



Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993

1993 CHAPTER 49

PART III

^{F1}[^{F1}SCHEMES THAT WERE CONTRACTED-OUT ETC.]
AND EFFECTS ON MEMBERS' STATE SCHEME RIGHTS ...

CHAPTER I

^{F1}[^{F1}SCHEMES THAT WERE CONTRACTED-OUT: GUARANTEED
MINIMUM PENSIONS AND ALTERATION OF SCHEME RULES ETC.]

^{F1}Guaranteed minimum pensions]

^{F1}20A Conversion of guaranteed minimum pension into other benefits: introduction

[In this section and sections 20B to 20H—

- ^{F2}(1) (a) [^{F3}the rules specified in sections 9(1)(a) and (b) and 13(1) are referred to as the “guaranteed minimum pension rules”],
- (b) [^{F4}“GMP conversion” means—
- (i) the amendment of a scheme in relation to an earner who was alive immediately before the conversion date so that it no longer contains the rules specified in sections 9(1)(a) and (b) and 13(1), or
 - (ii) the amendment of a scheme in relation to a person who, immediately before the conversion date, was the widow, widower or surviving civil partner of an earner so that it no longer contains the rules specified in section 13(1),]

- [“P” means—
- ^{F5}(ba) (i) in relation to a GMP conversion within paragraph (b)(i), the earner mentioned in that provision;

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- (ii) in relation to a GMP conversion within paragraph (b)(ii), the survivor mentioned in that provision,]
- (c) [^{F6}a “GMP-converted scheme” is a scheme which has been subject to GMP conversion,]
- (d) “the conversion date” means the date on which that amendment takes effect,
- (e) “the pre-conversion benefits” means the benefits provided under the scheme [^{F7}in relation to P] immediately before the conversion date [^{F8}(disregarding money purchase benefits)],
- (f) “the post-conversion benefits” means the benefits which are provided under the converted scheme [^{F9}in relation to P][^{F10}(disregarding money purchase benefits)],
- (g) “the converted scheme” means the scheme as it has effect immediately after conversion, and
- (h) “the trustees” in relation to a scheme means the trustees, managers or other persons responsible under the scheme for effecting amendments of it.

[The Department must give such guidance (if any) as it thinks appropriate about GMP ^{F11}(2) conversion.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 20A-20H inserted (3.3.2009 for specified purposes, 6.4.2009 in so far as not already in force) by Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 1), **ss. 12(3)**, 21(1); S.R. 2009/75, art. 2(a)(b)
- F2** S. 20A(1): s. 20A renumbered as s. 20A(1) (6.4.2016) by Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5), s. 53(3), **Sch. 13 para. 20(a)**
- F3** S. 20A(1)(a) omitted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes) by virtue of Pension Schemes (Conversion of Guaranteed Minimum Pensions) Act 2022 (c. 33), **ss. 2(2)(a)**, 3(4)(b)
- F4** S. 20A(1)(b) substituted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes) by Pension Schemes (Conversion of Guaranteed Minimum Pensions) Act 2022 (c. 33), **ss. 2(2)(b)**, 3(4)(b)
- F5** S. 20A(1)(ba) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes) by Pension Schemes (Conversion of Guaranteed Minimum Pensions) Act 2022 (c. 33), **ss. 2(2)(c)**, 3(4)(b)
- F6** S. 20A(1)(c) omitted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes) by virtue of Pension Schemes (Conversion of Guaranteed Minimum Pensions) Act 2022 (c. 33), **ss. 2(2)(d)**, 3(4)(b)
- F7** Words in s. 20A(1)(e) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes) by Pension Schemes (Conversion of Guaranteed Minimum Pensions) Act 2022 (c. 33), **ss. 2(2)(e)(i)**, 3(4)(b)
- F8** Words in s. 20A(1)(e) omitted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes) by virtue of Pension Schemes (Conversion of Guaranteed Minimum Pensions) Act 2022 (c. 33), **ss. 2(2)(e)(ii)**, 3(4)(b)
- F9** Words in s. 20A(1)(f) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes) by Pension Schemes (Conversion of Guaranteed Minimum Pensions) Act 2022 (c. 33), **ss. 2(2)(e)(i)**, 3(4)(b)
- F10** Words in s. 20A(1)(f) omitted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes) by virtue of Pension Schemes (Conversion of Guaranteed Minimum Pensions) Act 2022 (c. 33), **ss. 2(2)(e)(ii)**, 3(4)(b)
- F11** S. 20A(2) added (6.4.2016) by Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5), s. 53(3), **Sch. 13 para. 20(b)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to savings in S.R. 2016/106 for effects of 2015 c. 5 (N.I.), Sch. 13 by [S.R. 2016/162 art. 5](#)
- specified provision(s) savings for effects of 2015 c. 5 (N.I.), Sch. 13 by [S.R. 2016/106 art. 2](#)

