

Statutory Document No. 2016/0063



*Social Security Administration Act 1992*

## **THE SOCIAL SECURITY (RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT) (UNITED KINGDOM) ORDER 2016**

*Approved by Tynwald:* 15 March 2016  
*Coming into Operation:* 6 April 2016

The Governor in Council makes the following Order under section 179(1)(a), (2), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (of Parliament) as that Act has effect in the Isle of Man<sup>1</sup>.

### **1 Title**

This Order is The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreement) (United Kingdom) Order 2016.

### **2 Commencement**

If approved by Tynwald<sup>2</sup>, this Order comes into operation on 6 April 2016 and shall have effect in respect of the income tax year commencing 6 April 2016 and all subsequent years.

### **3 Modification and adaptation of legislation**

The Social Security Administration Act 1992 and the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, (Acts of Parliament), as they have effect in the Isle of Man<sup>3</sup>, and statutory documents made under those Acts, shall be modified to such extent as may be required to give effect to the provisions contained in the Agreement relating to pensions set out in the Schedule to this Order, so far as they relate to the Isle of Man.

<sup>1</sup> The Social Security Administration Act 1992 is applied to the Island by the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (Application) Order 1994 (SD 506/94)

<sup>2</sup> Tynwald approval is required by section 190 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (of Parliament) as it is applied to the Island

<sup>3</sup> The Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 is applied to the Island by the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (Application) Order 1994 (SD 505/94)

**MADE 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

**W Greenhow**  
*Chief Secretary*

**AGREEMENT RELATING TO STATE PENSION AND RETIREMENT  
PENSION BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WORK AND  
PENSIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
IN NORTHERN IRELAND OF THE ONE PART, AND THE MINISTER  
FOR THE TREASURY OF THE ISLE OF MAN OF THE OTHER PART**

**Interpretation**

1.—(1) In this Agreement—

“the 1977 Agreement” means the agreement contained in Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Isle of Man) Order 1977;

“the Isle of Man Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (of Parliament) as it applies in the Isle of Man from time to time by virtue of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (Application) Order 1994 (S.D. 505/94);

“Party” means the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man;

“the Pensions Acts” means in relation to the United Kingdom, Part 1 (state pension) of the Pensions Act 2014 and Part 1 (state pension) of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;

“territory” means in relation to the United Kingdom, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and in relation to the Isle of Man, the Isle of Man.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, in the application of this Agreement to a territory, expressions in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as in the United Kingdom or Isle of Man Acts referred to in this Agreement.

(3) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament and instruments contained in the Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of this Agreement as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament or instrument.

**Application of Agreement**

2. This Agreement shall apply to a person for the purposes of claims for and determining entitlement to a state pension under the Pensions Acts.

3. The 1977 Agreement shall not apply and this Agreement shall apply to a person for the purposes of claims for and determining entitlement to a retirement pension under the Isle of Man Contributions and Benefits Act of a person who reaches pensionable age on or after 6th April 2016.

4. The 1977 Agreement shall not apply and this Agreement shall apply to a person who reaches pensionable age before 6th April 2016 and whose spouse or civil partner reaches pensionable age on or after that date, for the purposes of claims for and determining entitlement to—

- (a) a Category A retirement pension by virtue of section 48 (use of former spouse’s contributions) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 or section 48 (use of former spouse’s contributions) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;
- (b) a Category B retirement pension under Part 2 (contributory benefits) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 or Part 2 (contributory benefits) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;
- (c) a Category A retirement pension by virtue of section 48 of the Isle of Man Contributions and Benefits Act;
- (d) a Category B retirement pension under Part 2 of the Isle of Man Contributions and Benefits Act.

**Provisions applying to the United Kingdom**

5. Subject to Articles 7 and 8, in the case of a person to whom Article 2 applies—

- (a) for the purpose of determining only whether a person has at least the minimum number of qualifying years for a state pension to be payable under section 2 or 4 of the Pensions Acts, any tax year for which a person's earnings factor is sufficient to satisfy paragraph 5A(2)(b) of Schedule 3 to the Isle of Man Contributions and Benefits Act shall be taken into account in the United Kingdom; and
- (b) the rate at which state pension is payable to a person under section 2 or 4 of the Pensions Acts is to be determined by reference only to the number of qualifying years under section 2 or 4 of those Acts.

**Provisions applying to the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man**

6. Subject to Articles 7 and 8, in the case of a person to whom Article 3 or 4 applies, for the purposes of claims for and determining entitlement to a retirement pension where a person's, or where applicable their spouse or civil partner's, contributions were last recorded on the National Insurance system of—

- (a) the Isle of Man in respect of a tax year, that person's contributions in respect of that tax year are to be treated as paid or credited under the Isle of Man Contributions and Benefits Act;
- (b) the United Kingdom in respect of a tax year, that person's contributions in respect of that tax year are to be treated as paid or credited under Part 1 (contributions) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 or Part 1 (contributions) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992.

