

1975 No. 64

POLICE

Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 1975

Made 19th March 1975

Coming into operation 28th April 1975

To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State(a), in pursuance of section 25 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(b) read with Articles 14 and 15 of the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(c) and after consulting, in accordance with section 34(2) of the said Act, the Police Authority for Northern Ireland and the Police Association for Northern Ireland and, in accordance with section 4(5) of the Police Act 1969(d), the Police Council for the United Kingdom, hereby with the concurrence of the Minister for the Civil Service(e) makes the following regulations:

Citation, operation, etc.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions (Amendment) Regulations, 1975.

2. These regulations shall come into operation on 28th April 1975 and shall have effect—

(a) for the purposes of regulations 3, 4, 8 and 9, as from 1st January 1974;

(b) for the purposes of regulation 5, as from 1st April 1974; and

(c) for the purposes of regulations 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12, as from 1st December 1974.

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3. In Part IXA of the Schedule to the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order 1949(f) (application of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971), as set out in the Schedule to the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions (Amending) (No. 3) Order 1971(g), at the end of paragraph 51A there shall be added the following proviso:

“Provided that in relation to any period beginning on or after 1st January 1974 this paragraph shall have effect as if—

(i) subject to sub-paragraph (ii) below any reference to the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 or to section 2 or 5(3) of that Act were a reference to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971(h) or to section 2 or 5(3) thereof, respectively; and

(a) Formerly the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland; see S.I. 1973/2163.

(b) 1970. c. 9 (N.I.).

(c) S.I. 1972/1073 (N.I. 10).

(d) 1969. c. 63.

(e) Formerly the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland; see S.I. 1973/2163.

(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949, No. 211 (p. 379).

(g) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 407 (p. 1797).

(h) 1971. c. 56.

- (ii) the reference to paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 were a reference to paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the Pensions (Increase) (Northern Ireland Reserved Services) Regulations 1974(i).”

4. At the end of paragraph 51C in the said Part IXA there shall be added the following proviso:

“Provided that in relation to any period beginning on or after 1st January 1974 this paragraph shall have effect as if the references to the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 and to section 3(3) of that Act were references to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 and section 3(3) thereof, respectively.”

5. Paragraph 23(2) of the Schedule to the said Order of 1949 and Part IV of Appendix III thereto, as amended by the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions (Amending) (No. 2) Order 1971(j) (reduction of child's allowance) shall be omitted.

6. Appendix II to the Schedule to the said Order of 1949, as amended by the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions (Amending) (No. 3) Order 1973(k), shall be further amended as follows:

(a) in both Part I (widow's flat-rate ordinary pension) and paragraph 3 of Part VIII (widow's ordinary pension—alternative rate)—

(i) for “£5.38” there shall be substituted “£6.27”;

(ii) for “£4.67” there shall be substituted “£5.44”;

(iii) for “£3.98” there shall be substituted “£4.64”.

(b) in paragraph 4 of the said Part VIII (increase in alternative rate) for “25p” there shall be substituted “30p”.

7. Part I of Appendix III to the Schedule to the said Order of 1949, as amended by the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions (Amending) (No. 3) Order 1973, shall be further amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 1 (child's ordinary allowance—one parent living)—

(i) for “£1.64” there shall be substituted “£1.91”;

(ii) for “£1.42” there shall be substituted “£1.66”;

(iii) for “£1.30” there shall be substituted “£1.52”.

(b) in paragraph 2 (child's ordinary allowance—both parents dead)—

(i) for “£2.70” there shall be substituted “£3.15”;

(ii) for “£2.31” there shall be substituted “£2.70”;

(iii) for “£2.00” there shall be substituted “£2.33”.

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8. In Part XIV of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Regulations 1973(l) (application of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971), at the end of Regulation 99 there shall be added the following proviso:

“Provided that in relation to any period beginning on or after 1st January 1974 this Regulation shall have effect as if—

- (i) the first reference therein to the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 and the reference to section 2 of that Act were references to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 and to section 2 thereof, respectively;

(i) S.I. 1974/1741 (p. 1776).

