

2005 No. 706**PENSIONS****The Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding up etc.)
Regulations 2005**

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The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 9, 25(2), 97(1), (2)(b) and (3), 101I, 101L, 113, 181(1) and 183(3) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993(a), sections 49(2)(b), 56(3), 57(1) and (5), 68(2)(e), 73(2)(b), (6), (7) and (9), 73A(7), (8)(a) and (b) and (10), 73B(4), (5) and (8), 74(2) and (3)(e), 76(2), 91(5)(c), 118(1)(a) and (b), 119, 124(1) and (3E), 174(2)(a) and (3) of the Pensions Act 1995(b) and sections 30(1) and (2) and 83(4) and (6) of, and paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 5 to, the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999(c), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, by this instrument which is consequential on section 270 of the Pensions Act 2004(d) and section 326 of and Part 3 of Schedule 42 to the Finance Act 2004(e) and is made before the end of the period of six months beginning with the coming into force of those provisions(f), and having consulted such persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate with respect to regulations 16 and 17(g), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding up etc.) Regulations 2005.

(2) These Regulations, apart from paragraph 4 of the Schedule, come into force on 6th April 2005 and that paragraph comes into force on 6th April 2006.

(3) Regulations 3 to 13 do not apply in the case of any scheme which—

- (a) was regarded by virtue of regulation 2 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding Up) Regulations 1996(h) (commencement of winding up) as having begun to be wound up before 6th April 2005 for the purposes of those Regulations; or

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- (a) 1993 c. 48. Section 9 is amended by sections 136(3) and (4), 151 and 177 of, and paragraphs 21 and 24 of Schedule 5 and Part 3 of Schedule 7 to, the Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26) and section 1(1) of, and paragraph 35(1) to (4) of Schedule 1 to, the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2). Section 25(2) is substituted by paragraph 33(b) of Schedule 5 to the Pensions Act 1995 and amended by paragraph 40(a) of Schedule 1 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999. Section 97 is amended by paragraph 4 of Schedule 6 to the Pensions Act 1995 and by section 56 of, and paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 5 to, the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19). Sections 101I and 101L are inserted by section 37 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30). Section 113 was amended by section 1(2)(a) of the Employment Rights (Dispute Resolution) Act 1998 (c. 8) and by section 52 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000. Section 181(1) is cited for the meaning it gives to “prescribe” and “regulations”. Section 183(3) was amended by sections 122, 173 and 177 of, and paragraph 45 of Schedule 3, paragraph 15(b) of Schedule 6 and Part 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Pensions Act 1995, and by section 84(1) of, and paragraphs 28 and 42 of Schedule 12 to, the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999.
- (b) 1995 c. 26. Section 73 is substituted and sections 73A and 73B are inserted by section 270(1) of the Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35). Section 74(2) is amended by sections 270(2)(b) and 320 of, and Part 1 of Schedule 13 to, that Act. Section 74(3)(e) is inserted by section 270(2)(c) of that Act. Section 118(2) was amended by section 47(3) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000. Section 124(1) is cited for the meaning it gives to “prescribed” and “regulations”. Subsections (3A) to (3E) are inserted into section 124 by section 49(2) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000.
- (c) 1999 c. 30.
- (d) 2004 c. 35.
- (e) 2004 c. 12.
- (f) See section 185 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 and section 120 of the Pensions Act 1995 which provide that the Secretary of State must consult such persons as he may consider appropriate before making regulations for the purposes of the provisions for the purposes of which these Regulations are made. This duty does not apply where regulations are made before the end of the period of six months beginning with the coming into force of any enactment upon which the regulations are consequential.
- (g) See section 83(11) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999.
- (h) S.I. 1996/3126.

