



Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 8

PART VII **N.I.**

[^{F1}INFORMATION]

[^{F1}The Housing Executive]

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 116C, 116D and the preceding cross-heading inserted (1.7.1997) by S.I. 1997/1182 (N.I. 11), art. 3; S.R. 1997/316, art. 2, Sch.

^{F2}[116C Supply of information to the Housing Executive. **N.I.**

- (1) This section applies to information relating to social security [^{F3}, child support, or employment or training] which is held—
 - (a) by the Department or the Secretary of State; or
 - (b) by a person providing services to the Department or the Secretary of State in connection with the provision of those services.
- (2) Information to which this section applies may be supplied to—
 - (a) the Housing Executive; or
 - (b) a person authorised to exercise any function of the Housing Executive relating to housing benefit,
for use in the administration of housing benefit.
- (3) But where information to which this section applies has been supplied to the Department, the Secretary of State or the person providing services under section 116 or 116B above it may only be supplied under subsection (2) above—

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- (a) for use in the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of offences relating to housing benefit; or
 - (b) for use in checking the accuracy of information relating to housing benefit and (where appropriate) amending or supplementing such information.
- (4) The Department or the Secretary of State—
- (a) may impose conditions on the use of information supplied under subsection (2) above; and
 - (b) may charge a reasonable fee in respect of the cost of supplying information under that subsection.
- (5) Where information is supplied to the Housing Executive or other person under subsection (2) above, the Executive or other person shall have regard to it in the exercise of any function relating to housing benefit.
- (6) Information supplied under subsection (2) above shall not be supplied by the recipient to any other person or body unless—
- (a) it is supplied—
 - (i) by the Housing Executive to a person authorised to exercise any function of the Executive relating to housing benefit; or
 - (ii) by a person authorised to exercise any function of the Housing Executive relating to housing benefit to the Executive;
 - (b) it is supplied for the purposes of any civil or criminal proceedings relating to the Contributions and Benefits Act, the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [^{F4}, Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007][^{F5}, Part 5 of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015] or this Act or to any enactment applying in Great Britain corresponding to any of them; or
 - (c) it is supplied under section 116D below.
- (7) This section does not limit the circumstances in which information may be supplied apart from this section (in particular by reason of section 116(4) or 116B(4) above).
- (8) ^{F6}]

Textual Amendments

- F2** SS. 116C, 116D and the preceding *cross-heading* inserted (1.7.1997) by S.I. 1997/1182 (N.I. 11), **art. 3**; S.R. 1997/316, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F3** Words in s. 116C(1) inserted (19.11.2002) by Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 10), s. **6(2)(a)**; S.R. 2002/351 {art. 2(a)}
- F4** Words in s. 116C(6)(b) inserted (27.10.2008) by Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 (c. 2), s. 60(1), **Sch. 3 para. 4(14)**; S.R. 2008/276, art. 2(2)(d), Sch. Pt. 2
- F5** Words in s. 116C(6)(b) inserted (20.6.2016) by The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006), art. 2(2), **Sch. 9 para. 13**; S.R. 2016/215, art. 3(2)
- F6** S. 116C(8) repealed (19.11.2002) by Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 10), ss. 6(2)(b), 8(2), **Sch. 2**; S.R. 2002/351, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. Pt. I

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 116C extended (6.4.2003) by The Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/3147), art. 1(2), Sch. 8 para. 32(1), **(2)(b)**; S.R. 2003/204, art. 2
- C2** S. 116C: functions modified (*prosp.*) by S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11), arts. 1(2), 67, **Sch. 8 para. 32**

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S. 116C: functions exercisable by the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland transferred (26.6.2001) to the Department of Finance and Personnel in Northern Ireland by S.R. 2001/229, art. 4(1) (with art. 12)

C3 Ss. 116C 116D applied (with modifications) (14.12.2009) by Rates (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 8), s. 11(1)(a)(2), 19(1) (with s. 11(5)); S.R. 2009/375, art. 2(2), Sch. 2

[^{F7} 116D Supply of information by the Housing Executive. **N.I.**

- (1) The Department or the Secretary of State may require—
- (a) the Housing Executive; or
 - (b) a person authorised to exercise any function of the Housing Executive relating to housing benefit,

to supply benefit administration information held by the Executive or other person to, or to a person providing services to, the Department or the Secretary of State for use for any purpose relating to social security [^{F8}, child support [^{F9}, employment or training, private pensions policy or retirement planning]] .

