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Pension Schemes Act 1993

1993 CHAPTER 48

PART XII

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Interpretation

178 Trustees and managers of schemes.

The Secretary of State may by regulations provide—

- (a) who is to be treated as a manager of an occupational pension scheme for any of the purposes of the provisions of this Act (except Chapter II of Part VII or section 157), the Social Security Acts 1975 to 1991, or Part VI of the MI Social Security Administration Act 1992 FIF2... [F3, section 25D of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, section 12A of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985 [F4 or Part III or IV of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999][F4, Part III or IV of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 or Part II of Schedule 5 to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000].]; F5...
- (b) who is to be treated as a trustee of a scheme for the purposes of ^{F6}... Chapter I of Part IV, Part VIII so far as it applies for the purposes of Chapter I of Part IV, [F7Chapter I of Part IVA,] sections ^{F8}... 153(2), 158(1) to (5), 162, 163, ^{F6}... and 176 ^{F6}... [F9 or sections 22 [F10 to 26] of the Pensions Act 1995].

Textual Amendments

- **F1** Words in s. 178(a) repealed (1.12.2000) by Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30), s. 89(1), Sch. 12 para. 40(2)(a), **Sch. 13 Pt. III**; S.I. 2000/1047, art. 2(2)(d), Sch. Pt. 4
- Words in s. 178(a) repealed (1.3.2002 for specified purposes, 1.4.2002 in so far as not already in force) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19), Sch. 9 Pt. III(2) (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2002/437, art. 3(1)(H)(2)
- F3 Words in s. 178(a) inserted (1.12.2000) by Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30), s. 89(1), Sch. 12 para. 40(2)(b); S.I. 2000/1047, art. 2(2)(d), Sch. Pt. 4

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- **F4** Words in s. 178(a) substituted (12.2.2001 for specified purposes) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19), s. 86(1)(b)(2), **Sch. 5 para. 17(9)** (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2000/3166, art. 2(5) (as amended (28.3.2001) by S.I. 2001/1252, art. 3)
- F5 Word in s. 178(a) repealed (6.4.1997) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(1), Sch. 3 para. 43, Sch. 7 Pt. I; S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 2
- Words in s. 178(b) repealed (6.4.1997) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(1), Sch. 5 para. 76, Sch. 7
 Pt. III; S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 2
- F7 Words in s. 178(b) inserted (1.12.2000) by Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30), s. 89(1), Sch. 12 para. 40(3); S.I. 2000/1047, art. 2(2)(d), Sch. Pt. 4
- **F8** Words in s. 178(b) repealed (6.4.1997) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(1), Sch. 6 para. 13, **Sch. 7 Pt. IV**; S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 2
- F9 Words in s. 178(b) inserted (1.3.2002 for specified purposes, 1.4.2002 in so far as not already in force) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19), ss. 47(5), 86(1)(b)(2) (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2002/437, art. 3(1)(a)(2)
- **F10** Words in s. 178(b) substituted (6.4.2006) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), s. 322(1), **Sch. 12 para. 29**; S.I. 2006/560, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3

Commencement Information

II Ss. 1-187 in force at 7.2.1994 by S.I. 1994/86, art. 2

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179 Linked qualifying service.

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), for the purposes of this Act any period of an earner's service in an employment is linked qualifying service in relation to a later period of service (whether in the same or another employment) if—
 - (a) under [F11Chapter 4 or 5 of Part 4 or under the rules of a scheme] applying to him in the earlier period of service—
 - [F12(i) there was made a transfer of his rights (including any transfer credits allowed) under that scheme, or a transfer payment in respect of those rights, to, or to the trustees or managers of, another scheme applying to him in the later period of service;]
 - (ii) those rights were secured by a policy of insurance or an annuity contract and were subsequently transferred to another scheme applying to him in the later period of service; [F13 or]
 - [F14(iii) a cash equivalent (within the meaning of Chapter 4 of Part 4) or cash transfer sum (within the meaning of Chapter 5 of that Part) was paid in respect of him to the trustees or managers of another scheme applying to him in the later period of service; and]
 - (b) in consequence of the transfer of his accrued rights to the second scheme, [F15] or the payment to the trustees or managers of that scheme,] there are (or were) allowed to him transfer credits under the rules of that other scheme.
- (2) For any service to be taken into account as linked qualifying service, it must be actual service and no regard shall be had to any scheme rule which provides for service to be treated for any purposes of benefit or otherwise as longer or shorter than it actually was.

