (6)(a) and (b) (in each place), (7), (8)(in both places), (9)(a) (in both places) and (b), (10) and (11);
- (f) the heading and text of paragraph 9;
- (g) paragraph 10(2)(a).

Amendment of Schedule 13

43. In Schedule 13(a) (definitions) omit the definition of “RHSCB”

44. In Schedule 13 for “RHSCB” substitute “Department” in the definition of—

- (a) APMS contract;
- (b) APMS contractor;
- (c) GMS practice;
- (d) locum Practitioner.

(a) Schedule 13 is amended by S.R. 2016 No.384; S.R. 2022 No.196;

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Health and Personal Social Services (Superannuation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R 1995 No.95) (“the 1995 Regulations”), Health and Social Care (Pension Scheme) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008 No.256) (“the 2008 regulations”), Health and Social Care Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015 No.120) (“the 2015 Regulations”).

Part 1 provides for citation, commencement and effect, including that some provisions of this rule are to take effect retrospectively. Article 14(1) of the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and section 3(3) of the Public Service Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 provide authority for these regulations to take effect as a date earlier than the making of these Regulations.

Parts 2 and 3 make amendments to the 1995 Regulations and the 2008 Regulations, by including income from shared parental leave within pensionable pay.

Part 4 similarly amends the 2015 Regulations in relation to shared parental leave. It also amends these regulations to update the member contribution tiers in line with the AfC pay award and to make technical amendments in relation to the calculation of the index adjustment of member balances.

Part 5 makes temporary technical amendments in relation to the calculation of practitioner contribution rates paid by members.

Part 6 removes references to the Regional Health and Social Care Board (which ceased to exist from 1 April 2022) and replaces these with references to the Department.

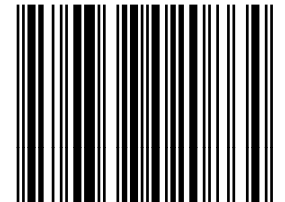
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