- (2) The Department or the Secretary of State may require—
- (a) the Housing Executive; or
 - (b) a person authorised to exercise any function of the Housing Executive relating to housing benefit,

to supply benefit policy information held by the Executive or other person to, or to a person providing services to, the Department or the Secretary of State.

[Information supplied under subsection (2) may be used for any purpose relating to ^{F10}(2A) private pensions policy or retirement planning.]

- (3) Information shall be supplied under subsection (1) or (2) above in such manner and form, and in accordance with such requirements, as may be [^{F11}specified in directions given by the Department or, as the case may be, the Secretary of State].
- (4) In subsection (1) above “benefit administration information”, in relation to the Housing Executive or other person, means any information which is relevant to the exercise of any function relating to housing benefit by the Executive or other person.
- (5) In subsection (2) above “benefit policy information” means any information which may be relevant to the Department or the Secretary of State—
- (a) in preparing estimates of likely future expenditure on housing benefit; or
 - (b) in developing policy relating to housing benefit.]

[^{F12}(6) In this section—]

“private pensions policy” means policy relating to occupational pension schemes or personal pension schemes;

“retirement planning” means promoting financial planning for retirement.

Textual Amendments

F7 Ss. 116C, 116D and the preceding cross-heading inserted (1.7.1997) by S.I. 1997/1182 (N.I. 11), art. 3; S.R. 1997/316, art. 2, Sch.

F8 Words in s. 116D(1) inserted (19.11.2002) by Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 10), ss. 6(3), 9; S.R. 2002/351, art. 2(a), Sch. Pt. I

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- F9** Words in s. 116D(1) substituted (17.2.2005) by [The Pensions \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/255\)](#), arts. 1(3), **213(2)** (with art. 285(5))
- F10** S. 116D(2A) inserted (17.2.2005) by [The Pensions \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/255\)](#), arts. 1(3), **213(3)** (with art. 285(5))
- F11** Words in s. 116D(3) substituted (1.5.2002) by [2001 c. 17 \(N.I.\)](#), {ss. 5, 17(1)}; [S.R. 2002/165](#), **art. 2**
- F12** S. 116D(6) added (17.2.2005) by [The Pensions \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/255\)](#), arts. 1(3), **213(4)** (with art. 285(5))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** Ss. 116C 116D applied (with modifications) (14.12.2009) by [Rates \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2009 \(c. 8\)](#), **s. 11(1)(a)(2)**, 19(1) (with s. 11(5)); [S.R. 2009/375](#), art. 2(2), Sch. 2
- C4** S. 116D extended (6.4.2003) by [The Welfare Reform and Pensions \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1999 \(S.I. 1999/3147\)](#), art. 1(2), Sch. 8 para. 32(1), **(2)(b)**; [S.R. 2003/204](#), art. 2
- C5** S. 116D: functions modified (prosp.) by [S.I. 1999/3147 \(N.I. 11\)](#), arts. 1(2), 67, **Sch. 8 para. 32**
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 S. 116D modified by [1992 c. 5](#), **s. 179A(5)** (as inserted (14.2.2003) by [2001 c. 11](#), **ss. 5(1)**, 20); [S.I. 2003/273](#), art. 2

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2018/1125 reg. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2018/1125, reg. 8 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24), s. 4(3), Sch. 5 para. 4(4))
- Act modified by [S.R. 2019/211 art. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Affecting Order revoked (19.12.2020) without ever being in force by S.R. 2020/347, arts. 1(1), 2)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 101(1)(4)(5)s. 101(6)(a)(b) words repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 12 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 2A(9) added by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 24](#)
- s. 2G(1)(d) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 65\(5\)](#)
- s. 5(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 18\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 31A(1A) words substituted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 11\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 104A(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2007 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 42\(3\)](#)
- s. 110A inserted by [2007 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 43](#)
- s. 110A repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 12 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 110A heading word inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 114\(4\)](#)
- s. 110A(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 114\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 110A(2)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 114\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 110A(4)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 114\(6\)](#)
- s. 110ZA inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 114\(2\)](#)
- s. 110ZA repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 12 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 116E and cross-heading inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 16\(3\)](#)
- s. 126(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 126(2) by [2007 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 35](#)
- s. 130AB inserted by [2008 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 14](#)
- s. 140C inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 20](#)
- s. 166(2)(ac) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 17](#)