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- (3) Only so much of the earlier period as is a period of service in respect of which there accrued under the first scheme any of the rights transferred to the second scheme shall be linked qualifying service in relation to the later period of service.
- (4) For the purposes of Chapter I of Part IV, as respects any case where the rules of the scheme provide—
 - (a) that an earner is not entitled to become a member unless he satisfies specified conditions, but
 - (b) that, if he becomes a member, rights are to accrue to him in respect of periods of service before he satisfied any such conditions,

regulations may provide for any such periods to be treated, in such cases and to such extent as may be prescribed, as linked qualifying service with later periods of service.

Textual Amendments

- F11 Words in s. 179(1)(a) substituted (6.4.2006) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), s. 322(1), Sch. 12 para. 30(2)(a); S.I. 2005/3331, art. 2(6), Sch. Pt. 6
- F12 S. 179(1)(a)(i) substituted (6.4.2006) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), s. 322(1), Sch. 12 para. 30(2)(b); S.I. 2005/3331, art. 2(6), Sch. Pt. 6
- F13 Word in s. 179(1)(a) substituted (6.4.2006) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), s. 322(1), Sch. 12 para. 30(2)(c); S.I. 2005/3331, art. 2(6), Sch. Pt. 6
- F14 S. 179(1)(a)(iii) inserted (6.4.2006) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), s. 322(1), Sch. 12 para. 30(2)(d); S.I. 2005/3331, art. 2(6), Sch. Pt. 6
- F15 Words in s. 179(1)(b) inserted (6.4.2006) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), s. 322(1), Sch. 12 para. 30(3); S.I. 2005/3331, art. 2(6), Sch. Pt. 6

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

S. 179 modified (27.4.2005) by The Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Pension Liberation) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/992), regs. 1(1), **2(8)**(9)

Commencement Information

II Ss. 1-187 in force at 7.2.1994 by S.I. 1994/86, art. 2

180 Normal pension age.

- (1) In this Act "normal pension age", in relation to a scheme and a member's pensionable service under it, means—
 - (a) in a case where the scheme provides for the member only a guaranteed minimum pension, the earliest age at which the member is entitled to receive the guaranteed minimum pension on retirement from any employment to which the scheme applies; and
 - (b) in any other case, the earliest age at which the member is entitled to receive benefits (other than a guaranteed minimum pension) on his retirement from such employment.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) any scheme rule making special provision as to early retirement on grounds of ill-health or otherwise is to be disregarded.

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Commencement Information

II Ss. 1-187 in force at 7.2.1994 by S.I. 1994/86, art. 2

[F16180AInsurer and long-term insurance business

- (1) In this Act "insurer" means—
 - (a) a person who has permission under [F17Part 4A] of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to effect or carry out contracts of insurance, or
 - (b) an EEA firm of the kind mentioned in paragraph 5(d) of Schedule 3 to that Act, which has permission under paragraph 15 of that Schedule (as a result of qualifying for authorisation under paragraph 12 of that Schedule) to effect or carry out contracts of insurance.
- (2) In this Act "long term insurance business" means business which consists of the effecting or carrying out of contracts of long-term insurance.
- (3) This section must be read with—
 - (a) section 22 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;
 - (b) any relevant order under that section; and
 - (c) Schedule 2 to that Act.]

Textual Amendments

- F16 S. 180A inserted (1.12.2001) by The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments and Repeals) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3649), arts. 1, 126
- F17 Words in s. 180A(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2013) by Financial Services Act 2012 (c. 21), s. 122(3), Sch. 18 para. 78(4) (with Sch. 20); S.I. 2013/423, art. 3, Sch.

