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# Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 19

### PART II

#### PENSIONS

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#### OCCUPATIONAL AND PERSONAL PENSION SCHEMES

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 2 Ch. 2: power to modify conferred (6.4.2006) by [Pensions Act 2004 \(c. 35\)](#), **ss. 321(1)(e)**, 322 (with s. 313); [S.I. 2006/560](#), **art. 2**, Sch. Pt. 3
- C2** Pt. 2 Ch. 2: power to modify conferred (26.11.2008) by [Pensions Act 2008 \(c. 30\)](#), **ss. 146(2)(d)**, 149

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*Selection of trustees and of directors of corporate trustees*

#### 43 Member-nominated trustees.

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##### Textual Amendments

- F1** [Ss. 43-46](#) repealed (6.4.2006) by [Pensions Act 2004 \(c. 35\)](#), ss. 320, 322(1), **Sch. 13**; [S.I. 2005/3331](#), **art. 2(6)**, Sch. Pt. 6

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**44 Corporate trustees.**

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**45 Employer’s proposals for selection of trustees or directors.**

F3 .....

**Textual Amendments**

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**46 Non-compliance in relation to arrangements or proposals.**

F4 .....

**Textual Amendments**

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*Winding-up of schemes*

**47 Information to be given to the Authority.**

(1) F5 .....

(2) F5 .....

(3) In subsection (2) of section 118 of that Act (powers to provide for sections 22 to 26 not to apply in the case of certain schemes), for “sections 22 to 26” there shall be substituted “some or all of the provisions of sections 22 to 26C”.

(4) F5 .....

(5) In section 178(b) of the <sup>M1</sup>Pension Schemes Act 1993 (regulations providing for who is to be treated as a trustee of a scheme), at the end there shall be inserted “or sections 22 to 26C of the Pensions Act 1995”.

**Textual Amendments**

**F5** S. 47(1)(2)(4) repealed (6.4.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), ss. 320, 322(1), **Sch. 13 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2005/1108, **art. 2(2)**, Sch.

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#### Commencement Information

- II** S. 47 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 86(2); s. 47 in force at 1.3.2002 for the purposes of making regulations and rules and 1.4.2002 for all purposes other than the purpose of making regulations by S.I. 2002/437, art. 3(1)(a)(2)

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1993 c. 48.

### 48 Modification of scheme to secure winding-up.

After section 71 of the <sup>M2</sup>Pensions Act 1995 (effect of modification orders under section 69) there shall be inserted—

#### “71A Modification by Authority to secure winding-up.

- (1) The Authority may at any time while—
  - (a) an occupational pension scheme is being wound up, and
  - (b) the employer in relation to the scheme is subject to an insolvency procedure,make an order modifying that scheme with a view to ensuring that it is properly wound up.
- (2) The Authority shall not make such an order except on an application made to them, at a time such as is mentioned in subsection (1), by the trustees or managers of the scheme.
- (3) Except in so far as regulations otherwise provide, an application for the purposes of this section must be made in writing.
- (4) Regulations may make provision—
  - (a) for the form and manner in which an application for the purposes of this section is to be made to the Authority;
  - (b) for the matters which are to be contained in such an application;
  - (c) for the documents which must be attached to an application for the purposes of this section or which must otherwise be delivered to the Authority with or in connection with any such application;
  - (d) for persons to be required, before such time as may be prescribed, to give such notifications of the making of an application for the purposes of this section as may be prescribed;
  - (e) for the matters which are to be contained in a notification of such an application;
  - (f) for persons to have the opportunity, for a prescribed period, to make representations to the Authority about the matters to which such an application relates;
  - (g) for the manner in which the Authority are to deal with any such application.
- (5) The power of the Authority to make an order under this section—
  - (a) shall be limited to what they consider to be the minimum modification necessary to enable the scheme to be properly wound up; and

