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# PENSIONS

## Pensions Increase (Reduction of Qualifying Age) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972

ORDER, DATED 9TH OCTOBER 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 3(8) OF THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971.

The Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 3(8) of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Pensions Increase (Reduction of Qualifying Age) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972, and shall come into operation on 1st December 1972.

**2.** The age of sixty years referred to in subsections (2)(*a*) and (3)(*a*) of section 3 of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 (which lay down qualifying conditions for increases of pensions) shall be reduced to the age of fifty-five years.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 9th day of October 1972.

(L.S.)

*R. M. MacDonald,*
Assistant Secretary.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order provides for the reduction from 60 to 55 of the age at which a public service pensioner (or a dependant, other than the widow, of such a pensioner) whose pension is in payment may qualify for an increase under the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971.

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(a) 1971. c. 35 (N.I.).