- (b) in accordance with section 124(3A) to (3E) of the 1995 Act began to wind up before that date.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

- “the 1995 Act” means the Pensions Act 1995;
 “the 1999 Act” means the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999;
 “the 2004 Act” means the Pensions Act 2004;
 “assessment period” has the meaning given by section 132 of the 2004 Act (assessment periods);
 “the tax condition”, in relation to a scheme, means—

- (a) that the scheme has been approved by the Commissioners of the Board of Inland Revenue for the purposes of section 590 or 591 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988^(a) (conditions for approval of retirement benefit schemes or discretionary approval) at any time before 6th April 2006; or
 (b) that the scheme is registered under section 153 of the Finance Act 2004 (registration of pension schemes).

(2) In these Regulations “scheme” must be read in appropriate cases in accordance with the modifications of sections 73 to 74 of the 1995 Act made by regulation 13 (multi-employer sectionalised schemes, schemes with partial government guarantee and partly foreign schemes); and “employer” and “member” must be read accordingly.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (1) and (2) and regulation 12 (commencement of winding up), expressions used in these Regulations have the same meaning as in Part 1 of the 1995 Act (see section 124 of that Act).

Winding up

Schemes to which section 73 of the 1995 Act does not apply

3.—(1) Section 73 of the 1995 Act does not apply to any scheme which is—

- (a) a public service pension scheme under the provisions of which there is no requirement for assets related to the intended rate or amount of benefit under the scheme to be set aside in advance (disregarding requirements relating to voluntary contributions);
 (b) a scheme which is made under section 7 of the Superannuation Act 1972^(b) (superannuation of persons employed in local government etc.) and provides pensions to local government employees;
 (c) a scheme which is made under section 2 of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Act 1987^(c) (power to provide for pensions for Members of the House of Commons etc.);
 ►¹(ca) a scheme, provision for which is made by virtue of section 81(3) of the Scotland Act 1998 (remuneration of members of the Parliament and Executive);◀
 (d) a scheme in respect of which a relevant public authority, as defined in subsection (4) of section 307 of the 2004 Act (modification of that Act in relation to certain categories of schemes), has given a guarantee or made any other arrangements for the purposes of securing that the assets of the scheme are sufficient to meet its liabilities;
 (e) a scheme which does not meet the tax condition;
 (f) a scheme which—
 (i) has been categorised by the Commissioners of the Board of Inland Revenue for the purposes of its approval as a centralised scheme for non-associated employers;

¹Reg. 3(1)(ca) inserted by reg. 4 of S.I. 2009/1906 as from 1.9.09.

(a) 1988 c. 1.
 (b) 1972 c. 11.
 (c) 1987 c. 45.

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- (ii) which is not contracted-out; and
- (iii) under the provisions of which the only benefits that may be provided on or after retirement (other than money purchase benefits derived from the payment of voluntary contributions by any person) are lump sum benefits which are not calculated by reference to a member's salary;
- (g) a scheme—
 - (i) the only benefits provided by which (other than money purchase benefits) are death benefits; and
 - (ii) under the provisions of which no member has accrued rights (other than rights to money purchase benefits);
- ▶¹(h) a scheme—
 - (i) which has such a superannuation fund as is mentioned in section 615(6) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (exemption from tax in respect of certain pensions); and
 - (ii) in relation to which the trustees or managers are not—
 - (aa) authorised under section 288 of the 2004 Act (general authorisation to accept contributions from European employer); or
 - (bb) approved under section 289 of the 2004 Act (approval in relation to particular European employer) in relation to a European employer;◀
- (j) a scheme with fewer than 12 members where all the members are trustees of the scheme and either—
 - ▶²(i) the provisions of the scheme provide that any decision made by the trustees is made by the unanimous agreement of the trustees who are members of the scheme; or◀
 - (ii) the scheme has a trustee who is independent in relation to the scheme for the purposes of section 23 of the 1995 Act^(a) (power to appoint independent trustees) (see subsection (3) of that section) and is registered in the register maintained by the Authority in accordance with regulations made under subsection (4) of that section;
- (k) a scheme with fewer than 12 members where all the members are directors of a company which is the sole trustee of the scheme and either—
 - ▶²(i) the provisions of the scheme provide that any decision made by the company in its capacity as trustee is made by the unanimous agreement of the directors who are members of the scheme; or◀
 - (ii) one of the directors of the company is independent in relation to the scheme for the purposes of section 23 of the 1995 Act and is registered in the register maintained by the Authority in accordance with regulations made under subsection (4) of that section; ▶²or◀
- (l) the Chatsworth Settlement Estate Pension Scheme; ▶²◀

¹Sub-para. (h) of reg. 3(1) substituted by reg. 7(2) of S.I. 2006/467 as from 30.3.06.