(j) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 404 (p. 1776).

(k) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 482 (II, p. 2786).

(l) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 317 (II, p. 1722).

- (ii) after the words "section 2 of that Act" there were inserted the words "or in consequence of the Pensions (Increase) Act 1974(m)";
- (iii) the reference to paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 were a reference to paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the Pensions Increase (Northern Ireland Reserved Services) Regulations 1974; and
- (iv) at the end there were added the following provision:
 - (d) the notional pension were a pension to which section 1(2)(b) of the Pensions (Increase) Act 1974 applied."

9. At the end of regulation 100 in the said Part XIV there shall be added the following proviso:

"Provided that in relation to any period beginning on or after 1st January 1974 this regulation shall have effect as if the reference to the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 were a reference to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971."

10. In regulation 82(5) of the said regulations, as amended(n), (discretionary pension for the widow of a serviceman) for "£3.98" there shall be substituted "£4.64".

11. Schedule 3 to the said regulations, as amended(n), shall be further amended as follows:

(a) in Part I, paragraph 3 (widow's alternative flat-rate ordinary pension)—

- (i) for "£5.38" there shall be substituted "£6.27";
- (ii) for "£4.67" there shall be substituted "£5.44";
- (iii) for "£3.98" there shall be substituted "£4.64";
- (iv) for "25p" there shall be substituted "30p".

(b) in Part IV, paragraph 4 (widow's alternative flat-rate accrued pension)—

- (i) for "£5.38" there shall be substituted "£6.27";
- (ii) for "£4.67" there shall be substituted "£5.44";
- (iii) for "£3.98" there shall be substituted "£4.64".

12. Schedule 4 to the said regulations, as amended(n), shall be further amended as follows:

(a) in Part I, paragraph 1(4) (child's alternative flat-rate ordinary allowance—one parent living)—

- (i) for "£1.64" there shall be substituted "£1.91";
- (ii) for "£1.42" there shall be substituted "£1.66";
- (iii) for "£1.30" there shall be substituted "£1.52".

(b) in Part I, paragraph 2(4) (child's alternative flat-rate ordinary allowance—both parents dead)—

- (i) for "£2.70" there shall be substituted "£2.86";
- (ii) for "£2.31" there shall be substituted "£2.49";
- (iii) for "£2.00" there shall be substituted "£2.28".

(m) 1974. c. 9.

(n) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 481 (II, p. 2784)

Northern Ireland Office
18th March 1975

Merlyn Rees
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

The concurrence of the Minister for the Civil Service given under his
Official Seal on 19th March 1975.

(L.S.)

K. H. McNeill
Authorised by the Minister for
the Civil Service.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Both the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order 1949 and the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Regulations 1973 contain provision for the increase of widows' pensions and children's allowances by reference to the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971. Since 1st January 1974 these pensions have instead, by virtue of the Pensions Increase (Northern Ireland Reserved Services) Regulations 1974, become subject to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1974. Regulations 3, 4, 8 and 9 of the present regulations provide for the increase from 1st January 1974 of the above-named awards by reference to the latter Act. In the case of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Regulations 1973, Regulation 8 also provides for the increases of such awards by reference to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1974.

A child's allowance payable under the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order 1949 falls to be reduced in accordance with Part IV of Appendix III to the Schedule to that Order in the circumstances there mentioned where certain national insurance benefits are also payable or a family allowance is payable in respect of the child. Regulation 5 of the present Regulations provides that no such reduction shall be made; it has effect as from 1st April 1974.

Regulations 6 and 7 of the present regulations increase by 16.5% the current flat-rate pensions and allowances payable to widows and children under the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order 1949. The increase follows the 1974 review of public service pensions under the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 and has effect from the same date (1st December 1974) as that increase. Regulations 11 and 12 of the present regulations similarly increase the corresponding flat-rate pensions and allowances payable under the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Regulations 1973, subject to a minor adjustment in the rates of children's allowances where both parents are dead.

Retrospective effect is authorised by Articles 14 and 15 of the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.