181 General interpretation.

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

[F18" abolition date" means the day appointed for the commencement of section 15(1) of the Pensions Act 2007;]

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"age", in relation to any person, shall be construed so that—

- (a) he is over or under a particular age if he has or, as the case may be, has not attained that age;
- (b) he is between two particular ages if he has attained the first but not the second;

[F20" appropriate scheme" and "appropriate scheme certificate" are to be construed in accordance with section 181A;]

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"Category A retirement pension" and "Category B retirement pension" mean the retirement pensions of those descriptions payable under Part II of the M2 Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;

[F21" civil recovery order" means an order under section 266 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 or an order under section 276 imposing the requirement mentioned in section 277(3).]

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"contract of service" has the same meaning as in section 122(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;

"contracted-out employment" shall be construed in accordance with section 8;

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"contracting-out certificate" and references to a contracted-out scheme and to contracting-out shall be construed in accordance with section 7 [F22] and section 181A];

"contributions equivalent premium" has the meaning given in $[^{F23}$ section 55(2)];

"earner" and "earnings" shall be construed in accordance with sections 3, 4 and 112 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;

"earnings factors" shall be construed in accordance with sections 22 and 23 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;

[F24" employed earner" and "self-employed earner" have the meanings given by section 2 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;]

"employee" means a person gainfully employed in Great Britain either under a contract of service or in an office (including an elective office) with [F25 general earnings (as defined by section 7 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003)];

"employer" means—

- (a) in the case of an employed earner employed under a contract of service, his employer;
- (b) in the case of an employed earner employed in an office with emoluments—
- (i) such person as may be prescribed in relation to that office; or
- (ii) if no person is prescribed, the government department, public authority or body of persons responsible for paying the emoluments of the office;

"employment" includes any trade, business, profession, office or vocation and "employed" shall be construed accordingly except in the expression "employed earner";

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[F27a:Financial Services Compensation Scheme" means the Financial Services Compensation Scheme referred to in section 213(2) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.]

"guaranteed minimum pension" has the meaning given in section 8(2);

 $[^{F18}$ 'HMRC" means the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs;]

"independent trade union" has the same meaning as in the M3Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992;

"industrial tribunal" means a tribunal established or having effect as if established under [F29 section 1(1) of the Industrial Tribunals Act 1996];

"the Inland Revenue" means the Commissioners of Inland Revenue;
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"linked qualifying service" has the meaning given in section 179;

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"long-term benefit" has the meaning given in section 20(2) of the M4Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;

"lower earnings limit" and "upper earnings limit" shall be construed in accordance with section 5 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and "current", in relation to those limits, means for the time being in force;

"minimum contributions" shall be construed in accordance with sections 43 to 45;

"minimum payment" has the meaning given in section 8(2);

"modifications" includes additions, omissions and amendments, and related expressions shall be construed accordingly;

"money purchase benefits", in relation to a member of a personal or occupational pension scheme or the [F31widow, widower or surviving civil partner] of a member of such a scheme, means benefits the rate or amount of which is calculated by reference to a payment or payments made by the member or by any other person in respect of the member and [F32which fall within section 181B];

[F334 money purchase contracted-out scheme" is to be construed in accordance with section 181A;]

"money purchase scheme" means a pension scheme under which all the benefits that may be provided are money purchase benefits;

"normal pension age" has the meaning given in section 180;

"occupational pension scheme" has the meaning given in section 1;

[F34" overseas arrangement" means a scheme or arrangement which—

- (a) has effect, or is capable of having effect, so as to provide benefits on termination of employment or on death or retirement to or in respect of earners;
- (b) is administered wholly or primarily outside Great Britain;
- (c) is not an appropriate scheme; and
- (d) is not an occupational pension scheme:

[F35" pension credit" means a credit under section 29(1)(b) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 or under corresponding Northern Ireland legislation;