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- (b) shall not include power to make any modification that would have a significant adverse effect on—
  - (i) the accrued rights of any member of the scheme; or
  - (ii) any person’s entitlement under the scheme to receive any benefit.
- (6) A modification of an occupational pension scheme by an order of the Authority under this section shall be as effective in law as if—
  - (a) it had been made under powers conferred by or under the scheme;
  - (b) the modification made by the order were capable of being made in exercise of such powers notwithstanding any enactment, rule of law or rule of the scheme that would have prevented their exercise for the making of that modification; and
  - (c) the exercise of such powers for the making of that modification would not have been subject to any enactment, rule of law or rule of the scheme requiring the implementation of any procedure or the obtaining of any consent in connection with the making of a modification.
- (7) Regulations may provide that, in prescribed circumstances, this section—
  - (a) does not apply in the case of occupational pension schemes of a prescribed class or description; or
  - (b) in the case of occupational pension schemes of a prescribed class or description applies with prescribed modifications.
- (8) The times when an employer in relation to an occupational pension scheme shall be taken for the purposes of this section to be subject to an insolvency procedure are—
  - (a) in the case of a trust scheme, while section 22 applies in relation to the scheme; and
  - (b) in the case of a scheme that is not a trust scheme, while section 22 would apply in relation to the scheme if it were a trust scheme;
 and for the purposes of this subsection no account shall be taken of modifications or exclusions contained in any regulations under section 118.
- (9) The Authority shall not be entitled to make an order under this section in relation to a public service pension scheme.”

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**M2** 1995 c. 26.

## 49 Reports about winding-up.

- (1) After section 72 of the <sup>M3</sup>Pensions Act 1995 there shall be inserted—

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### “ Supervision of winding-up

#### **72A Reports to Authority about winding-up.**

- (1) Where—
  - (a) an occupational pension scheme is being wound up, and
  - (b) the winding-up is one beginning at a time (whether before or after the passing of this Act) by reference to which regulations provide that it is to be a winding-up to which this section applies,it shall be the duty of the trustees or managers, in accordance with this section, to make periodic reports in writing to the Authority about the progress of the winding-up.
- (2) In the case of each winding-up, the first report to be made under this section shall be made—
  - (a) except in a case to which paragraph (b) applies—
    - (i) after the end of the prescribed period beginning with the day on which the winding-up began; and
    - (ii) before the end of the prescribed period that begins with the end of the period that applies for the purposes of subparagraph (i);and
  - (b) in a case where the winding-up began before the coming into force of the regulations which (for the purposes of subsection (1)(b)) prescribe the time by reference to which the winding-up is one to which this section applies, before such date as may be prescribed by those regulations.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), each subsequent report made under this section in the case of a winding-up shall be made no more than twelve months after the date which (apart from any postponement under subsection (4)) was the latest date for the making of the previous report required to be made in the case of that winding-up.
- (4) If, in the case of any report required to be made under subsection (3), the Authority consider (whether on an application made for the purpose or otherwise) that it would be appropriate to do so, they may, at any time before the latest time for the making of that report, postpone that latest time by such period as they think fit.
- (5) The latest time for making a report shall not be postponed under subsection (4) by more than twelve months.
- (6) Subject to the application of the limit specified in subsection (5) to the cumulative period of the postponements, more than one postponement may be made under subsection (4) in the case of the same report.
- (7) A report under this section—
  - (a) must contain such information and statements as may be prescribed; and
  - (b) must be made in accordance with the prescribed requirements.

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(8) Regulations may—

- (a) provide that, in prescribed circumstances, there shall be no obligation to make a report that would otherwise fall to be made under this section;
- (b) make provision for the period within which, and the manner in which, applications may be made for a postponement under subsection (4); and
- (c) modify subsections (3) and (5) by substituting periods of different lengths for the periods for the time being specified in those subsections.

