



Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 8

PART XV

GENERAL

Supplementary

167 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Assembly” means the Northern Ireland Assembly;

“the 1975 Act” means the ^{M1}Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975;

“benefit” means benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act [^{F1}and includes a jobseeker’s allowance];

“Christmas bonus” means a payment under Part X of the Contributions and Benefits Act;

“claimant” (in relation to contributions under Part I and to benefit under Parts II to IV of the Contributions and Benefits Act) means—

- (a) a person whose right to be excepted from liability to pay, or to have his liability deferred for, or to be credited with, a contribution, is in question;
- (b) a person who has claimed benefit;

and includes, in relation to an award or decision, a beneficiary under the award or affected by the decision;

“claim” is to be construed in accordance with “claimant”;

“claimant” (in relation to industrial injuries benefit) means a person who has claimed such a benefit and includes—

- (a) an applicant for a declaration under section 42 above that an accident was or was not an industrial accident; and

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- (b) in relation to an award or decision, a beneficiary under the award or affected by the decision;

“Commissioner” means the Chief Social Security Commissioner or any other Social Security Commissioner and includes a Tribunal of 2 or 3 Commissioners constituted under section 55 above;

“compensation payment” has the meaning assigned by section 77 above;

“compensator” has the meaning assigned by section 78 above;

“the Consequential Provisions Act” means the ^{M2}Social Security (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

“Consolidated Fund” means the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland;

[^{F2}“contribution-based jobseeker’s allowance” has the same meaning as in the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;]

“contribution card” has the meaning assigned to it by section 108(6) above;

“the Contributions and Benefits Act” means the ^{M3}Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

“the Department” means the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland;

“the Department of the Environment” means the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland;

“the Department of Finance and Personnel” means the Department of Finance and Personnel in Northern Ireland;

“disablement benefit” is to be construed in accordance with section 94(2)(a) of the Contributions and Benefits Act;

“the disablement questions” is to be construed in accordance with section 43 above;

“dwelling” means any residential accommodation, whether or not consisting of the whole or part of a building and whether or not comprising separate and self-contained premises;

“the Great Britain Administration Act” means the ^{M4}Social Security Administration Act 1992;

“the Great Britain Contributions and Benefits Act” means the ^{M5}Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;

“the Housing Executive” means the Northern Ireland Housing Executive;

[^{F3}“income-based jobseeker’s allowance” has the same meaning as in the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;]

“income-related benefit” means—

- (a) income support;
- (b) family credit;
- (c) disability working allowance; and
- (d) housing benefit;

“industrial injuries benefit” means benefit under Part V of the Contributions and Benefits Act, other than under Schedule 8;

^{F4} . . .

“Joint Authority” means the Head of the Department and the Secretary of State;

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“medical examination” includes bacteriological and radiographical tests and similar investigations, and “medically examined” has a corresponding meaning;

“medical practitioner” means—

- (a) a registered medical practitioner; or
- (b) a person outside the United Kingdom who is not a registered medical practitioner, but has qualifications corresponding (in the Department’s opinion) to those of a registered medical practitioner;

“medical treatment” means medical, surgical or rehabilitative treatment (including any course of diet or other regimen), and references to a person receiving or submitting himself to medical treatment are to be construed accordingly;

[^{F5}“money purchase contracted-out scheme” has the same meaning as in section 4(1)(a)(ii) of the Pensions Act;]

“National Insurance Fund” means the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund;

“occupational pension scheme” has the same meaning as in [^{F6}section 1 of the Pensions Act];

“the Old Cases Act” means the ^{M6}Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Northern Ireland Old Cases) Act 1975;

“Old Cases payments” means payments under Part I of Schedule 8 to the Contributions and Benefits Act;

“the 1986 Order” means the ^{M7}Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986;

[^{F7}“pensionable age” has the meaning given by the rules in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;]

[^{F8}“the Pensions Act” means the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993;]

“the Pensions Order” means the ^{M8}Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975;

“personal pension scheme” has the meaning assigned to it by [^{F9}section 1 of the Pensions Act][^{F10}and “appropriate”, in relation to such a scheme, shall be construed in accordance with section 3 of that Act];

“prescribe” means prescribe by regulations;

“President” means the President of social security appeal tribunals, medical appeal tribunals and disability appeal tribunals;

“regulations” means regulations made by the Department or the Lord Chancellor under this Act;

“statutory provision” has the meaning assigned to it by section 1(f) of the ^{M9}Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 ;

“tax year” means the 12 months beginning with 6th April in any year;

“widow’s benefit” has the meaning assigned to it by section 20(1)(e) of the Contributions and Benefits Act.

- (2) For the purposes of Part III of the ^{M10}Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (validity of Measures of the Northern Ireland Assembly, including Orders in Council under the ^{M11}Northern Ireland Act 1974), provisions of this Act which re-enact provisions of a Measure of the Assembly or such an Order are to be treated as provisions of such a Measure or Order.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 167(1) inserted (3.5.1996) by S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15), art. 40(1), **Sch. 2 para. 51(2)**; S.R. 1996/180, **art. 2**
- F2** Definition in s. 167(1) inserted (3.5.1996) by S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15), art. 40(1), **Sch. 2 para. 51(3)**; S.R. 1996/180, **art. 2**
- F3** Definition in s. 167(1) inserted (3.5.1996) by S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15), art. 40(1), **Sch. 2 para. 51(4)**; S.R. 1996/180, **art. 2**
- F4** Definition in s. 167(1) repealed (13.4.1995) by S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12), art. 13(1)(2), Sch. 1 Pt. II, para. 51, **Sch. 2**; S.R. 1994/450, art. 2, **Sch. Pt. IV**
- F5** Definitions in s. 167(1) added (7.2.1994) by 1993 c. 49, s. 184, **Sch. 7 para. 42(a)**; S.R. 1994/17, **art. 2**
- F6** Words in definition in s. 167(1) substituted (7.2.1994) by 1993 c. 49, s. 184, **Sch. 7 para. 42(b)**; S.R. 1994/17, **art. 2**
- F7** Definition in s. 167(1) substituted (6.4.1997) by S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22), art. 123, **Sch. 2**, Pt. III, para. 10; S.R. 1997/192, **art. 2**
- F8** Definition in s. 167(1) inserted (7.2.1994) by 1993 c. 49, s. 184, **Sch. 7 para. 42(c)**; S.R. 1994/17, **art. 2**
- F9** Words in definition in s. 167(1) substituted (7.2.1994) by 1993 c. 49, s. 184, **Sch. 7 para. 42(d)**; S.R. 1994/17, **art. 2**
- F10** Words in definition in s. 167(1) added (7.2.1994) by 1993 c. 49, s. 184, **Sch. 7 para. 42(d)**; S.R. 1994/17, **art. 2**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1975 c. 15.
- M2** 1992 c. 9.
- M3** 1992 c. 7.
- M4** 1992 c. 5.
- M5** 1992 c. 4.
- M6** 1975 c. 17.
- M7** S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18).
- M8** S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15).
- M9** 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).
- M10** 1973 c. 36.
- M11** 1974 c. 28.

168 Short title, commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992.
- (2) This Act is to be read, where appropriate, with the Contributions and Benefits Act and the Consequential Provisions Act.
- (3) The enactments consolidated by this Act are repealed, in consequence of the consolidation, by the Consequential Provisions Act.
- (4) Except as provided in Schedule 4 to the Consequential Provisions Act, this Act shall come into force on 1st July 1992.
- (5) Subject to subsection (6) below, this Act extends to Northern Ireland only.
- (6) Section 22 above and this section also extend to Great Britain.

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