²Heads (i) of paras. (h) & (j)(i) substituted, words added and omitted in para. k(ii) & (l) and para. (m) deleted by reg. 12(2)(a)-(c) of S.I. 2007/814 as from 6.4.07.

(2) Before 6th April 2006 paragraph (1)(e) applies with the addition at the end of the words “and is not a relevant statutory scheme providing relevant benefits”; and for the purposes of that paragraph “relevant statutory scheme” and “relevant benefits” have the same meaning as in Chapter 1 of Part 14 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988^(b) (see sections 611A and 612(1) of that Act).

Corresponding PPF liability: modifications of the pension compensation provisions etc.

4.—(1) For the purposes of section 73 of the 1995 Act, when determining the corresponding PPF liability in relation to any liability of a scheme to or in respect of a member for pensions or other benefits, the pension compensation provisions apply as if—

- (a) those provisions applied to all schemes to which section 73 of the 1995 Act applies and any reference in the pension compensation provisions to members, employers or any other expression the construction of which is dependent

^(a) Section 23 is substituted by section 36(3) of the Pensions Act 2004.

^(b) Section 611A was inserted by section 75 of, and paragraph 15 of Schedule 6 to, the Finance Act 1989 (c. 26) and amended by section 52(1) of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 5 to, the Finance Act 1999. The definition of “relevant benefits” was amended by section 79 of, and paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 10 to, the Finance Act 1999.

on the meaning of “scheme” were to be read accordingly (but subject to the following provisions of this regulation);

- (b) sections 140 to 142, 164 and 168(2)(a) and (c) to (f) of the 2004 Act were omitted;
- (c) Schedule 7 to that Act (pension compensation provisions) applied—
 - (i) with the substitution for the references in paragraphs 5(4A), 15(5A) and 19(5A)(a) to the Board of references to the trustees or managers of the scheme;
 - (ii) with the substitution for the references in paragraphs 20(1)(a) and 32(1)(a) to the commencement of the assessment period of references to the commencement of the winding up period;
 - (iii) with the substitution for the reference in paragraph 35(4) to the time immediately before the assessment period which begins on the assessment date of a reference to the time immediately before the winding up period begins;
 - (iv) with the addition at the end of paragraph 35(5) of the words—
 - “ and in this sub-paragraph as it applies for the purposes of section 73(4)(b) of the Pensions Act 1995, “the employer” includes both any person included by virtue of regulation 4(1)(a) of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding up etc.) Regulations 2005 and any person who is the employer apart from by virtue of that regulation.”;
 - (v) with the substitution for other references to the assessment date of references to the winding up date; and
 - (vi) with the omissions specified in paragraph (2);
- (d) no determination might be made under paragraph 29 of Schedule 7 (Board’s powers to alter rates of revaluation and indexation) after the time as at which the corresponding PPF liability is determined for the purposes of section 73 of the 1995 Act;
- (e) no order might be made under paragraph 30 of that Schedule (Secretary of State’s powers to vary any percentage paid as compensation) after that time;
- (f) the Pension Protection Fund (Compensation) Regulations 2005 applied with the modifications specified in paragraph (3); and
- (g) (so far as they are included in the pension compensation provisions) the Pension Protection Fund (Hybrid Schemes) (Modification) Regulations 2005(b) applied with the substitution for the reference in regulation 3(2) of those Regulations to the assessment date of a reference to the winding up date.

