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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors
Order (Northern Ireland) 1988**

Made 13th May 1988

Coming into operation 27th June 1988

Whereas the Secretary of State for Social Services has made an order(a) under section 21 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975(b):

Now, therefore, the Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 23 of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(c) 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 Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 27th June 1988.

Revaluation of earnings factors

2. The earnings factors(d) relevant—

(a) to the calculation—

- (i) of the additional pension(e) in the rate of any long-term benefit; or
- (ii) of any guaranteed minimum pension; or

(b) to any other calculation required under Part IV of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (including that Part as modified by or under any other enactment),

are directed to be increased for the tax years specified in the Schedule by the percentage of their amount shown opposite the said tax years in the Schedule.

(a) S.I. 1988/867

(b) 1975 c. 60

(c) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15); Article 23 was amended by paragraphs 1 and 7 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (S.I. 1985/1209 (N.I. 16))

(d) See section 13(5) and (5ZA) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 (c. 15). Section 13(5) was amended by paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/396 (N.I. 5)), paragraph 1(4) of Schedule 8 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18)) and paragraph 1(1)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/594 (N.I. 2)). Section 13(5ZA) was inserted by paragraph 1(1)(b) of Schedule 2 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1988

(e) See Article 19(1) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986

Rounding of fractional amounts

3. Where any earnings factor relevant to the calculation specified in Article 2(a)(i), as increased in accordance with this order, would not but for this Article be expressed as a whole number of pounds, it shall be so expressed by the rounding down of any fraction of a pound less than one half and the rounding up of any other fraction of a pound.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 13th May 1988.

(L.S.)

A. N. Burns

Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE

<i>Tax year</i>	<i>Increase</i>
1978-79	181·2 per cent.
1979-80	148·1 per cent.
1980-81	107·3 per cent.
1981-82	73·6 per cent.
1982-83	57·7 per cent.
1983-84	46·4 per cent.
1984-85	35·6 per cent.
1985-86	27·2 per cent.
1986-87	16·8 per cent.
1987-88	8·7 per cent.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This order, which corresponds to an order (S.I. 1988/867) made by the Secretary of State for Social Services under section 21 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975, directs that the earnings factors relevant to the calculation of the additional pension in the rate of any long-term benefit or of any guaranteed minimum pension or to any other calculation required under Part IV of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 ("the Pensions Order") for the tax years specified in the Schedule are to be increased by the percentage of their amount specified in that Schedule. The percentage for the tax year 1987-88 has been fixed at 8·7 per cent: those for earlier years have also been increased.

The order also provides for the rounding of fractional amounts for earnings factors relevant to the calculation of the additional pension in the rate of any long-term benefit. Rounding for the purpose of calculation of any guaranteed minimum pension is not required since 6th April 1979 in virtue of the amendments to section 13 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 and Article 37(5) of the Pensions Order effected by Part I of Schedule 2 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1988.

For the purpose of certain occupational pension schemes which are contracted-out under Part IV of the Pensions Order, the increases made by this order are applied, by Articles 37(5) and 43C(4A) of the Pensions Order, to the earnings factor used in calculating an earner's guaranteed minimum pension and, by Articles 46(6)(a) and 47(3)(a) of the Pensions Order, for the purpose of determining the amount of any state scheme premium.