1971. No. 225 **[NC]**

SOCIAL SERVICES (PARITY)

Commencement Order (Northern Ireland) 1971

ORDER, DATED 19TH JULY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE SOCIAL SERVICES (PARITY) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971.

WHEREAS it is provided by paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 to the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971(**a**) that the provisions of that Order (hereinafter referred to as "the Order of 1971") shall not come into force until such date or dates as the Minister of Health and Social Services may by order appoint for those provisions or any of them:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Right Honourable William Kennedy Fitzsimmons, Minister of Health and Social Services, hereby make the following order:

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 2, the date appointed for the coming into force of any provision of the Order of 1971 specified in column 1 of the Schedule, so far as that provision relates to any subject matter specified in column 2 of that Schedule, shall be the date specified in column 3 thereof in relation to that subject matter.

2.—(1) As respects the period beginning with 20th September 1971 and ending with 22nd September 1971, the rate of a person's unemployment or sickness benefit for any day in that period by virtue of section 18(3) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**). (which relates to unemployment and sickness benefit for persons over pensionable age and regulates the rate of benefit in such cases by reference to the rate of retirement pension) shall be determined as if the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Order of 1971 relating to higher rates of retirement pension under the said National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 were 23rd September 1971.

(2) In the case of a person to whom injury benefit under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**c**) is payable for 22nd September 1971 at a reduced weekly rate by virtue of the provisions of section 29 of that Act (which relates to adjustments for successive accidents), the rate of that injury benefit and of any sickness benefit payable under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 shall be determined as if the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Order of 1971 relating to higher rates of those benefits were 22nd September and, where appropriate, as if the reference to 23rd September 1971 in paragraph (1) were a reference to 22nd September 1971.

3. This order may be cited as the Social Services (Parity) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971.

Given under my hand this 19th day of July 1971.

W. K. Fitzsimmons,
Minister.

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 224.
(**b**) 1966, c. 6 (N.I.).
(**c**) 1966, c. 9 (N.I.).

SCHEDULE Article 1

Provisions of the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971	Subject Matter	Appointed Day
1	2	3
Article 1(1) and Schedule 1	Higher rates of flat-rate contributions under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966	20th September 1971
Article 1(2)	Higher aggregate graduated contributions under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966	21st September 1971
Article 1(3)	Higher income limit for exception from liability to pay contributions	20th September 1971
Article 1(3)	Relaxation of restrictions on crediting of contributions to persons excepted from liability on grounds of small income	6th September 1971
Article 1(4)	Payments to the National Insurance Fund out of money provided by Parliament in addition to Exchequer supplements	20th September 1971
Article 2(1) and Schedule 2	Rates of benefit under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 in the case of—	
	(*a*) unemployment, sickness and invalidity benefit	23rd September 1971
	(*b*) maternity allowance	20th September 1971
	(*c*) widow's benefit, guardian's allowance, retirement pension, age addition and child's special allowance	20th September 1971
	(*d*) attendance allowance	6th December 1971
Article 2(2)	Earnings rule for retirement pensions	20th September 1971
Article 2(3)	Increase of retirement pension in respect of contributions paid after pensionable age	20th September 1971
Article 3	Invalidity benefit for chronic sick	23rd September 1971

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1	2	3
Article 4	Increase for adult dependants in the case of—	
	(*a*) retirement pension	20th September 1971
	(*b*) invalidity pension	23rd September 1971
Article 5	Retirement pension and age addition for persons over the age of 80	20th September 1971
Article 6(1) and (3)	Calculation of earnings-related supplement and widow's supplementary allowance	20th September 1971
Article 6(2)	Application of earnings-related supplement where injury benefit is payable under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966	23rd September 1971
Article 7 and Schedule 3	Higher rates of contributions under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966	20th September 1971
Article 8(1) and Schedule 4	Higher rates and amounts of benefit under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 in the case of—	
	(*a*) injury benefit (including increases thereof) and increases of disablement pension in respect of children and adult dependants in the case of a beneficiary receiving, as an in-patient in a hospital or similar institution, medical treatment for the relevant injury or loss of faculty	23rd September 1971
	(*b*) disablement benefit (including increases of disablement pension other than those referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*))	22nd September 1971
	(*c*) widow's pension under section 19, widower's pension under section 20 and allowance under section 21 in respect of children of deceased's family	20th September 1971

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	(*d*) maximum under section 29(1)(*a*) of aggregate of weekly benefits payable for successive accidents	22nd September 1971
	(*e*) maximum disablement gratuity under section 12(4)	22nd September 1971
Article 8(2)	Death benefit in respect of a person formerly entitled to an increase of disablement pension because of the need for constant attendance	26th July 1971
Article 8(3)	Increases of disablement benefit for adult dependants—reduction in respect of dependant's earnings	22nd September 1971
Article 8(4)	Higher rate of pension under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 for certain widows	20th September 1971
Article 9	Increase of unemployability supplement	22nd September 1971
Article 10(1)	Adjustment of benefit payable under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 to or in respect of hospital in-patients	26th July 1971
Article 10(2)	The words from "but" onwards in section 15(2) of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 to cease to have effect	8th December 1971
Article 11	Higher maximum weekly rate of lesser incapacity allowance under the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**d**)	22nd September 1971
Article 13	Expenses	20th September 1971

(**d**) 1966. c. 14 (N.I.).