(2) The omissions are—

- (a) paragraphs 2, 20(4), 23A(c), 24, 25, 27 and 31A(d) and all references to those paragraphs;
- (b) in paragraph 26—
 - (i) in sub-paragraphs (2)(b)(i), (6B)(a)(e) and (9)(a) and (b), the words “or a connected occupational pension scheme”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (6B)(b) the words “or a relevant connected occupational pension scheme”; and
 - (iii) the words following sub-paragraph (6B)(b).

(a) Paragraphs 5, 15 and 19 are modified in their application to cash balance schemes by regulation 25 of the Pension Protection Fund (Compensation) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/670).

(b) S.I. 2005/449.

(c) Paragraph 23A is inserted by regulation 3 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Modification of Pension Protection Provisions) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/705).

(d) Regulation 3(4) of the Pension Protection Fund (Hybrid Schemes) (Modification) Regulations 2005 modifies Schedule 7 in its application to hybrid schemes so that it reads as if it contained paragraph 31A.

(e) Sub-paragraph (6B) is inserted by regulation 22 of the Pension Protection Fund (Compensation) Regulations 2005.

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- (3) The modifications are—
- (a) in regulation 4 (compensation for surviving dependants)—
 - (i) in paragraph (2) omit the words following “otherwise”;
 - (ii) for regulation 4(3) substitute—
 - “ (3) In the case of a surviving dependant the circumstances are where the admissible rules of the scheme provide for the payment of pension or other benefits to that person.”;
 - (b) for references in regulations 5, 6, 9, 10(1), 11(1), 12(1), 13, 14 and 15 to the assessment date, wherever they occur, substitute references to the winding up date; and
 - (c) omit regulation 16 (modification of admissible rules).
- (4) In this regulation—
- (a) “corresponding PPF liability” has the meaning given in section 73(5) of the 1995 Act;
 - (b) “the pension compensation provisions” has the same meaning as in Part 2 of the 2004 Act (see section 162 of that Act); and
 - (c) “the winding up date” means the date on which the winding up period began or, if the crystallisation date for the scheme for the purposes of regulation 4 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding Up) Regulations 1996 (calculation of amounts of liabilities) is an earlier date, that date.
- (5) ►◄

Reg. 4(5) is revoked by reg. 3(2) of S.I. 2005/2159 as from 31.8.05.

Early leaver’s rights: deemed election for contribution refund

5. Where, on the commencement of the winding up period, a member becomes a person to whom Chapter 5 of Part 4 of the 1993 Act^(a) applies (early leavers: cash transfer sums and contribution refunds), that Chapter applies as if—

- (a) he had elected on the day on which that period begins for a contribution refund;
- (b) he had accordingly acquired a right to such a refund (and not a right to a cash transfer sum) under section 101AB of that Act; and
- (c) all steps required to be taken under that Chapter preliminary to that election had been taken.

Adjustments to discretionary awards

6.—(1) For the purposes of section 73A of the 1995 Act^(b) (operation of scheme during winding up period) and this regulation, “discretionary award”, in relation to an occupational pension scheme, means an award of a pension or other benefit under the scheme where either—

- (a) entitlement to the award arises as a result of the exercise of a discretion conferred by the scheme rules that may be exercised in circumstances specified in those rules; or
- (b) the amount awarded depends on the exercise of such a discretion.

(2) Where section 73A of the 1995 Act applies, the circumstances in which trustees or managers of the scheme are required to adjust any such entitlement as is referred to in section 73A(7)(a) are where—

- (a) the entitlement to a pension or other benefit is—
 - (i) the entitlement of a member; or
 - (ii) the entitlement to a pension or other benefit in respect of a member other than a member who dies during the winding up period; and

(a) Chapter 5 of Part 4 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 is inserted by section 264 of the Pensions Act 2004.

(b) Section 73A is inserted by section 270 of the Pensions Act 2004.

- (b) it appears to the trustees or managers that as a result of—
 - (i) the discretionary award in question;
 - (ii) that award and any other awards under the scheme rules to which section 73A(7)(a) applies; or
 - (iii) all the awards under the scheme rules to which that section applies and any entitlements in respect of the member to which section 73A(7)(b) applies (“survivor entitlements”),
 the total amount of the liability for pensions and other benefits in respect of the member is greater than it was immediately before the commencement of the winding up period.

