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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

Section 7.

SURVIVOR'S PENSION UNDER SECTION 7: INHERITED AMOUNT

Introduction

1 This Schedule—

- (a) sets out the circumstances in which a person (the “pensioner”) is entitled to an inherited amount for the purpose of section 7, and
- (b) determines that amount.

Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 3 para. 1 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

Dead spouse or civil partner in old state pension system etc.

2.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the spouse or civil partner died before 6 April 2016,
- (c) the pensioner was under pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died, and
- (d) the pensioner would, on reaching pensionable age, have been entitled to a Category B retirement pension under section 48B(4) or (4A) or 48BB of the Contributions and Benefits Act if the words “before 6 April 2016” were omitted.

(2) The inherited amount is equal to the weekly rate at which that Category B retirement pension would have been payable on the day on which the pensioner reached pensionable age if any element of the rate attributable to the basic pension were ignored.

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I2 Sch. 3 para. 2 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

3.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the spouse or civil partner reached pensionable age before 6 April 2016 but died on or after that date,
- (c) the pensioner was under pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died, and
- (d) the pensioner would, on reaching pensionable age, have been entitled to a Category B retirement pension under section 48BB of the Contributions and Benefits Act if in subsection (3) of that section—
 - (i) the words “before 6 April 2016” were omitted, and
 - (ii) the reference to a bereavement allowance were a reference to bereavement support payment under section 29 of this Act.

(2) The inherited amount is equal to the weekly rate at which that Category B retirement pension would have been payable on the day on which the pensioner reached pensionable age if section 48BB(8) and (9) of the Contributions and Benefits Act were ignored.

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I3 Sch. 3 para. 3 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

4.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the spouse or civil partner reached pensionable age before 6 April 2016 but died on or after that date,
- (c) the pensioner was over pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died, and
- (d) the pensioner would, when the spouse or civil partner died, have been entitled to a Category B retirement pension under section 48B(1) or (1A) of the Contributions and Benefits Act if the words “before 6 April 2016” were omitted.

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(2) The inherited amount is equal to the weekly rate at which that Category B retirement pension would have been payable on the day on which the spouse or civil partner died if any element of the rate attributable to the basic pension were ignored.

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I4 [Sch. 3 para. 4](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Dead spouse or civil partner in new state pension system

5.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the pensioner was over pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died,
- (c) the spouse or civil partner was, immediately before his or her death, entitled to a state pension payable at the transitional rate, and
- (d) that transitional rate exceeded the full rate of the state pension.

(2) The inherited amount is half of the amount by which the transitional rate of the state pension for the spouse or civil partner exceeded the full rate of the state pension immediately before the death.

Commencement Information

I5 [Sch. 3 para. 5](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

6.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the pensioner was under pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died,
- (c) the spouse or civil partner was, immediately before his or her death, entitled to a state pension payable at the transitional rate,
- (d) that transitional rate exceeded the full rate of the state pension, and
- (e) the pensioner did not marry or form a civil partnership after the death and before reaching pensionable age.

(2) The inherited amount is half of the amount by which the transitional rate of the state pension for the spouse or civil partner would have exceeded the full rate

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of the state pension if he or she had been alive on the day on which the pensioner reached pensionable age.

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I6 Sch. 3 para. 6 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

7.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the pensioner was over pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died,
- (c) the spouse or civil partner was under pensionable age when he or she died but would have been entitled to a state pension payable at the transitional rate if he or she had reached pensionable age on the day of the death, and
- (d) that transitional rate would have exceeded the full rate of the state pension.

(2) The inherited amount is half of the amount by which the transitional rate of the state pension for the spouse or civil partner would have exceeded the full rate of the state pension if he or she had reached pensionable age on the day of the death.

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Commencement Information

I7 Sch. 3 para. 7 in operation at 6.4.2016, see s. 53(1)(3)

8.—(1) A pensioner whose spouse or civil partner has died is entitled to an inherited amount under this paragraph if—

- (a) the marriage took place or the civil partnership was formed before 6 April 2016,
- (b) the pensioner was under pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner died,
- (c) the spouse or civil partner died on or after 6 April 2016,
- (d) the spouse or civil partner was under pensionable age when he or she died,
- (e) the spouse or civil partner would have been entitled to a state pension payable at the transitional rate if he or she had reached pensionable age on the same day as the pensioner,
- (f) that transitional rate would have exceeded the full rate of the state pension, and
- (g) the pensioner did not marry or form a civil partnership after the death and before reaching pensionable age.

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(2) The inherited amount is half of the amount by which the transitional rate of the state pension for the spouse or civil partner would have exceeded the full rate of the state pension if he or she had reached pensionable age on the same day as the pensioner.

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18 [Sch. 3 para. 8](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

Supplementary

9 When determining entitlement to, or calculating, an inherited amount under this Schedule based on entitlement to an old state pension or a state pension under this Part ignore—

- (a) any requirement to make a claim for that pension;
- (b) any provision suspending payment of, or disqualifying a person from receiving, any amount of that pension.

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19 [Sch. 3 para. 9](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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- specified provision(s) transitional provisions for effects of commencing S.I. 2017/297, art. 2 by [S.R. 2017/58](#) Order