STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 136

PENSIONS

The Social Security (Minimum Contributions to Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998

Made - - - -	*2nd April 1998*
Coming into operation	*6th April 1999*

Whereas the Secretary of State for Social Security has made an Order(**1**) under section 45A of the Pension Schemes Act 1993(**2**):

Now, therefore, the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 41A of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(**3**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security (Minimum Contributions to Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1999.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**4**) shall apply to this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Assembly.

Appropriate age-related percentages

2. For the purposes of section 41 of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(**5**) (amount of minimum contributions) the appropriate age-related percentages in respect of earners in the tax years 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 are those specified in the table in the Schedule by reference to the earners' ages on the last day of the preceding tax year.

(**1**) S.I. 1998/944
(**2**) 1993 c. 48
(**3**) 1993 c. 49; section 41A was inserted by Article 135(5) of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22))
(**4**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**5**) Section 41 was amended by Article 135(2) to (4) of, and paragraph 35 of Schedule 3 to, the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

Amendment of previous Order

3. In the Social Security (Minimum Contributions to Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996(**6**)—

(a) in Article 2, for "to 2001-02" there shall be substituted "and 1998-99", and

(b) in the Schedule, in the table, the columns relating to the tax years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 shall be omitted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on

2nd April 1998.

John O'Neill
Assistant Secretary

(**6**) S.R. 1996 No. 151