(9) If there is any failure by the trustees or managers of any scheme to comply with their duty to make a report in accordance with the requirements imposed by or under this section—

- (a) section 3 applies, if the scheme is a trust scheme, to any trustee who has failed to take all such steps as are reasonable to secure compliance; and
- (b) section 10 applies (irrespective of the description of scheme involved) to any trustee or manager who has failed to take all such steps.”

(2) In section 124 of that Act (interpretation of Part I), after subsection (3) there shall be inserted—

“(3A) In a case of the winding-up of an occupational pension scheme in pursuance of an order of the Authority under section 11 or of an order of a court, the winding-up shall (subject to subsection (3E)) be taken for the purposes of this Part to begin—

- (a) if the order provides for a time to be the time when the winding-up begins, at that time; and
- (b) in any other case, at the time when the order comes into force.

(3B) In a case of the winding-up of an occupational pension scheme in accordance with a requirement or power contained in the rules of the scheme, the winding-up shall (subject to subsections (3C) to (3E)) be taken for the purposes of this Part to begin—

- (a) at the time (if any) which under those rules is the time when the winding-up begins; and
- (b) if paragraph (a) does not apply, at the earliest time which is a time fixed by the trustees or managers as the time from which steps for the purposes of the winding-up are to be taken.

(3C) Subsection (3B) shall not require a winding-up of a scheme to be treated as having begun at any time before the end of any period during which effect is being given—

- (a) to a determination under section 38 that the scheme is not for the time being to be wound up; or
- (b) to a determination in accordance with the rules of the scheme to postpone the commencement of a winding-up.

(3D) In subsection (3B)(b) the reference to the trustees or managers of the scheme shall have effect in relation to any scheme the rules of which provide for a

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determination that the scheme is to be wound up to be made by persons other than the trustees or managers as including a reference to those other persons.

(3E) Subsections (3A) to (3D) above do not apply for such purposes as may be prescribed.”

(3) After section 49 of that Act (other responsibilities of trustees employers etc.) there shall be inserted—

**“49A Record of winding-up decisions.**

(1) Except so far as regulations otherwise provide, the trustees or managers of an occupational pension scheme shall keep written records of—

- (a) any determination for the winding-up of the scheme in accordance with its rules;
- (b) decisions as to the time from which steps for the purposes of the winding-up of the scheme are to be taken;
- (c) determinations under section 38;
- (d) determinations in accordance with the rules of the scheme to postpone the commencement of a winding-up of the scheme.

(2) For the purpose of this section—

- (a) the determinations and decisions of which written records must be kept under this section include determinations and decisions by persons who—
    - (i) are not trustees or managers of a scheme, but
    - (ii) are entitled, in accordance with the rules of a scheme, to make a determination for its winding-up;
- and
- (b) regulations may, in relation to such determinations or decisions as are mentioned in paragraph (a), impose obligations to keep written records on the persons making the determinations or decisions (as well as, or instead of, on the trustees or managers).

(3) Regulations may provide for the form and content of any records that are required to be kept under this section.

(4) Section 3 applies to any trustee of a scheme who fails to take all such steps as are reasonable to secure compliance by the trustees of that scheme with the obligations imposed on them by this section.

(5) Section 10 applies to any trustee or manager of a scheme who fails to take all such steps as are reasonable to secure compliance by the trustees or managers of that scheme with those obligations.”

**Commencement Information**

**I3** S. 49 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 86(2); s. 49 in force at 1.3.2002 for certain purposes and at 1.4.2002 for all purposes other than the purpose of making regulations by S.I. 2002/437, {art. 3(1)(b)-(e)(2)}

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### Marginal Citations

M3 1995 c. 26.