[F36" pensionable age"—

- (a) so far as any provisions (other than sections 46 to 48) relate to guaranteed minimum pensions, means the age of 65 in the case of a man and the age of 60 in the case of a woman, and
- (b) in any other case, has the meaning given by the rules in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Pensions Act 1995]

"pensionable service" has the meaning given in section 70(2);

[F37" pension debit" means a debit under section 29(1)(a) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999;]

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"personal pension scheme" has the meaning given in section 1;	
"prescribe" means prescribe by regulations and "prescribed" sha	ll be
construed accordingly;	

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"the preservation requirements" has the meaning given in section 69(2);

"primary Class 1 contributions" and "secondary Class 1 contributions" have the same meanings as in the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;

"protected rights" has the meaning given in section 10 [F39, as it had effect immediately prior to the abolition date];

"public service pension scheme" has the meaning given in section 1;

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"regulations" means regulations made by the Secretary of State under this Act;

[F41" the Regulatory Authority" means the Pensions Regulator;]

"resources", in relation to an occupational pension scheme, means the funds out of which the benefits provided by the scheme are payable from time to time, including the proceeds of any policy of insurance taken out, or annuity contract entered into, for the purposes of the scheme;

"rights", in relation to accrued rights (within the meaning of section 73, 136 or 179) or transfer credits, includes rights to benefit and also options to have benefits paid in a particular form or at a particular time;

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"short service benefit" has the meaning given in section 71(2)
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"tax week" means one of the successive periods in a tax year beginning with the first day of that year and every seventh day thereafter, the last day of a tax year (or, in a leap year, the last two days) being treated accordingly as a separate tax week;

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

"trade or business", in relation to a public or local authority, includes the exercise and performance of the powers and duties of the authority;

"transfer credits" means rights allowed to an earner under the rules of an occupational pension scheme by reference to I^{F45} —

- (a) a transfer to the scheme of, or transfer payment to the trustees or managers of the scheme in respect of, any of his rights (including transfer credits allowed) under another occupational pension scheme or a personal pension scheme, other than rights attributable (directly or indirectly) to a pension credit, or
- (b) a cash transfer sum paid under Chapter 5 of Part 4 in respect of him, to the trustees or managers of the scheme;]

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[F4666] the upper accrual point" has the meaning given by section 122 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;]

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"week" means a period of seven days beginning with Sunday;

[F484] working life", in relation to a person, means the period beginning with the tax year in which the person attains the age of 16 and ending with—

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- (a) the tax year before the one in which the person attains the age of 65 in the case of a man or 60 in the case of a woman, or
- (b) if earlier, the tax year before the one in which the person dies.]
- (2) References to employers in the provisions of this Act (other than sections 123 to 127, 157, [F49] and 160] ("the excluded provisions")) are to be treated, in relation to persons within the application of an occupational pension scheme and qualifying or prospectively qualifying for its benefits, as including references to persons who in relation to them and their employment are treated by regulations as being employers for the purposes of those provisions.
- (3) Subject to any such regulations, references to an employer in any of the provisions of this Act (other than the excluded provisions or ^{F50}... Chapter I of Part IV, Part VIII so far as it applies for the purposes of Chapter I of Part IV, sections ^{F51}... 153(2), 158(1) to (5), 162, 163, ^{F52}... and 176^{F52}...) shall, in relation to an earner employed in an office with emoluments, be construed as references to—
 - (a) such person as may be prescribed in relation to that office; or
 - (b) if no person is prescribed, the government department, public authority or body of persons responsible for paying the emoluments of that office.
- (4) Regulations may for any purpose of any provision of this Act (other than the excluded provisions or section ^{F53}... ^{F54}... 31, ^{F54}... 43 ^{F55}..., 111, 160, 164, 165 or 169) prescribe the persons who are to be regarded as members or prospective members of an occupational pension scheme and as to the times at which and the circumstances in which a person is to be treated as becoming, or as ceasing to be, a member or prospective member.
- (5) In sections 165 and 166—
 - (a) references to the United Kingdom include references to the territorial waters of the United Kingdom; and
 - (b) references to Great Britain include references to the territorial waters of the United Kingdom adjacent to Great Britain.
- (6) Any reference in section 185 or 186 to an order or regulations under this Act includes a reference to an order or regulations made under any provision of an enactment passed after this Act and directed to be construed as one with it; but this subsection applies only so far as a contrary intention is not expressed in the enactment so passed, and shall be without prejudice to the generality of any such direction.
- (7) In the application of section 158 F56... to Northern Ireland any reference to a government department is to be taken to be, or to include (as the context may require), a Northern Ireland department.

