

*These notes refer to the Pensions Act 2011 (c.19)
which received Royal Assent on 3 November 2011*

PENSIONS ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TERRITORIAL EXTENT

15. The amendments made by the Act generally extend to England and Wales and to Scotland. The amendments made by the following provisions have UK extent:
- section 23 (Financial Assistance Scheme: amount of payments); and
 - section 24 (Financial Assistance Scheme: transfer of assets).
16. [Section 34](#) and parts of Schedule 5 (contributions towards cost of judicial pensions etc) also have UK extent.

Territorial application: Wales

17. The Act's effect in Wales is the same as in England. The Act contains no provisions that relate exclusively to Wales, or affect the National Assembly for Wales.

Territorial application: Scotland

18. The Act's effect in Scotland is the same as in England.

Territorial application: Northern Ireland

19. Pensions in Northern Ireland are a devolved matter. However sections 23 and 24, relating to the Financial Assistance Scheme, and section 34 and Schedule 5 (contributions towards cost of judicial pensions etc) extend to Northern Ireland. Consent of the Northern Ireland Assembly to legislate was given with respect to these provisions.