

Department of Social Development

The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

Notice is hereby given that in exercise of powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(a) and (d), 123(1)(e), 131(1), 132(3) and (4)(a) and (b), 134(1)(a) 171(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Department for Social Development, with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel, has made regulations entitled the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (SR 2001 No. 134). Copies of the regulations may be purchased from the Stationery Office Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.

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Public Appointments— Appointment of Rent Officer for Northern Ireland and Membership of Rent Assessment Panel

The Department for Social development today announced appointments to the membership of the Rent Assessment Panel and the appointment of Ms Joan McCrum as rent Officer for Northern Ireland. Ms McCrum B.A. (Hons) lives in Belfast. She is a former director of the Housing Rights Service and currently involved in management consultancy and research. Ms McCrum has not undertaken any political activity in the past five years. Her appointment as Rent Officer for Northern Ireland and the following appointments to the membership of the Rent Assessment Panel take effect from 1st April 2001. All these appointments are for a three-year term.

Mr. D. Capper	Retired NIHE District Manager NIPPA/Childhood Fund Financial Officer (Part Time) Panel Member of the Housing Benefit review Board.
Mrs. S. Doran	Retired NIHE District Manager. Panel Member of the Housing Benefit Review Board and the Industrial Tribunals and Fair Employment Board.
Mrs. B. Grant	Solicitor.
Mr. H. McCormick	Chartered Surveyor, Valuer, Estate Agent.
Mr. B. Sleith	Retired Valuation and Lands Office District Valuer. Panel Member of the Housing Benefit Review Board.
Mr. C. Smyth	Estate Agent.
Mr. N. Valentine	Retired Building Society Regional Manager and Valuer. Panel Member of Fair Employment Tribunal Board.

The posts of Rent Officer for Northern Ireland and Member of the Rent Assessment Panel do not attract a salary. Fees are paid in relation to actual time spent on Panel business, and subsistence allowances are paid in accordance with current Northern Ireland Civil Service rates. The Department is holding four posts, which will be filled by District Councillors who meet the criteria. Applications for these positions will be sought following the Local Government Elections.

The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000

Notice is hereby given that, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 68(2)(a) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Department for Social Development has made an order entitled the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security (2000 Act) (Commencement No. 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (SR 2001 No. 141 (C. 8)).

Copies of the order may be purchased at an early date from the Stationery Office Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.

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The Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999

Notice is hereby given that, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 1(2) of the Welfare reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999, and now vested in it, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Department for Social Development has made an order entitled the Welfare reform and Pensions (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 8) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (SR 2001 No. 137 (C. 7)). Copies of the order may be purchased at an early date from the Stationery Office Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.

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The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

Notice is hereby given that the Department for Social Development, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 121 (5) and 171 (1) to (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 and section 1 (1C) and 165 (1) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, and now vested in it, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, has made regulations entitled: The Social Security (Widow's Benefits and Retirement Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (SR 2001 No. 148)).

Copies of the regulations may be purchased at an early date from the Stationery Office Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.

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The Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

Notice is hereby given that the Department for Social Development, in exercise of powers conferred by Articles 56(3), 79(2A)(a), 81(2) and (3)(a), 82(2), 84, 116, 122(2) and 166(2) and (3) of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, and now vested in it, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, has made regulations entitled: The Occupational Pension Schemes (Pensions Compensation Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (SR 2001 No. 138). Copies of the regulations may be purchased at an early date from the Stationery Office Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.

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Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment has made a Statutory Rule entitled Companies (1986 Order) (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (SR 2001 No. 153) which will come into operation on 13th April 2001. The Regulations amend provisions in Part VIII of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 to:

- raise the threshold below which small companies may opt to dispense with having their annual accounts audited from £350,000 to £1 million turnover;