



# Finance Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 12

### PART 4

#### PENSION SCHEMES ETC

### CHAPTER 3

#### PAYMENTS BY REGISTERED PENSION SCHEMES

#### *Unauthorised member payments*

#### 174 Value shifting

- (1) A registered pension scheme is to be treated as having made an unauthorised payment to a [<sup>F1</sup>person who is or has been a] member of the pension scheme if, in connection with any of the events mentioned in subsection (3) or a change in the value of a currency—
  - (a) the value of an asset held for the purposes of the pension scheme is reduced or a liability of the pension scheme is increased, and
  - (b) the value of an asset held by or for the benefit of the [<sup>F2</sup>person] is increased, a liability of the [<sup>F2</sup>person] is reduced, or a liability of another person is reduced for the benefit of the [<sup>F2</sup>person].
- (2) But if the event or the change in the value of the currency occurs after the [<sup>F3</sup>person's] death—
  - (a) the pension scheme is to be treated as having made an unauthorised payment in respect of the [<sup>F4</sup>person] (rather than to the [<sup>F4</sup>person]), and
  - (b) the person who holds the asset or is subject to the liability in relation to which subsection (1)(b) is satisfied is to be treated as having received the unauthorised payment.
- (3) The events are—

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- (a) the creation, alteration, release or extinction of any power, right, option or liability relating to assets held for the purposes of the pension scheme (whether or not provided for in the terms on which the asset is acquired or held),
  - (b) the creation, alteration, release or extinction of any power, right or option relating to a liability of the pension scheme (whether or not provided for in the terms on which the liability is incurred),
  - (c) the exercise of, or failure to exercise, any power, right or option in relation to assets held for the purposes of the pension scheme or a liability of the pension scheme, or
  - (d) the exercise of, or failure to exercise, any power, right or option which constitutes an asset held for the purposes of the pension scheme,
- in a way which differs from that which might be expected if the parties to the transaction were at arm's length.
- (4) The amount of the unauthorised payment is the amount by which the reduction in value of the asset held for the purposes of the pension scheme, or the increase in the liability of the pension scheme, exceeds that which might be expected if the parties to the transaction were at arm's length.
- (5) Regulations made by the Board of Inland Revenue may make provision as to how the excess is to be calculated in relation to events of a description specified in the regulations (including provision as to the times at which the asset or liability is to be valued).

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 174(1) inserted (retrospective to 6.4.2006) by [Finance Act 2006 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 161(2), [Sch. 23 para. 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F2** Word in s. 174(1) substituted (retrospective to 6.4.2006) by [Finance Act 2006 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 161(2), [Sch. 23 para. 9\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- F3** Word in s. 174(2) substituted (retrospective to 6.4.2006) by [Finance Act 2006 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 161(2), [Sch. 23 para. 9\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- F4** Word in s. 174(2) substituted (retrospective to 6.4.2006) by [Finance Act 2006 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 161(2), [Sch. 23 para. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)

#### Commencement Information

- I1** Ss. 160-274, 281, Schs. 30-35 in force at 6.4.2006 but any power to make an order or regulations under those provisions may be exercised at any time after Royal Assent, see s. 284

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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. 166(1)(aa) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 17(2)(a)
- s. 204(3) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 2
- s. 232(8E) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 4(4)
- s. 236(8E) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 5(4)
- s. 236ZA inserted by S.I. 2024/357 art. 2(2)
- s. 244G(5) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 51(4)
- s. 244J(1A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 55(2)
- s. 244K(1A) substituted for s. 244K(1) by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 57(3)
- s. 244K(3A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 57(6)
- s. 244K(7A)(7B) inserted by S.I. 2024/356 reg. 3(5)
- s. 244AA-244AC substituted for s. 244A by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 45
- s. 244IA-244IC inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 54
- s. 244ID inserted by S.I. 2024/356 reg. 3(2)
- s. 244JA inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 56
- s. 256(1)(g)-(i) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 100(3)(e)
- s. 278A278B inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 23
- Sch. 11 para. 4(1)(a)(v) inserted by 2024 c. 3 s. 35(3)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 11 para. 8(1)(a)(v) inserted by 2024 c. 3 s. 35(3)(b)(ii)
- Sch. 11 para. 12(1)(a)(v) inserted by 2024 c. 3 s. 35(3)(c)(ii)
- Sch. 29 para. 3B inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 26(8)
- Sch. 29 para. 3C and cross-heading inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 26(9)
- Sch. 29 para. 12A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 36
- Sch. 29 para. 4A(8) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 63(4)
- Sch. 29 para. 3C(2) omitted by S.I. 2024/356 reg. 3(10)(b)
- Sch. 29 para. 3C(3) omitted by S.I. 2024/356 reg. 3(10)(b)
- Sch. 29 para. 3C(5)(b) and word omitted by S.I. 2024/356 reg. 3(10)(c)(ii)
- Sch. 29 para. 2A-2D substituted for Sch. 29 para. 3 by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 26(5)
- Sch. 29 para. 13(1)(d) word inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 37(2)
- Sch. 29 para. 3C(1)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2024/356 reg. 3(10)(a)
- Sch. 29 para. 3C(5)(a) words inserted by S.I. 2024/356 reg. 3(10)(c)(i)
- Sch. 29 para. 13(1)(d) words omitted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 37(3)
- Sch. 32 para. A1A2 and cross-headings inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 13(4)
- Sch. 33 para. 4(4) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 59(2)(b)
- Sch. 33 para. 5(6) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 59(3)(c)
- Sch. 33 para. 4(1)(d) word inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 59(2)(a)
- Sch. 34 para. 5ZA inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 60(3)
- Sch. 34 para. 12A and cross-heading inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 64(3)
- Sch. 36 para. 6A and cross-heading inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 67
- Sch. 36 para. 11(5) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 69(5)
- Sch. 36 para. 11A(5) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 70(4)
- Sch. 36 para. 15(2A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 73(3)
- Sch. 36 para. 19(1A)(1B) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 76(3)
- Sch. 36 para. 19(7) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 76(7)
- Sch. 36 para. 20(1)(b) and word inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 77(2)(b)
- Sch. 36 para. 20(1A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 77(3)
- Sch. 36 para. 20A-20G and cross-headings inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 78
- Sch. 36 para. 29A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 85
- Sch. 36 para. 29A omitted by S.I. 2024/356 reg. 3(14)

- Sch. 36 para. 12(3A)-(3H) substituted for Sch. 36 para. 12(3) by [2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 71\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 36 para. 19(2)(2A) substituted for Sch. 36 para. 19(2) by [2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 76\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 36 para. 20(1)(a) words in Sch. 36 para. 20(1) renumbered as Sch. 36 para. 20(1)(a) by [2024 c. 3 Sch. 9 para. 77\(2\)\(a\)](#)