STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 276 (C. 14)

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Welfare Reform (2007 Act) (Commencement No. 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008

Made - - - - 30th June 2008

The Department for Social Development makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 60(1) of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007(**1**).

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform (2007 Act) (Commencement No. 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008.

(2) In this Order any reference to a numbered Part, section or Schedule is to the Part or section of, or Schedule to, the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 bearing that number.

Appointed days

2.—(1) The day appointed for the coming into operation of sections 32 to 34 (housing benefit for persons taking up employment, supplemental and interpretation)—

(a) for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, is 1st July 2008; and

(b) for all other purposes, is 6th October 2008.

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

(a) sections 25(1) and (2), 26(1) and 28(2) (regulations, Assembly control and power to make consequential amendments), paragraphs 4(1), (2) and (28) and 10(1), (3) and (6) of Schedule 3 (consequential amendments relating to Part 1) and paragraphs 1(1), 2 and 3(b) to (d) of Schedule 4 (transition relating to Part 1) and sections 28(1) and 29 in so far as relating to those paragraphs—

(i) for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, is 1st July 2008, and

(ii) for all other purposes, is 27th July 2008;

(b) paragraph 10(2) of Schedule 3 and paragraphs 1(2) and 11 of Schedule 4 and sections 28(1) and 29 in so far as relating to those paragraphs, is 27th July 2008;

(c) the provisions specified in Part 1 of the Schedule—

(**1**) 2007 c. 2 (N.I.)

(i) for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, is 1st July 2008, and

(ii) for all other purposes, is 27th October 2008; and

(d) the provisions specified in Part 2 of the Schedule, is 27th October 2008.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 30th June 2008

John O'Neill
A senior officer of the Department for Social Development

SCHEDULE Article 2(2)(c) and (d)

PART 1

PROVISIONS COMING INTO OPERATION ON 1st JULY 2008 FOR THE PURPOSE ONLY OF AUTHORISING THE MAKING OF REGULATIONS, AND ON 27th OCTOBER 2008 FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES

Provisions	*Subject Matter*
Section 2(1)(a) and (c) and (4)(a) and (c)	Amount of contributory allowance
Section 3(1)(c) and (2)(b) and (d) and (3) (for the purposes of prescribing a payment under paragraph (b) of the definition of "pension payment")	Deductions from contributory allowance: supplementary
Section 4(2)(a), (3) and (6)(a) and (c)	Amount of income-related allowance
Section 5(2) and (3)	Advance award of income-related allowance
Section 8 (except subsection (4)(c))	Limited capability for work
Section 9 (except subsection (4)(c))	Limited capability for work-related activity
Section 11(1), (2)(a) to (g), (3) to (5), (6)(a) and (7)(c)	Work-focused health-related assessments
Section 12 (except subsection (2)(i))	Work-focused interviews
Section 14(1) and (2)(a) and (b)	Action plans in connection with work-focused interviews
Section 16(2)(a) and (4)	Contracting out
Section 17	Income and capital: general
Section 18(1), (2) and (4)	Disqualification
Section 20(2) to (7)	Relationship with statutory payments
Section 23(1) and (3)	Recovery of sums in respect of maintenance
Section 24(1) (for the purpose of defining "employment", "employed", "period of limited capability for work", "prescribed", "regulations" and "week") and (2)(b) and (3)	Interpretation, etc. of Part 1
Schedule 1, paragraphs 1(4), 3(2), 4(1)(a) and (c), (3) and (4) and 6(1)(b), (2) to (4), (5) (for the purposes of the meaning of "couple", "education" and "remunerative work"), (7) and (8) and section 1 in so far as it relates to those paragraphs	Employment and support allowance: additional conditions
Schedule 2, paragraphs 1 to 7, 8(1), 9, 10, 12 and 14 and section 22 in so far as it relates to those paragraphs	Employment and support allowance: supplementary provisions