



# Pension Schemes Act 1993

## 1993 CHAPTER 48

### PART III

#### CERTIFICATION OF PENSION SCHEMES AND EFFECTS ON MEMBERS' STATE SCHEME RIGHTS AND DUTIES

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#### TERMINATION OF CONTRACTED-OUT OR APPROPRIATE SCHEME STATUS: STATE SCHEME PREMIUMS

#### *Approval of arrangements for schemes ceasing to be certified*

#### **50 Powers of [<sup>F1</sup>Inland Revenue] to approve arrangements for scheme ceasing to be certified.**

- (1) In the case of an occupational pension scheme or a personal pension scheme which is or has been certified as a contracted-out or, as the case may be, an appropriate scheme, the [<sup>F1</sup>Inland Revenue] may, for the event of, or in connection with, its ceasing to be such a scheme [<sup>F2</sup>(including by virtue of section 15(1) of the Pensions Act 2007)], approve any arrangements made or to be made in relation to the scheme, or for its purposes, for the preservation or transfer—
- (a) in the case of an occupational pension scheme other than [<sup>F3</sup>one that was] a money purchase contracted-out scheme—
- (i) of earners' accrued rights to guaranteed minimum pensions under the scheme [<sup>F4</sup>or accrued rights to pensions under the scheme attributable to their service on or after the principal appointed day];
  - (ii) of the liability for the payment of [<sup>F5</sup>such pensions] in respect of persons who have then become entitled to receive them;
  - [<sup>F6</sup>(iii) of safeguarded rights under the scheme;]

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- (b) [<sup>F7</sup>in the case of a][<sup>F7</sup>in the case of an occupational pension scheme that was a] money purchase contracted-out scheme or a personal pension scheme, of protected [<sup>F8</sup>, or safeguarded,] rights under the scheme.
- [<sup>F9</sup>(1A) The power of the [<sup>F1</sup>Inland Revenue] to approve arrangements under this section—
- (a) includes power to approve arrangements subject to conditions, and
- (b) may be exercised either generally or in relation to a particular scheme.
- (1B) Arrangements may not be approved under this section unless any prescribed conditions are met]
- (2) If the scheme ceases to be a contracted-out scheme or an appropriate scheme (whether by [<sup>F10</sup>virtue of section 15(1) of the Pensions Act 2007, by] being wound up or otherwise) and the [<sup>F1</sup>Inland Revenue] either—
- (a) [<sup>F11</sup>have] withdrawn [<sup>F11</sup>their] approval of previously approved arrangements relating to it; or
- (b) [<sup>F11</sup>have] declined to approve arrangements relating to it, the [<sup>F1</sup>Inland Revenue] may issue a certificate to that effect.
- (3) A certificate issued under subsection (2)(a) or (b) shall be cancelled by the [<sup>F1</sup>Inland Revenue] if [<sup>F12</sup>they subsequently approve] the arrangements.
- (4) Regulations may provide that where the [<sup>F1</sup>Inland Revenue][<sup>F13</sup>have] approved arrangements under subsection (1) in respect of an occupational pension scheme (other than a money purchase scheme) any provision of this Part (other than sections 18, 19, [<sup>F14</sup>26 to 33][<sup>F14</sup>25A to 33] and 43 to 45) or Chapter III of Part IV or Chapter II of Part V shall have effect subject to such modifications as may be specified in the regulations.
- (5) Any such regulations shall have effect in relation to arrangements whenever approved, unless they provide that they are only to have effect in relation to arrangements approved after they come into force.
- (6) It is hereby declared that an approval of arrangements relating to an occupational pension scheme [<sup>F15</sup>which is not a money purchase contracted-out scheme][<sup>F15</sup>to which subsection (1)(a) applies] may be withdrawn at any time, notwithstanding that the scheme has been wound up.

[<sup>F16</sup>(7) . . . . .