(3) In those circumstances, the trustees or managers are required to adjust the entitlement—

- (a) to the discretionary award;
- (b) to that award and the other awards mentioned in paragraph (2)(b)(ii); or
- (c) to the awards and entitlements mentioned in paragraph (2)(b)(iii),

in such manner as they think fit so that the total amount of that liability does not exceed its amount immediately before the commencement of the winding up period.

(4) If—

- (a) the commencement of the winding up of the scheme is backdated (whether in accordance with section 154 of the 2004 Act or otherwise); and
- (b) the requirement under paragraph (3) to adjust any entitlement arises as a result of that backdating,

the adjustment must be made with effect from the time the award takes effect.

(5) Where a discretionary award takes effect during a period that is a winding up period or an assessment period in relation to a scheme, the trustees or managers of the scheme must give the person to whom the award is made notice in writing not later than one month after the date on which the award is made—

- (a) that the award may be adjusted by virtue of this regulation; or
- (b) where the award takes effect before the scheme has begun to be wound up, that it may be so adjusted if the scheme begins to be wound up and the commencement of the winding up is backdated.

(6) Such a notice may be given by post and, if the person to whom it is given is not in employment to which the scheme relates, is to be treated as having been given if it is sent to him by post to his last address known to the trustees or managers.

Adjustments to survivors' benefits

7.—(1) Where section 73A of the 1995 Act applies, the circumstances in which trustees or managers of the scheme are required to adjust any such entitlement as is referred to in section 73A(7)(b) are where—

- (a) it appears to the trustees or managers that as a result of—
 - (i) the entitlement in question having arisen; or
 - (ii) that entitlement and any other entitlements under the scheme rules to which section 73A(7)(b) applies having arisen;

the amount of the total liability for pensions and other benefits in respect of the member is greater than it was immediately before the commencement of the winding up period, or

- (b) regulation 6(3) requires the trustees or managers to adjust the entitlement.

(2) In the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (1)(a), the trustees or managers are required to adjust the entitlement or entitlements in such manner as they think fit so that the total amount of the liability for pensions and other benefits in respect of the member does not exceed its amount immediately before the commencement of the winding up period.

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(3) See regulation 6(3) for the manner in which the trustees or managers are required to adjust the entitlement or entitlements where that regulation applies.

(4) If—

- (a) the commencement of the winding up of the scheme is backdated (whether in accordance with section 154 of the 2004 Act or otherwise); and
- (b) the requirement under paragraph (2) to adjust any entitlement arises as a result of that backdating,

the adjustment must be made with effect from the time the award takes effect.

(5) Where any such entitlement of a person as is referred to in section 73A(7)(b) of the 1995 Act arises during a period that is a winding up period or an assessment period in relation to a scheme, the trustees or managers of the scheme must give the person notice in writing not later than one month after the date on which it arises—

- (a) that it may be adjusted by virtue of this regulation; or
- (b) where the entitlement arises before the scheme has begun to be wound up, that it may be so adjusted if the scheme begins to be wound up and the commencement of the winding up is backdated.

(6) Such a notice may be given by post and is to be treated as having been given to the person if it is sent to him by post to his last address known to the trustees or managers.

Entitlement to death benefits treated as arising before commencement of winding up period

8.—(1) This regulation applies where—

- (a) an occupational pension scheme to which section 73 of the 1995 Act applies is being wound up;
- (b) a member of the scheme died before the winding up began;
- (c) during the winding up period a person (“the beneficiary”) becomes entitled under the scheme rules to one or more benefits within paragraph (2) in respect of the member; and
- (d) the beneficiary could have become so entitled before the winding up period began had the trustees or managers of the scheme taken any action earlier.

