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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 411 (C. 32)**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015  
(Commencement No. 6 and Saving Provision) Order 2016**

*Made - - - - 23rd November 2016*

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by article 2(2) and (4) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015(1).

Those powers are exercisable by the Secretary of State by virtue of Article 4(1)(a) of that Order.

**Citation and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (Commencement No. 6 and Saving Provision) Order 2016.

(2) In this Order, “community care grant” and “crisis loan” have the same meaning as in Part 8 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (the social fund)(2).

**Provisions coming into force on 28th November 2016**

2.—(1) The following provisions of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 come into force on 28th November 2016, in so far as they relate to a community care grant or a crisis loan.

(2) In Part 4 (other benefit changes)—

- (a) Articles 76(1) and (3) to (8) (ending of discretionary payments);
- (b) paragraphs 1 to 3 of Schedule 8 (social fund discretionary payments: consequential amendments).

(3) In Part 7 of Schedule 12 (repeals: social fund: ending of discretionary payments), the repeals relating to—

- (a) the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;
- (b) sections 10 and 147 of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;
- (c) Articles 9(1)(b), 10(1), 11(1), 36 and 38 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.

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(1) S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1).  
(2) 1992 c. 7 (N.I.).

### **Provisions coming into force on 31st March 2017**

3.—(1) The following provisions of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 come into force on 31st March 2017.

(2) In Part 4 (other benefit changes)—

- (a) Article 76(2) (abolition of the social fund commissioner);
- (b) paragraph 4 of Schedule 8.

(3) In Part 7 of Schedule 12 (social fund: ending of discretionary payments: repeals), the repeals relating to—

- (a) Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;
- (b) Article 37 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998;
- (c) the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### **Saving provision**

4. The repeals and amendments made by the provisions brought into force by Article 2 do not apply to an application for a community care grant or crisis loan made before 28th November 2016.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

23rd November 2016

*Damian Hinds*  
Minister of State,  
Department for Work and Pensions

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force provisions of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 ([S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I. 1\)](#)) which repeal or amend legislation relating to the social fund and the Office of the Social Fund Commissioner.

Article 2 brings into force on 28th November 2016 repeals and amendments relating to community care grants and crisis loans made out of the social fund.

Article 3 brings into force on 31st March 2017 repeals and amendments relating to the office of the Social Fund Commissioner;

Article 4 makes a saving provision in respect of the repeals commenced by Article 2, so that applications for community care grants and crisis loans made before 28th November 2016 can continue to be determined after that date.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.R. No.</i>
Article 7 (partially)	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Articles 9 to 17 (partially)	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Articles 18 to 27 (partially)	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Article 29 (partially)	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Article 30	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Articles 31 and 32 (partially)	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Article 33	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Articles 36 to 38	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Article 39 (partially)	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Articles 41 and 42	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Article 43 (partially)	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Articles 45 to 47 (partially)	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Articles 48 and 49	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Article 50 (partially)	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Articles 51 and 52 (partially)	1st June 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 234</a>
Article 53	17th February 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 46</a>
Article 54	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>
Article 55 (partially)	2nd May 2016	<a href="#">2016 No. 215</a>

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Article 56	17th February 2016	2016 No. 46
Article 57 (partially)	17th March 2016	2016 No. 46
Article 57 (remaining)	28th November 2016	2016 No. 46
Article 58	28th November 2016	2016 No. 46
Article 59	17th February 2016	2016 No. 46
Article 60 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Article 62	1st June 2016	2016 No. 234
Article 63 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Article 64	16th January 2017	2016 No. 46
Article 70 (partially)	1st June 2016	2016 No. 234
Article 70 (remaining)	31st October 2016	2016 No. 234
Article 71	31st October 2016	2016 No. 234
Article 72 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Article 72 (partially)	1st June 2016	2016 No. 234
Article 72 (remaining)	31st October 2016	2016 No. 234
Articles 73 and 74	31st October 2016	2016 No. 234
Article 75	9th September 2016	2016 No. 325
Article 77 to 79	17th February 2016	2016 No. 46
Articles 82 to 84 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Articles 82 to 84 (remaining)	20th June 2016	2016 No. 215
Articles 85 and 86	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Article 87	20th June 2016	2016 No. 215
Article 88 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Article 88 (remaining)	20th June 2016	2016 No. 215
Articles 89 to 91	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Article 92 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Article 92 (remaining)	20th June 2016	2016 No. 215
Articles 93 and 94	20th June 2016	2016 No. 215
Articles 96 to 99	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Article 100 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Article 100 (remaining)	20th June 2016	2016 No. 215
Articles 101 and 102	17th February 2016	2016 No. 46
Articles 103 to 106	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Article 107 (partially)	17th March 2016	2016 No. 166

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.R. No.</i>
Article 108	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Article 109 (partially)	4th April 2016	2016 No. 46
Articles 109 and 110 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Articles 109 and 110 (partially)	20th June 2016	2016 No. 215
Articles 111 to 113	17th February 2016	2016 No. 46
Articles 115 and 116	4th April 2016	2016 No. 46
Articles 117 and 118 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Articles 117 and 118 (remaining)	9th September 2016	2016 No. 325
Articles 120 to 125	17th February 2016	2016 No. 46
Article 127 (partially)	17th February 2016	2016 No. 46
Articles 129 to 133	17th February 2016	2016 No. 46
Articles 135 to 140	17th February 2016	2016 No. 46
Schedule 1 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Schedule 2 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Schedule 3 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Schedule 5 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Schedule 6	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Schedule 7 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Schedule 7 (partially)	1st June 2016	2016 No. 234
Schedule 9 (partially)	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Schedule 9 (partially)	20th June 2016	2016 No. 215
Schedule 10	2nd May 2016	2016 No. 215
Schedule 11 (partially)	17th March 2016	2016 No. 166
Schedule 12 (partially)	17th February 2016	2016 No. 46
Schedule 12 (partially)	31st October 2016	2016 No. 234