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PENSIONS

Modification of Annual Review, 1974

REGULATIONS, DATED 20TH NOVEMBER 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 5(3) OF THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971.

The Department of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5(3) of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Increase of Pensions (Modification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1974.

2. The provisions of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 shall in relation to the Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974(b) apply to a pension payable under the Belfast Corporation Act (Northern Ireland) 1943(c) whatever the date of its beginning and whether beginning before or after the coming into operation of these Regulations as if it were a pension beginning before 1st July 1973.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland this 20th day of November 1974.

(L.S.)

J. S. H. Gaw,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 provides for percentage increases in the rates of various public service pensions, the amount of the percentage depending on the date of the beginning of the pension as defined in section 8(2) of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971. The pensions payable under the Belfast Corporation Act (Northern Ireland) 1943 are flat-rate pensions and special provision has for some time been made for them in pension increase regulations. These regulations continue the same provision so that all such pensions which come into payment on or after 1st December 1974 will be treated as having begun before 1st July 1973 and so will qualify for the 1974 pension increase.

(a) 1971. c. 35 (N.I.). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1974, No. 296. (c) 1943. c. i.