STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2012 No. 265 (C. 24)

PENSIONS

The Pensions (2012 Act) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

Made - - - - 29th June 2012

The Department for Social Development makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 34(3) of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2012(**1**).

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Pensions (2012 Act) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012.

(2) In this Order any reference to a numbered section or Schedule is to the section of, or Schedule to, the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2012 bearing that number.

Appointed days

2.—(1) The day appointed for the coming into operation of—

(a) section 5 (automatic re-enrolment where scheme membership interrupted);

(b) section 7 (postponement or disapplication of automatic enrolment);

(c) section 12 (test scheme standard for schemes that produce sum of money for provision of benefits);

(d) section 15 (transitional period for defined benefits and hybrid schemes to be optional);

(e) section 16 (arrangements where transitional conditions cease to be satisfied), and

(f) section 33 (service of documents and electronic working),

in so far as not already in operation, is 30th June 2012.

(2) The day appointed for the coming into operation of—

(a) section 6 (earnings trigger for automatic enrolment and re-enrolment);

(b) section 17 (power of managers to modify by resolution), and

(c) section 18 (no indemnification for civil penalties),

is 30th June 2012.

(**1**) 2012 c. 3 (N.I.)

(3) The day appointed for the coming into operation of—

(a) in Schedule 4 (pension protection fund)—

(i) paragraph 1 in so far as it relates to the provisions specified in heads (ii) and (iii);

(ii) paragraphs 5, 6 and 9 (requirements to obtain actuarial valuations), and

(iii) paragraph 14 (requirement to obtain protected benefits quotation), and

(b) section 22 in so far as it relates to those provisions,

for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, is 2nd July 2012 and for all other purposes is 23rd July 2012.

(4) The day appointed for the coming into operation of—

(a) in Schedule 4—

(i) paragraph 1 in so far as it relates to the provisions specified in heads (ii) and (iii);

(ii) paragraphs 2 to 4, 7, 8 and 10 to 13 (requirements to obtain actuarial valuations), and

(iii) paragraphs 15 and 16 (requirement to obtain protected benefits quotation), and

(b) section 22 in so far as it relates to those provisions,

is 23rd July 2012.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 29th June 2012

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