## 50 Directions for facilitating winding-up.

After the section 72A inserted in the <sup>M4</sup>Pensions Act 1995 by section 49 there shall be inserted—

### “72B Directions by Authority for facilitating winding-up.

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the Authority shall have power, at any time after the winding-up of an occupational pension scheme has begun, to give directions under this section if they consider that the giving of the direction is appropriate on any of the grounds set out in subsection (2).
- (2) Those grounds are—
  - (a) that the trustees or managers of the scheme are not taking all the steps in connection with the winding-up that the Authority consider would be being taken if the trustees or managers were acting reasonably;
  - (b) that steps being taken by the trustees or managers for the purposes of the winding-up involve things being done with what the Authority consider to be unreasonable delay;
  - (c) that the winding-up is being obstructed or unreasonably delayed by the failure of any person—
    - (i) to provide information to the trustees or managers;
    - (ii) to provide information to a person involved in the administration of the scheme;
    - (iii) to provide information to a person of a prescribed description; or
    - (iv) to take any step (other than the provision of information) that he has been asked to take by the trustees or managers;
  - (d) that the winding-up would be likely to be facilitated or accelerated by the taking by any person other than the trustees or managers of any other steps;
  - (e) that in any prescribed circumstances not falling within paragraphs (a) to (d)—
    - (i) the provision by any person of any information to the trustees or managers or to any other person, or
    - (ii) the taking of any other step by any person,
 would be likely to facilitate or accelerate the progress of the winding-up.
- (3) Except in prescribed circumstances, the power of the Authority to give a direction under this section in the case of a winding-up shall be exercisable only where—
  - (a) periodic reports about the progress of the winding-up are required to be made under section 72A; and
  - (b) the first report that has to be made for the purposes of that section in the case of that winding-up either has been made or should have been made.



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- (4) Regulations may provide that, in prescribed circumstances, the Authority shall not give a direction on the ground set out in subsection (2)(e) except in response to an application made by the trustees or managers of the scheme for the giving of a direction on that ground.
- (5) A direction under this section is a direction in writing given to and imposing requirements on—
  - (a) any or all of the trustees or managers of the scheme;
  - (b) a person who is involved in its administration; or
  - (c) a person of a prescribed description.
- (6) The requirements that may be imposed by a direction under this section are any requirement for the person to whom it is given, within such period specified in the direction as the Authority may consider reasonable—
  - (a) to provide the trustees or managers with all such information as may be specified or described in the direction;
  - (b) to provide a person involved in the administration of the scheme with all such information as may be so specified or described;
  - (c) to provide a person who is of a prescribed description with all such information as may be so specified or described;
  - (d) to take such steps (other than the provision of information) as may be so specified or described.
- (7) If, at any time before the end of a period within which any step is required by a direction under this section to be taken by any person, the Authority consider (whether on an application made for the purpose or otherwise) that it would be appropriate to do so, they may extend (or further extend) that period until such time as they think fit.
- (8) Regulations may—
  - (a) impose limitations on the steps that a person may be required to take by a direction under this section;
  - (b) make provision for the period within which, and the manner in which, applications may be made for a period to be extended (or further extended) under subsection (7).
- (9) In this section references, in relation to a scheme, to a person involved in the administration of the scheme are (subject to subsection (10)) references to any person who is so involved otherwise than as—
  - (a) the employer in relation to that scheme;
  - (b) a trustee or manager of the scheme;
  - (c) the auditor of the scheme or its actuary;
  - (d) a legal adviser of the trustees or managers of the scheme;
  - (e) a fund manager for the scheme;
  - (f) a person acting on behalf of a person who is involved in the administration of the scheme;
  - (g) a person providing services to a person so involved;
  - (h) a person acting in his capacity as an employee of a person so involved;
  - (i) a person who would fall within any of paragraphs (f) to (h) if persons acting in relation to the scheme in any capacity mentioned in the

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preceding paragraphs were treated as involved in the administration of a scheme.

- (10) In this section references, in relation to a scheme, to a person involved in the administration of the scheme do not include references to persons of a particular description if regulations provide for persons of that description to be excluded from those references.

