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PENSIONS

Annual Review, 1974

ORDER, DATED 20TH NOVEMBER 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE UNDER SECTIONS 2 AND 9(4) OF THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971 AS AMENDED BY ARTICLE 20 OF THE SUPERANNUATION (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972 AND ARTICLES 3 AND 5 OF THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1974.

The Department of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2 and 9(4) of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**a**), as amended by Article 20 of the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**b**) and Articles 3 and 5 of the Pensions (Increase) (Northern Ireland) Order 1974(**c**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974, and shall come into operation on 1st December 1974.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"the 1971 Act" means the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971;

"the 1974 Order" means the Pensions (Increase) (Northern Ireland) Order 1974;

"the existing Orders" means the Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(**d**) and the Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973(**e**);

(2) For the purposes of this Order the time when a pension begins is that stated in section 8(2) of the 1971 Act, and "beginning date" shall be construed accordingly.

Pension increases

3.—(1) The annual rate of an official pension may, if a qualifying condition is satisfied or the pension is a widow's pension, be increased by the pension authority in respect of any period beginning on or after 1st December 1974, as follows:

(*a*) A pension beginning on or before 1st July 1973 may be increased by 16.5 per cent. of the basic rate as increased by the amount of any increase under section 1 of the 1971 Act or under the existing Orders;

(*b*) a pension beginning in the six months following 1st July 1973 may be increased by 18.1 per cent. of the basic rate;

(**a**) 1971. c. 35 (N.I.).
(**b**) S.I. 1972/1073 (N.I. 10).
(**c**) S.I. 1974/1267 (N.I. 2).
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 263.
(**e**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 364.

(*c*) a pension beginning in the six months following 1st January 1974 may be increased by 12.3 per cent. of the basic rate.

(2) For the purpose of showing the cumulative effect of the increases payable under section 1 of the 1971 Act, under the existing Orders and under paragraph (1) above, the provisions of that section other than the provisions relating to pensions payable under the Belfast Corporation Act (Northern Ireland) 1943(f), with the effect of the existing Orders and paragraph (1) incorporated in them, are set out in the Schedule.

Increases of certain lump sums

4. In respect of any lump sum or instalment of a lump sum which became payable in the six months ending with 1st July 1974, but for which the beginning date fell before 2nd January 1974, there may be paid an increase of 9.1 per cent. of the amount of the lump sum or instalment as increased by any increase under section 1 of the 1971 Act or under the existing Orders.

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.

(f) 1943. c. i.