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THE NEW FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEME (NORTHERN IRELAND)

PART 4

SURVIVORS' PENSIONS

CHAPTER 2

CHILDREN'S PENSIONS

**Bereavement pension: children**

31.—(1) Where—

- (a) no person is entitled to a survivor's pension under article 23; and
- (b) a child of the deceased is eligible for a child's pension ("eligible child"),

the Board shall, subject to paragraph (3), pay to the eligible child the amount referred to in paragraph (2), in respect of each of the 13 weeks following the deceased's death or, if shorter, each complete week of the period beginning on the day after the deceased's death and ending on the day on which the child's pension ceases to be payable.

(2) The amount is equal to that which the Board would have paid under paragraph (1) of article 26 (bereavement pension: survivors) had a survivor's pension been payable.

(3) Where there is more than one eligible child, the amount ascertained in accordance with paragraph (2) shall be divided equally between the eligible children; but—

- (a) a child's share shall cease to be paid to him as soon as his child's pension ceases to be payable; and
- (b) the share to which he would otherwise have been entitled shall be distributed equally among any remaining eligible children.

(4) Where a person in receipt of a survivor's bereavement pension dies before the end of the period for which that pension is payable ("the 13 week period"), the Board shall, subject to paragraph (6), pay to the eligible child (if any) a bereavement pension, in respect of each complete week of whichever is the shorter of—

- (a) the period beginning on the day after the survivor's death and ending at the end of the 13 week period; and
- (b) the period beginning on the day after the survivor's death and ending on the day on which the child's pension ceases to be payable.

(5) The amount of a bereavement pension under paragraph (4) is equal to that which the Board would have paid under paragraph (1) of article 26 had a survivor's bereavement pension been payable for the part of the 13 week period that falls after the survivor's death.

(6) Where there is more than one eligible child, the amount ascertained in accordance with paragraph (5) shall be divided equally between the eligible children; but—

- (a) a child's share shall cease to be paid to him as soon as his child's pension ceases to be payable; and
- (b) the share to which he would otherwise have been entitled shall be distributed equally among any remaining eligible children.