Textual Amendments

- F18 Words in s. 181(1) inserted (26.9.2007 for specified purposes, 6.4.2012 in so far as not already in force, that being "the abolition date" for the purposes of s. 15(1) of the amending Act) by Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22), ss. 15(4), 30(2)(b)(3), Sch. 4 para. 34(2)(a) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 3); S.I. 2011/1267, art. 2(a)
- **F19** Words in s. 181(1) repealed (6.4.1997) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(1), Sch. 5 para. 77(a)(i), **Sch. 7 Pt. III**; S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 2
- F20 Words in s. 181(1) substituted (26.9.2007 for specified purposes, 6.4.2012 in so far as not already in force, that being "the abolition date" for the purposes of s. 15(1) of the amending Act) by Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22), ss. 15(4), 30(2)(b)(3), Sch. 4 para. 34(2)(b) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 3); S.I. 2011/1267, art. 2(a)

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- **F21** Words in s. 181(1) inserted (24.2.2003) by Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (c. 29), s. 458(1), **Sch. 11** para. 22(6); S.I. 2003/120, art. 2, Sch. (with arts. 3, 4) (as amended (20.2.2003) by S.I. 2003/333, art. 14)
- F22 Words in s. 181(1) inserted (26.9.2007 for specified purposes, 6.4.2012 in so far as not already in force, that being "the abolition date" for the purposes of s. 15(1) of the amending Act) by Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22), ss. 15(4), 30(2)(b)(3), Sch. 4 para. 34(2)(c) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 3); S.I. 2011/1267, art. 2(a)
- **F23** Words in s. 181(1) substituted (6.4.1997) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(1), **Sch. 5 para. 77(a)** (ii); S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 2
- F24 Words in s. 181(1) substituted (11.11.1999 for specified purposes, 25.4.2000 in so far as not already in force) by Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30), s. 89(5)(a), Sch. 2 para. 3(1); S.I. 2000/1047, art. 2(2)(b), Sch. Pt. 2
- F25 Words in s. 181(1) substituted (with effect in accordance with s. 723(1)(a)(b) of the amending Act) by Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (c. 1), s. 723, Sch. 6 para. 222 (with Sch. 7)
- **F26** Words in s. 181(1) repealed (1.1.1996) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(1), Sch. 3 para. 44(a)(i), Sch. 7 Pt. I; S.I. 1995/3104, art. 2(3)
- F27 Words in s. 181(1) inserted (1.12.2001) by The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments and Repeals) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3649), arts. 1, 127(a)
- F28 Words in s. 181(1) repealed (21.9.2008 with effect in relation to 2009-10 and subsequent tax years) by National Insurance Contributions Act 2008 (c. 16), s. 6(1), Sch. 2
- **F29** Words in s. 181(1) substituted (22.8.1996) by Employment Tribunals Act 1996 (c. 17), s. 46, **Sch. 1** para. 11 (with s. 38)
- **F30** Words in s. 181(1) repealed (1.12.2001) by The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments and Repeals) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3649), arts. 1, 127(b)
- **F31** Words in s. 181(1) substituted (5.12.2005) by The Civil Partnership (Pensions and Benefit Payments) (Consequential, etc. Provisions) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/2053), art. 1(3), **Sch. para. 18**
- **F32** Words in s. 181(1) substituted (retrospective to 1.1.1997) by Pensions Act 2011 (c. 19), **s. 29(1)**(7), 38(4); S.I. 2014/1683, art. 2
- F33 Words in s. 181(1) substituted (26.9.2007 for specified purposes, 6.4.2012 in so far as not already in force, that being "the abolition date" for the purposes of s. 15(1) of the amending Act) by Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22), ss. 15(4), 30(2)(b)(3), Sch. 4 para. 34(2)(d) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 3); S.I. 2011/1267, art. 2(a)
- **F34** Words in s. 181(1) inserted (1.1.2001) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19), s. 86(1)(b)(2), **Sch. 5 para. 2(3)** (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2000/3166, art. 2(3)(b)(ii)
- **F35** Words in s. 181(1) inserted (1.12.2000) by Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30), s. 89(1), **Sch. 12 para. 41(a)**; S.I. 2000/1047, art. 2(2)(d), Sch. Pt. 4
