



# Historical Institutional Abuse (Northern Ireland) Act 2019

## 2019 CHAPTER 31

### PART 1

#### THE HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE REDRESS BOARD

#### *Award of compensation*

#### **15 Status etc of award**

- (1) An award of compensation under this Part is to be paid—
  - (a) as a single lump sum, or
  - (b) if the award is by way of two payments in accordance with section 14, as a lump sum for each payment.
- (2) An award of compensation under this Part does not give rise to a charge to any tax or to a liability to pay national insurance contributions.
- (3) An award of compensation under this Part is to be disregarded for the purposes of an assessment of a person's eligibility for a social security benefit the entitlement to which depends on the carrying out of a means test.
- (4) An award of compensation under this Part is to be disregarded for the purposes of an assessment of a person's ability to pay under regulations made under Article 36(6) or 99(5) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 (cost of providing residential accommodation).
- (5) An award of compensation under this Part is to be disregarded for the purposes of an assessment of a person's financial resources under—
  - (a) Part 3 of the Legal Aid Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, or
  - (b) regulations under Part 2 of the Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (6) A person who is notified under section 9(7) that the person is entitled to an award of compensation on an application under this Part, or on whose application a payment is ordered to be made under section 14(2), may not bring proceedings on a claim for compensation based on matters to which the application relates.