### **72C Duty to comply with directions under s. 72B.**

- (1) It shall be the duty of any person to whom a direction is given under section 72B to comply with it.
- (2) Where a direction is given under section 72B to the trustees of a trust scheme, section 3 applies to any trustee who fails, without reasonable excuse, to take all such steps as are reasonable to secure compliance with it.
- (3) Section 10 applies to any trustee or manager of a scheme who fails, without reasonable excuse, to take all such steps as are reasonable to secure compliance by the trustees or managers of that scheme with any direction given to them under section 72B.
- (4) Section 10 applies to any person who—
- (a) is a person to whom a direction under section 72B is given otherwise than in the capacity of a trustee or manager; and
  - (b) without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with that direction.
- (5) For the purposes of this section it shall not be a reasonable excuse in relation to any failure to provide information in pursuance of a direction under section 72B that the provision of that information would (but for the duty imposed by subsection (1) of this section) involve a breach by any person of a duty owed to another not to disclose that information.”

#### **Commencement Information**

**I4** [S. 50](#) not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 86\(2\)](#); [s. 50](#) in force at 1.3.2002 for the purposes of making regulations and rules and at 1.4.2002 for all purposes other than the purpose of making regulations by [S.I. 2002/437](#), [art. 3\(1\)\(f\)\(2\)](#)

#### **Marginal Citations**

**M4** [1995 c. 26](#).

### *Other provisions*

#### **51 Restriction on index-linking where annuity tied to investments.**

- (1) In section 51(2) of the <sup>M5</sup>Pensions Act 1995 (annual increases in rate of pension), for “Subject to section 52” there shall be substituted “Subject to sections 51A and 52”.
- (2) After section 51 of that Act there shall be inserted—

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### **“51A Restriction on increase where annuity tied to investments.**

- (1) No increase under section 51 is required to be made, at any time on or after the relevant date, of so much of any pension under a money purchase scheme as—
  - (a) is payable by way of an annuity the amount of which for any year after the first year of payment is determined (whether under the terms of the scheme or under the terms of the annuity contract in pursuance of which it is payable) by reference to fluctuations in the value of, or the return from, particular investments;
  - (b) does not represent benefits payable in respect of the protected rights of any member of the scheme; and
  - (c) satisfies such other conditions (if any) as may be prescribed.
- (2) For the purposes of this section it shall be immaterial whether the annuity in question is payable out of the funds of the scheme in question or under an annuity contract entered into for the purposes of the scheme.
- (3) In this section “the relevant date” means the date appointed for the coming into force of section 51 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000.”

#### **Marginal Citations**

**M5** 1995 c. 26.

## **52 Information for members of schemes etc.**

- (1) In subsection (1) of section 113 of the <sup>M6</sup>Pension Schemes Act 1993 (regulations as to information to be provided to scheme members etc.), for the word “and” at the end of paragraph (c) there shall be substituted—
  - “(ca) of the pensions and other benefits an entitlement to which would be likely to accrue to the member, or be capable of being secured by him, in respect of the rights that may arise under it; and”.
- (2) After subsection (3) of that section there shall be inserted—
  - “(3A) The regulations may provide for the information that must be given to be determined, in whole or part, by reference to guidance which—
    - (a) is prepared and from time to time revised by a prescribed body; and
    - (b) is for the time being approved by the Secretary of State.
  - (3B) The regulations may, in relation to cases where a scheme is being wound up, contain—
    - (a) provision conferring power on the Regulatory Authority, at times before the period expires, to extend any period specified in the regulations as the period within which a requirement imposed by the regulations must be complied with; and
    - (b) provision as to the contents of any application for the exercise of such a power and as to the form and manner in which, and the time within which, any such application must be made.”

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**M6** 1993 c. 48.

### 53 Jurisdiction of the Pensions Ombudsman.

(1) Section 146 of the <sup>M7</sup>Pension Schemes Act 1993 (functions of the Pensions Ombudsman) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1), after paragraph (b) there shall be inserted—

“(ba) a complaint made to him by or on behalf of an independent trustee of a trust scheme who, in connection with any act or omission which is an act or omission either—

- (i) of trustees of the scheme who are not independent trustees, or
- (ii) of former trustees of the scheme who were not independent trustees,

alleges maladministration of the scheme.”.