- F36 Words in s. 181(1) substituted (19.7.1995) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(2)(a), Sch. 4 para. 17
- **F37** Words in s. 181(1) inserted (11.11.1999 for specified purposes) by Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30), **ss. 32(5)**, 89(5)(a); S.I. 2000/1047, art. 2(2)(d), Sch. Pt. 4
- **F38** Words in s. 181(1) repealed (6.4.2000) by Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30), s. 89(3)(c), **Sch. 13 Pt. VI**; S.I. 1999/3420, art. 4(e)
- **F39** Words in s. 181(1) added (6.4.2012) by The Pensions Act 2008 (Abolition of Protected Rights) (Consequential Amendments) (No.2) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1730), arts. 1(2)(b), 5(22)(a)
- **F40** Words in s. 181(1) repealed (6.4.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), s. 322(1), **Sch. 13** (with s. 313); S.I. 2005/695, art. 2(7), **Sch. 1**
- **F41** Words in s. 181(1) substituted (6.4.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), **ss. 7(2)(a)**, 322(1) (with s. 313); S.I. 2005/275, art. 2(7), Sch. Pt. 7
- **F42** Words in s. 181(1) repealed (6.4.2009) by Pensions Act 2008 (c. 30), s. 149(1), **Sch. 11 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2009/82, art. 2(2)(g)
- **F43** Words in s. 181(1) repealed (11.11.1999 for specified purposes, 25.4.2000 in so far as not already in force) by Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30), s. 89(5)(a), Sch. 2 para. 3(2)(c), **Sch. 13 Pt.** I; S.I. 2000/1047, art. 2(2)(b), Sch. Pt. 2
- **F44** Words in s. 181(1) omitted (6.4.2006) by virtue of The Taxation of Pension Schemes (Consequential Amendments) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/745), arts. 1, 7(7)

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Words in s. 181(1) substituted (6.4.2006) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), s. 322(1), Sch. 12 para. 31;
        S.I. 2005/3331, art. 2(6), Sch. Pt. 6
 F46
       Words in s. 181(1) inserted (26.9.2007) by Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22), s. 30(3), Sch. 1 para. 38
       Words in s. 181(1) repealed (6.4.2006) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), ss. 267(3), 322(1), Sch. 13 (with
        s. 313); S.I. 2006/560, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3
 F48 Words in s. 181(1) substituted (6.4.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), ss. 282, 322(1) (with s. 313);
        S.I. 2005/275, art. 2(7), Sch. Pt. 7
       Words in s. 181(2) substituted (6.4.1997) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(1), Sch. 3 para. 44(b);
        S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 2
 F50
       Words in s. 181(3) repealed (6.4.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), s. 322(1), Sch. 13 (with s. 313);
        S.I. 2005/695, art. 2(7), Sch. 1
       Words in s. 181(3) repealed (6.4.1997) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(1), Sch. 6 para. 14, Sch. 7
        Pt. IV; S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 2
 F52
       Words in s. 181(3) repealed (6.4.1997) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(1), Sch. 5 para. 77(b),
        Sch. 7 Pt. III; S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 2
 F53 Words in s. 181(4) repealed (6.4.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), s. 322(1), Sch. 13 (with s. 313);
        S.I. 2005/695, art. 2(7), Sch. 1
 F54 Words in s. 181(4) omitted (6.4.2012) by virtue of The Pensions Act 2008 (Abolition of Protected
        Rights) (Consequential Amendments) (No.2) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1730), arts. 1(2)(b), 5(22)(b)
 F55 Words in s. 181(4) repealed (6.4.2012 being "the abolition date" for the purposes of s. 15(1) of the
        amending Act) by Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22), ss. 15(4), 27(7), 30(2)(b), Sch. 4 para. 34(3), Sch. 7 Pt. 6
        (with Sch. 4 Pt. 3); S.I. 2011/1267, art. 2(a)
        Words in s. 181(7) repealed (6.4.1997) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(1), Sch. 5 para. 77(c), Sch.
        7 Pt. III; S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 2
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        Liberation) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/992), regs. 1(1), 2(4)(6)
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[F57181AInterpretation of references to money purchase contracted-out schemes or appropriate schemes after abolition date

