STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2018 No. 208

SOCIAL SECURITY

The State Pension Debits and Credits (Revaluation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018

Made - - - - 11th December 2018

Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1(1)

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 130AD and 165(1) and (4) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and now vested in the Department for Communities(**2**).

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions has made an Order(**3**) under sections 148AD(2) and (3) and 189(1) and (4) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**4**).

Accordingly the Department for Communities makes the following Order.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the State Pension Debits and Credits (Revaluation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 and shall come into operation on—

(a) 5th January 2019 for the purpose of making an award on a claim for a state pension under regulation 15(1) of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**5**) (advance notice of retirement and claim for and award of pension) to a person who reaches pensionable age(**6**) on or after 9th April 2019; and

(b) 8th April 2019 for all other purposes.

(2) In this Article "a state pension" means a state pension under Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.

(**1**) 1992 c. 8; section 130AD was inserted by paragraph 7 of Schedule 11 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5 (N.I.)); section 165(1) was amended by paragraph 49(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/671) and section 18(5) of the National Insurance Contributions Act 2014 (c. 7)

(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481 and section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.))

(**3**) S.I. 2018/1219

(**4**) 1992 (c. 5)

(**5**) S.R. 1987 No. 465; regulation 15(1) was amended by regulation 2(6) of S.R. 2005 No. 299 and Article 9(7)(a) of S.R. 2015 No. 411

(**6**) For the meaning of "pensionable age" *see* section 167(1) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 which refers to paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22))