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 50 substituted (25.2.1999 for specified purposes, 1.4.1999 in so far as not already in force) by *Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2)*, s. 28(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 51(2)**; S.I. 1999/527, art. 2(b), Sch. 2 (with arts. 3-6)
- F2** Words in s. 50(1) inserted (26.9.2007 for specified purposes) by *Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22)*, ss. 15(4), 30(2)(b)(3), **Sch. 4 para. 24(2)(a)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 3)
- F3** Words in s. 50(1)(a) inserted (26.9.2007 for specified purposes) by *Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22)*, ss. 15(4), 30(2)(b)(3), **Sch. 4 para. 24(2)(b)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 3)
- F4** Words in s. 50(1)(a)(i) inserted (6.4.1997) by *Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26)*, s. 180(1), **Sch. 5 para. 45(a)(i)**; S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 2 (with art. 4(1))
- F5** Words in s. 50(1)(a)(ii) substituted (6.4.1997) by *Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26)*, s. 180(1), **Sch. 5 para. 45(a)(ii)**; S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 2 (with art. 4(1))
- F6** S. 50(1)(a)(iii) inserted (1.12.2000) by *Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30)*, s. 89(1), **Sch. 12 para. 29(a)**; S.I. 2000/1047, art. 2(2)(d), Sch. Pt. 4

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- F7** Words in s. 50(1)(b) substituted (26.9.2007 for specified purposes) by Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22), ss. 15(4), 30(2)(b)(3), **Sch. 4 para. 24(2)(c)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 3)
- F8** Words in s. 50(1)(b) inserted (1.12.2000) by Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30), s. 89(1), **Sch. 12 para. 29(b)**; S.I. 2000/1047, art. 2(2)(d), Sch. Pt. 4
- F9** S. 50(1A)(1B) inserted (6.4.1996 for specified purposes, 6.4.1997 in so far as not already in force) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(1), **Sch. 5 para. 45(b)**; S.I. 1996/778, art. 2(5)(a), **Sch. Pt. V**; S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), **Sch. Pt. II** (with art. 4(1))
- F10** Words in s. 50(2) inserted (26.9.2007 for specified purposes) by Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22), ss. 15(4), 30(2)(b)(3), **Sch. 4 para. 24(3)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 3)
- F11** Words in s. 50(2) substituted (25.2.1999 for specified purposes, 1.4.1999 in so far as not already in force) by Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2), s. 28(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 51(3)**; S.I. 1999/527, art. 2(b), Sch. 2 (with arts. 3-6)
- F12** Words in s. 50(3) substituted (25.2.1999 for specified purposes, 1.4.1999 in so far as not already in force) by Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2), s. 28(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 51(4)**; S.I. 1999/527, art. 2(b), Sch. 2 (with arts. 3-6)
- F13** Word in s. 50(4) substituted (25.2.1999 for specified purposes, 1.4.1999 in so far as not already in force) by Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2), s. 28(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 51(5)**; S.I. 1999/527, art. 2(b), Sch. 2 (with arts. 3-6)
- F14** Words in s. 50(4) substituted (26.9.2007 for specified purposes) by Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22), ss. 15(4), 30(2)(b)(3), **Sch. 4 para. 24(4)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 3)
- F15** Words in s. 50(6) substituted (26.9.2007 for specified purposes) by Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22), ss. 15(4), 30(2)(b)(3), **Sch. 4 para. 24(5)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 3)
- F16** S. 50(7) repealed (6.4.1997) by Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26), s. 180(1), Sch. 5 para. 45(c), **Sch. 7 Pt. III**; S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), **Sch. Pt. II** (with art. 4(1))

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 50(1)(a)(ii) extended (6.4.1997) by Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/1172), regs. 1(1), **59**
- C2** S. 50(1B) excluded (6.4.1997) by Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/1172), regs. 1(1), **74**

#### Commencement Information

- I1** Ss. 1-187 in force at 7.2.1994 by S.I. 1994/86, **art. 2**

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