(3) In that subsection, for the words after sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (d) there shall be substituted—

“and in a case falling within sub-paragraph (ii) references in this Part to the scheme to which the reference relates are references to each of the schemes,

- (e) any dispute not falling within paragraph (f) between different trustees of the same occupational pension scheme,
- (f) any dispute, in relation to a time while section 22 of the <sup>M8</sup>Pensions Act 1995 (schemes subject to insolvency procedures) applies in relation to an occupational pension scheme, between an independent trustee of the scheme and either—
  - (i) trustees of the scheme who are not independent trustees, or
  - (ii) former trustees of the scheme who were not independent trustees, and
- (g) any question relating, in the case of an occupational pension scheme with a sole trustee, to the carrying out of the functions of that trustee.”

(4) After that subsection there shall be inserted—

“(1A) The Pensions Ombudsman shall not investigate or determine any dispute or question falling within subsection (1)(c) to (g) unless it is referred to him—

- (a) in the case of a dispute falling within subsection (1)(c), by or on behalf of the actual or potential beneficiary who is a party to the dispute,
- (b) in the case of a dispute falling within subsection (1)(d), by or on behalf of any of the parties to the dispute,
- (c) in the case of a dispute falling within subsection (1)(e), by or on behalf of at least half the trustees of the scheme,
- (d) in the case of a dispute falling within subsection (1)(f), by or on behalf of the independent trustee who is a party to the dispute,

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- (e) in the case of a question falling within subsection (1)(g), by or on behalf of the sole trustee.
- (1B) For the purposes of this Part, any reference to or determination by the Pensions Ombudsman of a question falling within subsection (1)(g) shall be taken to be the reference or determination of a dispute.”
- (5) In subsection (3) (persons responsible for the management of the scheme to be the trustees and managers and employer), after “occupational pension scheme” there shall be inserted “or a personal pension scheme”.
  - (6) For paragraph (a) of subsection (6) (exclusion of the Ombudsman’s jurisdiction where court proceedings have been begun) there shall be substituted—
    - “(a) if, before the making of the complaint or the reference of the dispute—
      - (i) proceedings in respect of the matters which would be the subject of the investigation have been begun in any court or employment tribunal, and
      - (ii) those proceedings are proceedings which have not been discontinued or which have been discontinued on the basis of a settlement or compromise binding all the persons by or on whose behalf the complaint or reference is made;”.
  - (7) In subsection (7) (persons who are actual or potential beneficiaries)—
    - (a) after paragraph (b) there shall be inserted—
      - “(ba) a person who is entitled to a pension credit as against the trustees or managers of the scheme;”
    - and
    - (b) in sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (c), for “paragraph (a) or (b)” there shall be substituted “paragraph (a), (b) or (ba)”.
  - (8) In subsection (8) (interpretation) after the definition of “employer” there shall be inserted—
    - ““independent trustee”, in relation to a scheme, means—
      - (a) a trustee of the scheme appointed under section 23(1)(b) of the <sup>M9</sup>Pensions Act 1995 (appointment of independent trustee by insolvency practitioner or official receiver),
      - (b) a person appointed under section 7(1) of that Act to replace a trustee falling within paragraph (a) or this paragraph;”.
  - (9) In subsection (1)—
    - (a) for “complaints and disputes” there shall be substituted “matters”;
    - (b) in paragraph (b), for the words from “is to” to the end of the paragraph there shall be substituted “are references to the other scheme referred to in that sub-paragraph”; and
    - (c) in paragraphs (c) and (d), the words “which arises”, in each place where they occur, shall be omitted.
  - (10) Subsection (6) does not have effect in relation to proceedings begun before the day appointed under section 86 for the coming into force of this section.

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- M7** 1993 c. 48.  
**M8** 1995 c. 26.  
**M9** 1995 c. 26.