(2) The benefits are—

- (a) a pension of a kind permitted by the pension death benefit rules set out in section 167 of the Finance Act 2004 (pension death benefit rules); and
- (b) a lump sum of a kind permitted by the lump sum death benefit rule set out in section 168 of that Act (lump sum death benefit rule).

(3) For the purposes of section 73B(6)(a)(a) (liabilities to which the winding up provisions do not apply)—

- (a) the beneficiary’s entitlement to payment of so much of the pension (if any) as is attributable to the period between the member’s death and the commencement of the winding up period; and
- (b) the beneficiary’s entitlement to payment of the lump sum,

are to be treated as having arisen immediately before the commencement of the winding up period.

(4) In the case of a scheme which begins to be wound up before 6th April 2006, this regulation has effect as if the benefits referred to in paragraph (2) were—

- (a) a pension payable to the deceased member’s ¹former spouse, former civil partner or dependant; and
- (b) a lump sum calculated by reference to the member’s remuneration.

[Regulation 9 substitutes regulation 4 of S.I. 1996/3126.]

¹Words substituted in reg. 8(4)(a) by reg. 12(3) of S.I. 2007/814 as from 6.4.07.

(a) Section 73B is inserted by section 270 of the Pensions Act 2004.

Discharge of liabilities during assessment period

10.—(1) This regulation applies in any case where any liability of a scheme in respect of a member has been discharged by virtue of regulations under section 135(4) of the 2004 Act (power to make regulations permitting discharge of scheme's liabilities during an assessment period).

(2) Sections 73 to 73B of the 1995 Act (except section 73B(4)(b)(iii)) apply as if references to liabilities did not include the discharged liability.

(3) Section 74(2) and (4) of the 1995 Act(a) applies as if the trustees or managers of the scheme had—

- (a) in accordance with arrangements prescribed under section 74(2) of that Act, provided for the discharge of the discharged liability in one or more of the ways mentioned in section 74(3) of that Act; and
- (b) applied any amount available to them in accordance with section 73 of that Act in one or more of those ways.

[Regulation 11 inserts paragraphs (6) to (10) into regulation 8 of S.I. 1996/3126.]

Commencement of winding up

12.—(1) Regulation 12 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding Up Notices and Reports etc.) Regulations 2002(b) (time when winding up taken to begin) does not apply in any case where in accordance with section 124(3A) to (3E) of the 1995 Act a scheme begins to wind up on or after 6th April 2005.

(2) Accordingly, in such a case—

- (a) that section applies for the purpose of determining the time when that scheme winds up for the purposes of—
 - (i) sections 73 to 74 of the 1995 Act;
 - (ii) these Regulations; and
 - (iii) the Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding Up) Regulations 1996; and
- (b) regulation 2 of those Regulations does not apply.

(3) If immediately before 6th April 2005 a scheme was regarded as having begun to be wound up for any purpose by virtue of regulation 2 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding Up) Regulations 1996, paragraphs (1) and (2) do not affect the time when it is to be taken as having begun to be wound up for that purpose.

Multi-employer sectionalised schemes, schemes with partial government guarantee and partly foreign schemes

13. In any case where, by virtue of regulation 12, 12A or 12B of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding Up) Regulations 1996(c) (winding up of sectionalised schemes, schemes with partial government guarantee and partly foreign schemes), sections 73 to 74 of the 1995 Act apply to a scheme as if different parts of the scheme were separate schemes, these Regulations (apart from this regulation) also so apply.

Consequential amendments

14. The Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding Up) Regulations 1996 have effect with the amendments in Part 1 of the Schedule and the Regulations specified in Part 2 of the Schedule have effect with the amendments in that Part.

[Regulation 14 is revoked in so far as it relates to the Occupational Pension Schemes (Payments to Employers) regulations 1996, S.I. 1996/2156.]

(a) Section 74(2) and (4) is amended by sections 270(2)(b) and (d) and 320 of, and Part 1 of Schedule 13 to, the Pensions Act 2004.

(b) S.I. 2002/459.

