

1986 No. 155

PENSIONS

**The Pensions (Preservation of Benefits) (Amendment) Order
(Northern Ireland) 1986**

Made | 2nd June 1986

Coming into operation 1st October 1986

The Department of Finance and Personnel, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 61 of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(a) and now vested in it as the appropriate authority for that purpose(b), hereby makes the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Pensions (Preservation of Benefits) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1986.

Interpretation

2. In this order—

(1) “the principal Order” means the Pensions (Preservation of Benefits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977(c);

(2) expressions used in the principal Order shall have the same meaning as they have for the purposes of that Order.

Definition of “full rate”

3. In Article 2 of the principal Order, for the definition of “full-rate” there shall be substituted the following definition:—

“ “full rate” means the rate at which a pension might have been granted to an office holder if his service had continued to normal pension age, but calculated by reference to the last annual salary paid to him;”.

Transitional provision

4. Unless he elects otherwise this order shall not apply in relation to any office holder who ceases to hold office for the purposes of the principal Order before the commencement of this order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 2nd June 1986.

(L.S.)

J. R. Ingram

Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15)

(b) Functions transferred from the Department of the Civil Service by S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 4

(c) S.R. 1977 No. 167 as amended by S.R. 1978 No. 307 and S.I. 1980/1959 (N.I. 17) Art. 7(2) and Sch. 3

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This order amends the Pensions (Preservation of Benefits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977. The definition of "full rate" in article 2 of the 1977 Order is expanded to allow a judicial office holder's preserved pension to be calculated by reference to his last salary before retirement. The pension is subject to any increases made under the provisions of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(a).

(a) 1971 c. 35 (N.I.), as amended by S.I. 1972/1073 (N.I. 10), S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15), S.I. 1979/396 (N.I. 5) and S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)