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

- Act power to modify conferred by [S.I. 2005/255 \(N.I.\) art. 281\(3\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)

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

- s. 21A inserted by [2008 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 9](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 4 para. 9 together with the inserted s. 21A were repealed (6.4.2012) by 2008 c. 13 (N.I.), ss. 85(2)(b), 118(1), Sch. 10 Pt. 3 (with s. 73); S.R. 2012/119, art. 2(a)(c))
- s. 21A repealed by [2008 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 85\(2\)\(b\) Sch. 10 Pt. 3](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 4 para. 9 together with the inserted s. 21A were repealed (6.4.2012) by 2008 c. 13 (N.I.), ss. 85(2)(b), 118(1), Sch. 10 Pt. 3 (with s. 73); S.R. 2012/119, art. 2(a)(c))
- s. 23A inserted by [2008 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 4 para. 10 together with the inserted s. 23A were repealed (6.4.2012) by 2008 c. 13 (N.I.), ss. 85(2)(b), 118(1), Sch. 10 Pt. 3 (with s. 73); S.R. 2012/119, art. 2(a)(c))
- s. 23A repealed by [2008 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 85\(2\)\(b\) Sch. 10 Pt. 3](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 4 para. 10 together with the inserted s. 23A were repealed (6.4.2012) by 2008 c. 13 (N.I.), ss. 85(2)(b), 118(1), Sch. 10 Pt. 3 (with s. 73); S.R. 2012/119, art. 2(a)(c))
- s. 42(1A)(1B) inserted by [2008 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 82\(2\)](#)
- s. 42(1A) words substituted by [2012 c. 3 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 7](#)
- s. 42A inserted by [2008 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 82\(3\)](#)
- s. 42A repealed by [2015 c. 5 \(N.I.\) Sch. 12 para. 79](#)
- s. 42A heading words substituted by [2012 c. 3 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 8\(b\)](#)
- s. 42A(1)(c) words substituted by [2012 c. 3 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 8\(a\)](#)
- s. 67(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) s. 39\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 78A inserted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 2](#)
- s. 79(1A)-(1AC) substituted for s. 79(1A) by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 3](#)
- s. 80-80F substituted for s. 80 by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 4](#)
- s. 81A inserted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 5](#)
- s. 82A82B inserted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 6](#)
- s. 90(2A)(a)(viii) inserted by [2015 c. 5 \(N.I.\) Sch. 17 para. 19\(2\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 90 already substituted (3.3.2015 for specified purposes, 6.4.2015 in so far as not already in force) by Pension Schemes Act 2015 (c. 8), s. 89(1)(b)(3)(b), Sch. 4 para. 54 (with s. 87))
- s. 90(2A)(a)(ix) inserted by [2015 c. 5 \(N.I.\) Sch. 18 para. 9\(2\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 90 already substituted (3.3.2015 for specified purposes, 6.4.2015 in so far as not already in force) by Pension Schemes Act 2015 (c. 8), s. 89(1)(b)(3)(b), Sch. 4 para. 54 (with s. 87))
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- s. 97AI(7)(a)(x) inserted by [2015 c. 5 \(N.I.\) Sch. 17 para. 19\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 97AI(7)(b)(viii) inserted by [2015 c. 5 \(N.I.\) Sch. 17 para. 19\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 109(4)(4A) substituted for s. 109(4) by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) s. 38\(5\)](#)
- s. 141(4)(5) added by [S.I. 2005/255 \(N.I.\) art. 251](#)
- s. 142(6A) inserted by [S.I. 2005/255 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 19\(b\)](#)
- s. 170A inserted by [2008 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 9 para. 1](#)
- s. 172(2)(b)(ii)-(ix) substituted for s. 172(2)(b)(ii) by [2008 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 33](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 4 para. 33 repealed immediately before the "abolition date" (see [2008 c. 1 \(N.I.\)](#), s. 13) by S.R. 2012/124, art. 7(2))
- Sch. 2 para. A1 inserted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 8](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 3A omitted by [2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 9](#)