7. In the case of a person to whom this Agreement applies—

- (a) where that person's, or where applicable their spouse or civil partner's, contributions were last recorded on the National Insurance system of the Isle of Man in respect of the tax year 1977-1978, any contributions that have been paid by, or have been credited to, that person or their spouse or civil partner (including graduated contributions and payments in place of graduated contributions) for any tax year before that tax year shall be treated as paid to the National Insurance system of the Isle of Man under Part 1 of the National Insurance (Isle of Man) Act 1948, the National Insurance (Isle of Man) Act 1971 and Part 1 of the Isle of Man Contributions and Benefits Act; and
- (b) that person, or where applicable their spouse or civil partner, shall not be treated as having paid or been credited with contributions (including graduated contributions and payments in place of graduated contributions) in the United Kingdom under—
  - (i) Part 1 of the National Insurance Act 1965;
  - (ii) Part 1 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966;
  - (iii) Part 1 of the Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992; or
  - (iv) Part 1 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992,in respect of all tax years before the tax year 1977-1978.

8. In the case of a person to whom this Agreement applies—

- (a) where that person's, or where applicable their spouse or civil partner's, contributions were last recorded on the National Insurance system of the United Kingdom in respect of the tax year 1977-1978, any contributions that have been paid by, or have been credited to, that person or their spouse or civil partner (including graduated contributions and payments in place of graduated contributions) for any tax year before that tax year shall be treated as paid to the National Insurance system of the United Kingdom under—
  - (i) Part 1 of the National Insurance Act 1965;
  - (ii) Part 1 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966;
  - (iii) Part 1 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992; or

(iv) Part 1 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;  
and

(b) that person, or where applicable their spouse or civil partner, shall not be treated as having paid or been credited with contributions (including graduated contributions and payments in place of graduated contributions) in the Isle of Man under Part 1 of the National Insurance (Isle of Man) Act 1948, the National Insurance (Isle of Man) Act 1971 and Part 1 of the Isle of Man Contributions and Benefits Act in respect of all tax years before the tax year 1977-78.

**9.** In the case of a person to whom this Agreement applies—

(a) where but for this paragraph, the person would be entitled to pay contributions voluntarily under the legislation of either Party in respect of the same tax year, that person shall be entitled to pay such contributions only under the legislation of one Party of their choice; but

(b) where—

(i) the person has paid, is treated as having paid or has been credited with Class 1 contributions, or has paid Class 2 contributions for which that person is liable, in respect of a tax year under the legislation of one or both Parties;

(ii) but the earnings on which the Class 1 contributions have been paid, treated as paid or credited, or the Class 2 contributions, do not give rise to an earnings factor which is equal to or greater than the qualifying earnings factor for that tax year in either territory,

that person shall be entitled to pay contributions voluntarily in either or both territories in order to acquire a qualifying earnings factor in either or both territories in respect of that tax year.

### **Movement between territories**

**10.** A person to whom this Agreement applies, who is entitled to a state pension under the Pensions Acts, shall be entitled to receive any increase in the rate of that pension, while that person is in the territory of the Isle of Man, as if that person were in the territory of the United Kingdom.

**11.** A person to whom this Agreement applies, who is entitled to a retirement pension under the Isle of Man Contributions and Benefits Act, shall be entitled to receive any increase in the rate of that pension, while that person is in the territory of the United Kingdom, as if that person were in the territory of the Isle of Man.

**12.** A person to whom this Agreement applies, who is entitled to —

(a) a Category A retirement pension by virtue of section 48 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 or section 48 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992; or

(b) a Category B retirement pension under Part 2 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 or Part 2 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992,

shall be entitled to receive any increase in the rate of that pension, while that person is in the territory of the Isle of Man, as if that person were in the territory of the United Kingdom.

### **General Provisions**

**13.** The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (with the consent of the Treasury) and, as the case may require, the Department for Social Development in Northern Ireland (with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel) and the Minister for the Treasury of the Isle of Man shall be responsible for making any necessary financial adjustments between the National Insurance Funds of the territories as they may agree to be necessary.

14. The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and, as the case may require, the Department for Social Development in Northern Ireland and the Minister for the Treasury of the Isle of Man shall from time to time determine the administrative procedures appropriate for the purposes of giving effect to the provisions of this Agreement.

**Double Benefit**

15. The provisions of the 1977 Agreement and this Agreement shall not confer a right to a double benefit under Part 2 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, Part 2 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 or the Isle of Man Contributions and Benefits Act.

Given under the Official Seal of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions this 28th day of January 2016.

*Baroness Altmann*  
Minister of State  
Department for Work and Pensions

Given under the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development in Northern Ireland this 28th day of January 2016.

*Anne McCleary*  
A senior officer of the Department for Social Development in Northern Ireland  
Department for Social Development in Northern Ireland

Given under the hand of the Minister for the Treasury of the Isle of Man this 28th day of January 2016.

*William Edward Teare*  
Minister for the Treasury of the Isle of Man

*EXPLANATORY NOTE*

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

This Order makes provision for the modification of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 and the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, as those Acts of Parliament have effect in the Island, and statutory documents made under those Acts, so as to give effect to the Agreement relating to pensions made between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Isle of Man set out in the Schedule to this Order.

The Agreement is necessary because the Isle of Man will not be applying the state pension provided for in the United Kingdom by Part 1 of the Pensions Act 2014 and Part 1 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.

The Agreement provides, amongst other things, that the territory on whose National Insurance system a person's contributions were last recorded in a tax year shall be the territory where all the contributions of that person shall be treated as paid or credited in that tax year.

The Agreement also provides that the rate of a person's state pension shall not be affected if they move between the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man.