## 54 Investigations by the Pensions Ombudsman.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F6** S. 54 repealed (6.4.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), ss. 276(1), 320, 322(1), Sch. 13 Pt. 1; S.I. 2004/275, art. 2(7)(12), Sch. Pt. 7 (with art. 4)

## 55 Prohibition on different rules for overseas residents etc.

After section 66 of the <sup>M10</sup>Pensions Act 1995 there shall be inserted—

*“ Treatment of overseas residents etc.*

### 66A Prohibition on different rules for overseas residents etc.

- (1) This section applies where an occupational pension scheme contains provisions contravening subsection (2) or (3).
- (2) Except so far as regulations otherwise provide, provisions of an occupational pension scheme contravene this subsection to the extent that they would (apart from this section) have an effect with respect to—
  - (a) the entitlement of any person to benefits under the scheme, or
  - (b) the payment to any person of benefits under the scheme,
 which would be different according to whether or not a place outside the United Kingdom is specified by that person as the place to which he requires payments of benefits under the scheme to be made to him.
- (3) Except so far as regulations otherwise provide, provisions of an occupational pension scheme contravene this subsection to the extent that they would (apart from this section) have an effect with respect to—
  - (a) the entitlement of any person to remain a member of the scheme,
  - (b) the eligibility of any person to remain a person by or in respect of whom contributions are made towards or under the scheme, or
  - (c) the making by or in respect of any person who is a member of the scheme of any contributions towards or under the scheme,
 which would be different according to whether that person works wholly in the United Kingdom or wholly or partly outside the United Kingdom.
- (4) Provisions contravening subsection (2) shall have effect, in relation to all times after the coming into force of section 55 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000, as if they made the same provision in relation to a

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person who requires payments of benefits to be made to a place outside the United Kingdom as they make in relation to a person in whose case all payments of benefits fall to be made to a place in the United Kingdom.

- (5) Provisions contravening subsection (3) shall have effect, in relation to all times after the coming into force of section 55 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000, as if they made the same provision in relation to persons working wholly or partly outside the United Kingdom as they make in relation to persons working wholly in the United Kingdom.
- (6) This section—
- (a) shall be without prejudice to any enactment under which any amount is to be or may be deducted, or treated as deducted, from amounts payable by way of benefits under the scheme or treated as so payable; and
  - (b) shall not apply in relation to so much of any provision of a scheme as is required for securing compliance with the conditions of any approval, exemption or relief given or available under the Tax Acts.”

#### Marginal Citations

**M10** 1995 c. 26.

## 56 Miscellaneous amendments and alternative to anti-franking rules.

Schedule 5 (which contains miscellaneous amendments of the <sup>M11</sup>Pension Schemes Act 1993 and the <sup>M12</sup>Pensions Act 1995 and makes provision for an alternative to the anti-franking rules in Part III of that Act of 1993) shall have effect.

#### Commencement Information

**I6** S. 56 partly in force; s. 56 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 86(2); s. 56 in force for certain purposes at 1.11.2000 by S.I. 2000/2950, art. 2; s. 56 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2001 and 12.2.2001 by S.I. 2000/3166, art. 2(3)(b)(5); s. 56 in force for certain further purposes at 2.4.2001 by S.I. 2001/1252, art. 2(1)(c); s. 56 in force for certain further purposes at 6.4.2002 by S.I. 2001/2295, art. 2(b)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 70A inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 3 para. 13](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 1(2)(c) inserted by [2007 c. 5 Sch. 5 para. 13](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(5A)(5B) inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 11 para. 13\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(8)(b) inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 11 para. 13\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(8)(a) words in Sch. 7 para. 6(8) renumbered as Sch. 7 para. 6(8)(a) by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 11 para. 13\(4\)\(a\)](#)

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000**

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2003/346 art. 2](#) amendment to earlier commencing [SI 2003/192 art. 6](#)