STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 199

FAIR EMPLOYMENT

Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made - - - -	*25th May 2000*
Coming into operation	*1st July 2000*

Whereas, in accordance with Article 50(3) of the Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(**1**) ("the 1998 Order"), each person who, by virtue of the following Order, becomes a public authority for any of the purposes of Articles 52 to 65 of the 1998 Order is:

(1) a Minister of the Crown or a Northern Ireland Minister;

(2) a statutory body or the holder of a statutory office; or

(3) a person appearing to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister(**2**) ("the Department") to exercise functions of a public nature;

And whereas, in accordance with Article 51(4) of the 1998 Order, it appears to the Department that some or all of the people who are employed by each person, who by virtue of the following Order becomes an employer for the purposes of Articles 52 to 61 of the 1998 Order, who are in the service of the Crown for the purposes of the functions of those persons or who are treated by virtue of the following Order as so employed or as in such service, are employed or serve in Northern Ireland:

Now, therefore, the Department in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 50(1) and (2) and Article 51(2) of the 1998 Order and now vested in it(**3**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 1st July 2000.

(2) In this Order—

"the 1998 Order" means the Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(**4**);

(**1**) S.I.1998/3162 (N.I. 21)
(**2**) *See*S.R. 1999 No. 481; Article 4(*a*) and Part I Schedule 2
(**3**) S.R. 1999 No. 481. Schedule 2, Part 1
(**4**) S.I. 1998/3162 (N.I. 21)

"member of the home service forces" means any member of the armed forces whose service (or service otherwise than for the purposes of training) is restricted to Northern Ireland and who is in such service there for not less than sixteen hours weekly;

"Northern Ireland civil servant" means any person appointed to a situation in the Northern Ireland Civil Service, other than a person whose service in such a situation normally involves less than sixteen hours weekly;

"police force" has the same meaning as in the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998(**5**);

"reserve force" means a reserve force within the meaning of section 1(2) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996(**6**);

"reservist" means a member of any reserve force who serves wholly or mainly in Northern Ireland, other than a person whose service normally involves less than sixteen hours weekly; and

"United Kingdom civil servant" means any person serving wholly or mainly in Northern Ireland in the civil service of the Crown other than—

(a) a person whose service normally involves less than sixteen hours weekly; or

(b) a Northern Ireland civil servant.

Specification of public authorities

2. For the purposes of Articles 52 to 61 of the 1998 Order:—

(a) the Minister for the Department of Finance and Personnel shall be a public authority and all Northern Ireland civil servants shall be treated as employees of that authority;

(b) the Minister for the Civil Service shall be a public authority and all United Kingdom civil servants shall be treated as employees of that authority;

(c) the Secretary of State for Defence shall be a public authority and all reservists and members of the home service forces shall be treated as employees of that authority; and

(d) the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary shall be a public authority and all members of the police force shall be treated as employees of that authority.

3. Each of the persons specified in Part I of Schedule 1 shall be a public authority for the purposes of Articles 52 to 65 of the 1998 Order.

4. Each of the persons specified in Part II of Schedule 1 shall be a public authority for the purposes of Articles 62 to 65 of the 1998 Order.

Revocation

5. The Orders specified in column (1) of Schedule 2 are hereby revoked.

(**5**) 1998 c. 32
(**6**) 1996 c. 14

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister on 25th May 2000.

J. A. Canavan
A senior officer of the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister

SCHEDULE 1 Articles 3 and 4

Part I

Public Authorities for the purposes of Articles 52 to 65 of the 1998 Order

Agricultural Research Institute of Northern Ireland
Altnagelvin Hospitals Health and Social Services Trust
Armagh and Dungannon Health and Social Services Trust
Arts Council of Northern Ireland
Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland
Belfast City Hospital Health and Social Services Trust
Belfast Education and Library Board
Belfast Harbour Commissioners
The Board of Governors of Stranmillis College of Education, Belfast
Board of Trustees of the National Museums and Galleries of Northern Ireland
British Broadcasting Corporation
Causeway Health and Social Services Trust
Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland
Citybus Limited
Coleraine Harbour Commissioners
Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland
Construction Industry Training Board
Council for Catholic Maintained Schools
Craigavon Area Hospital Group Health and Social Services Trust
Craigavon and Banbridge Community Health and Social Services Trust
Any District Council
Down Lisburn Health and Social Services Trust
Eastern Health and Social Services Board
Enterprise Ulster
Equality Commission for Northern Ireland
Fire Authority for Northern Ireland
Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland
Flexibus Limited
Foyle Health and Social Services Trust
General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland
The governing body of the Armagh College of Further Education
The governing body of the Belfast Institute of Further and Higher Education
The governing body of the Castlereagh College of Further and Higher Education
The governing body of the Causeway Institute of Further and Higher Education
The governing body of the East Antrim Institute of Further and Higher Education