

Pension Schemes Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 8

PART 5

MISCELLANEOUS

Judicial and public service pensions

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(1) In the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993, after Part 1 insert—

"PART 1A

FEE-PAID JUDGES

18A Pension scheme for fee-paid judges

- (1) The appropriate Minister may by regulations establish a scheme for the payment of pensions and other benefits to or in respect of fee-paid judges.
- (2) The scheme may make provision for payments to or in respect of a person in relation to the person's service before the scheme is established.
- (3) No benefits are to be provided under a new public service pension scheme in relation to service in relation to which benefits are to be provided under a scheme under this section.

"New public service pension scheme" means a scheme under-

- (a) section 1 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013, or
- (b) section 1 of the Public Service Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c. 2).

- (4) The power under section 18(5) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 is to include power to provide for exceptions in the case of a person who—
 - (a) served as a fee-paid judge before 1 April 2012, and
 - (b) has been notified by the appropriate Minister that he or she will potentially be eligible for benefits under a scheme under this section in relation to that service,

(and section 18(6) to (8) of the 2013 Act apply accordingly).

- (5) The power under section 18(5) of the Public Service Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 is to include power to provide for exceptions in the case of a person who—
 - (a) served as a fee-paid judge before 1 April 2012, and
 - (b) has been notified by the appropriate Minister that he or she will potentially be eligible for benefits under a scheme under this section in relation to that service,

(and section 18(7) to (9) of the 2014 Act apply accordingly).

- (6) Regulations under this section may, in particular, include provision corresponding or similar to—
 - (a) any provision made by Part 1, section 20 or Schedule 2 or 2A;
 - (b) any provision that may be made by regulations under Part 1, section 20 or Schedule 2 or 2A.

(7) In this section—

"judge" means a person who holds an office specified in the regulations;

"fee-paid judge" means a judge whose service is remunerated by the payment of fees (as opposed to the payment of a salary)."

(2) Schedule 5 contains related amendments.