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PENSIONS

Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972

ORDER, DATED 9TH OCTOBER 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971 AS AMENDED BY ARTICLE 20 OF THE SUPERANNUATION (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

The Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**a**), as amended by article 20 of the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**b**), 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) 1972, and shall come into operation on 1st December 1972.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

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

"basic rate" has the meaning given by section 15(1) of the 1971 Act;

"official pension" has the meaning given by section 5(1) of the 1971 Act;

"pension authority" has the meaning given by section 7(1) of the 1971 Act;

"qualifying condition" means one of the conditions laid down by section 3 of the 1971 Act.

(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 any qualifying condition is satisfied, be increased by the pension authority in respect of any period beginning on or after 1st December 1972, as follows:—

(*a*) a pension beginning on or before 1st April 1971 may be increased by 9·9 per cent. of the basic rate as increased under section 1 of the 1971 Act;

(*b*) a pension beginning in the six months following 1st April 1971 may be increased by 11·0 per cent. of the basic rate;

(*c*) a pension beginning in the six months following 1st October 1971 may be increased by 5·6 per cent. of the basic rate;

(a) 1971. c. 35 (N.I.). (b) S.I. 1972/1073 (N.I. 10).

(*d*) a pension beginning in the three months following 1st April 1972 may be increased by 3·5 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 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(**c**), with the effect of paragraph (1) above incorporated in them, are set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Increases of certain lump sums

4.—(1) In respect of any lump sum or instalment of a lump sum which became payable in the six months ending with 1st April 1972, but for which the beginning date fell before 2nd October 1971, there may be paid an increase of 2·7 per cent. of the amount of the lump sum or instalment as increased by the amount of any increase under section 1 of the 1971 Act.

(2) In respect of any lump sum or instalment of a lump sum which became payable in the three months ending with 1st July 1972, but for which the beginning date fell before 2nd October 1971, there may be paid an increase of 5·4 per cent. of the amount of the lump sum or instalment as increased by the amount of any increase under section 1 of the 1971 Act.

(3) In respect of any lump sum or instalment of a lump sum which became payable in the three months ending with 1st July 1972, but for which the beginning date fell in the six months ending with 1st April 1972, there may be paid an increase of 2·6 per cent. of the amount of the lump sum or instalment.

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.

(**c**) 1943. c. i.