(c) Regulation 12 is amended by S.I. 1997/786 and the Schedule to these Regulations. Regulations 12A and 12B are inserted by the Schedule to these Regulations.

Transfer values

Amendments of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Transfer Values) Regulations 1996

[Regulation 15(1) to (8) makes various amendment to S.I. 1996/1847.]

(9) Paragraphs (2) to (4) only apply to the calculation of cash equivalents where the guarantee date is on or after 6th April 2005 and the scheme has not begun to be wound up before that date.

(10) In paragraph (9) “the guarantee date” has the meaning given by subsection (2) of section 93A of the 1993 Act (**a**) (salary-related schemes: right to statement of entitlement).

(11) Paragraphs (5) to (8) only apply where the scheme begins to be wound up on or after 6th April 2005.

Pension sharing

Amendments of the Pension Sharing (Valuation) Regulations 2000

[Regulation 16(1) to (7) makes various amendments to S.I. 2000/1052.]

(8) Paragraphs (2) to (5) only apply if the relevant proceedings commenced on or after 6th April 2005 and the scheme has not begun to be wound up before that date.

(9) In paragraph (8) “the relevant proceedings” means the proceedings for the dissolution or annulment of marriage in connection with which the relevant order or provision was made; and in this paragraph “the relevant order or provision” means the order or provision mentioned in section 28(1) of the 1999 Act (activation of pension sharing) for the purposes of which the valuation is made.

(10) Paragraphs (6) and (7) only apply where the scheme begins to be wound up on or after 6th April 2005.

Amendments of the Pension Sharing (Implementation and Discharge of Liability) Regulations 2000

[Regulation 17(1) to (3) make various amendments to S.I. 2000/1053.]

(4) This regulation only applies if the relevant proceedings commenced on or after 6th April 2005 and the scheme has not begun to be wound up before that date.

(5) In paragraph (4) “the relevant proceedings” means the proceedings for the dissolution or annulment of marriage in connection with which the order or provision mentioned in section 28(1) of the 1999 Act that resulted in entitlement to the pension credit in question was made.

Amendments of the Pension Sharing (Pension Credit Benefit) Regulations 2000

[Regulation 18(1) to (10) make various amendments to S.I. 2000/1054.]

(11) This regulation only applies if the relevant proceedings commenced on or after 6th April 2005 and the scheme has not begun to be wound up before that date.

(12) In paragraph (11) “the relevant proceedings” means the proceedings for the dissolution or annulment of marriage in connection with which the order or provision mentioned in section 28(1) of the 1999 Act that resulted in entitlement to the pension credit in question was made.

(a) Section 93A is inserted by section 153 of the Pensions Act 1995 and amended by section 84(1) of, and paragraph 34 of Schedule 12 to, the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

22nd March 2005

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[The Schedule makes various amendments to S.I.'s 1996/1172, 1996/1536, 1996/2156, 1996/3126 and 1997/785.]

[Paragraph 9 of the Schedule is revoked by S.I. 2005/3377.]

[Paragraph 11 of the Schedule is revoked by S.I. 2006/802]

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made as a consequence of provisions in the Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35) ("the 2004 Act") and relate to the winding up of occupational pension schemes.

These Regulations come into force on 6th April 2005 (except for paragraph 4 of the Schedule which comes into force a year later), but regulations 3 to 13 and most of the amendments made by the other provisions do not apply in the case of schemes that have begun to wind up before that date.

Regulation 3 provides that section 73 does not apply to certain schemes that are excluded from being eligible schemes for the purposes of Part 2 of the 2004 Act. Before the amendments of section 73 by the 2004 Act that section applied only to schemes to which section 56 of the Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26) ("the 1995 Act") applied (which relates to minimum funding). This disapplication will have a similar effect.

Regulation 4 modifies provisions relating to pension compensation so that when they apply for determining the corresponding PPF liability by reference to which the liabilities within section 73(4)(b) of the 1995 Act are capped, they apply differently from the way in which they apply for determining compensation from the Pension Protection Fund.