- (1) This section applies for the interpretation of this Act on and after the abolition date.
- (2) An occupational pension scheme was a money purchase contracted-out scheme at a time before the abolition date if, at that time, the scheme was contracted-out by virtue of satisfying section 9(3) (as it then had effect).
- (3) A money purchase contracted-out scheme was, at a time before the abolition date, a contracted-out scheme in relation to an earner's employment if it was, at that time, specified in a contracting-out certificate in relation to that employment; and references to the contracting-out of a scheme are, in relation to a money purchase contracted-out scheme, references to its inclusion in such a certificate.

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- (4) Any reference to a contracting-out certificate is, in relation to a money purchase contracted-out scheme, a reference to a certificate issued by virtue of section 7, as it had effect before the abolition date, in relation to the employment of an earner in employed earner's employment which was contracted-out by reference to that scheme.
- (5) Any certificate so issued that was, at a time before the abolition date, in force in respect of an employed earner's employment is to be taken as conclusive that the employment was, at that time, contracted-out employment.
- (6) A personal pension scheme was an appropriate scheme at a time before the abolition date if, at that time, there was in force a certificate issued under section 7(1)(b) (as it then had effect) stating that the scheme was an appropriate scheme; and "appropriate scheme certificate" means such a certificate.
- (7) Any appropriate scheme certificate in force in relation to a scheme at any time before the abolition date is to be taken as conclusive that the scheme was, at that time, an appropriate scheme.]

Textual Amendments

F57 S. 181A inserted (26.9.2007 for specified purposes, 6.4.2012 in so far as not already in force, that being "the abolition date" for the purposes of s. 15(1) of the amending Act) by Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22), ss. 15(4), 30(2)(b)(3), Sch. 4 para. 35 (with Sch. 4 Pt. 3); S.I. 2011/1267, art. 2(a)

[F58181BMoney purchase benefits: supplementary

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of the definition of "money purchase benefits" in section 181(1).
- (2) A benefit other than a pension in payment falls within this section if its rate or amount is calculated solely by reference to assets which (because of the nature of the calculation) must necessarily suffice for the purposes of its provision to or in respect of the member.
- (3) A benefit which is a pension in payment falls within this section if—
 - (a) its provision to or in respect of the member is secured by an annuity contract or insurance policy made or taken out with an insurer, and
 - (b) at all times before coming into payment the pension was a benefit falling within this section by virtue of subsection (2).
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2) it is immaterial if the calculation of the rate or amount of the benefit includes deductions for administrative expenses or commission.
- (5) In this section references to a pension do not include income withdrawal or dependants' income withdrawal (within the meaning of paragraphs 7 and 21 of Schedule 28 to the Finance Act 2004).]

Textual Amendments

F58 S. 181B inserted (retrospective to 1.1.1997) by Pensions Act 2011 (c. 19), **s. 29(2)**(7), 38(4); S.I. 2014/1683, art. 2

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