Regulation 5 provides that where a person's pensionable service ceases when the scheme begins to be wound up, he is treated as having opted for a contribution refund under Chapter 5 of Part 4 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 (c. 48) ("the 1993 Act").

Regulations 6 and 7 prescribe when trustees or managers of schemes are required to adjust entitlements to discretionary awards and to survivors' benefits when schemes are winding up. If winding up is backdated, affected adjustments must also take effect from the earlier date.

Regulation 8 makes provision where a scheme to which section 73 of the 1995 Act applies is being wound up, and after the winding up begins someone becomes entitled to payment of benefits in respect of the member. It excludes from the effects of the winding up provisions the liability for the benefits which would have been paid before the winding up began if they had been paid without delay on the member's death.

Regulation 9 substitutes a new regulation for regulation 4 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding Up) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/3126) ("the Winding Up Regulations") which contains provisions about the calculation of the value or amount of scheme assets and liabilities.

Regulation 10 modifies sections 73 to 74 of the 1995 Act where liabilities of a scheme are discharged during an assessment period by virtue of regulations under section 135(4) of the 2004 Act. (An assessment period is defined in section 132 of that Act as the period beginning with an insolvency event occurring in relation to a scheme's employer and ending with either the Board of the Pension Protection Fund assuming responsibility for the scheme or ceasing to be involved with it). Regulation 10 ensures that sections 73 to 73B of the 1995 Act do not apply to such discharged liabilities, but that they are treated as fully discharged under section 74 of the 1995 Act.

Regulation 11 prescribes the circumstances in which liabilities are treated as discharged under section 74 of the 1995 Act where a scheme is winding up and the trustees have provided for the discharge by payment of a cash sum. The circumstances prescribed are where the payment is a contribution refund paid to an early leaver under Chapter 5 of Part 4 of the 1993 Act or the payment of a trivial commutation lump sum or a winding up lump sum.

Regulation 12 ensures that the rules in section 124 of the 1995 Act will apply in future to determine when a scheme begins to be wound up, instead of the slightly different rules in regulation 2 of the Winding Up Regulations.

Regulation 13 provides that the same rules apply for the purposes of these Regulations as apply for the Winding Up Regulations for treating as separate schemes sections of multi-employer schemes, the guaranteed and unguaranteed parts of partially government guaranteed schemes and sections of schemes that only apply to members in employment inside or, as the case may be, outside the United Kingdom.

Regulation 14 introduces the Schedule, Part 1 of which contains amendments of the Winding Up Regulations, and Part 2 of which contains amendments of other Regulations. These amendments are consequential on the changes made by section 270 of the 2004 Act, the provisions of these Regulations or the Finance Act 2004 (c. 12).

Regulation 15 amends provisions in the Occupational Pension Schemes (Transfer Values) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/1847) which relate to the valuation of the cash equivalent of a member's benefits and the circumstances in which a scheme may reduce that cash equivalent. The amendments are made as a consequence of the need to amend references to provisions relating to winding up because of their amendment by the 2004 Act. However, because the drafting of these provisions had become so complex as a result of previous amendments, the amendments made by regulation 15 rewrite them in order to incorporate the changes.

Regulations 16 to 18 make amendments in the Pension Sharing (Valuation) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/1052), the Pension Sharing (Implementation and Discharge of Liability) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/1053) and the Pension Sharing (Pension Credit Benefit) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/1054) which correspond to those made by regulation 15. These amendments affect the valuation of the pension rights of a party to a marriage that is dissolved or annulled for the purpose of transferring a part of their value to the other party as a pension credit, the valuation of a pension credit for the purposes of the scheme obliged to give effect to it as benefits under the scheme or wishing to discharge its liability for it, and the valuation of the pension credit where the person entitled to it wishes to have it transferred to another scheme.

As these Regulations are made before the expiry of the period of six months beginning with the coming into force of the provisions on which they are consequential, the requirement for the Secretary of State to consult such persons as he considers appropriate only applies as respects regulations 16 and 17.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business, charities or the voluntary sector.