



# Patriotic Fund Reorganisation Act 1903

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An Act to reorganise the Administration of the Patriotic Fund. [11th August 1903]

## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Words of enactment omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), s. 3](#)

## 1 Incorporation of Royal Patriotic Fund.

- (1) There shall be established a Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, which shall be a body corporate by that name, with perpetual succession and a common seal . . . <sup>F1</sup>.
- (2) The constitution, rights, powers and duties of the Corporation shall be determined in accordance with the First Schedule to this Act.

## Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Charities Act 1960 \(c. 58\), Sch. 7 Pt. II](#) and [Mortmain \(Repeals\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1960 \(c. 20\), s. 1\(2\)](#)

## 2 Objects of Corporation.

The property of the Corporation shall, subject to any special trust relating to any part thereof, be administered by the Corporation for the benefit of the widows, children and dependents of officers and men of the naval and military forces of the Crown.

## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 S. 2 applied by [Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation Act 1950 \(c. 10\), s. 2](#)

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**3 Transfer of administration of Patriotic Fund to Corporation.**

- (1) The Patriotic Fund Commission is hereby dissolved, and the property, rights, duties and liabilities thereof, and all property held in trust therefor, are hereby transferred to and vested in the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation.
- (2) The officers and clerks in the service of the Patriotic Fund Commission shall be transferred and attached to the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation: Provided that such persons shall not by reason of the transfer be in any worse position legally in respect of their salaries, tenure of office or superannuation allowances than they would have been if this Act had not passed.
- (3) References in any deed, will or other instrument to the Patriotic Fund Commission shall, unless a contrary intention appears, be construed as references to the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation.

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F2** Ss. 4, 5(2), Sch. 2 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1927 \(c. 42\)](#)

**5 †Short title and commencement.**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Patriotic Fund Reorganisation Act, 1903.
- (2) ..... F3

**Textual Amendments**  
**F3** Ss. 4, 5(2), Sch. 2 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1927 \(c. 42\)](#)

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**C3** A dagger appended to a marginal note means that it is no longer accurate

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## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

#### CONSTITUTION OF CORPORATION

##### *Constitution of Corporation.*

- 1 The Corporation shall consist of the following persons, namely:—
- (a) Twelve members nominated by His Majesty by warrant under the sign manual, who shall be appointed for a term of three years, but shall be eligible for re-appointment, and who are referred to as “appointed members.”
  - <sup>X1</sup>(b) The lord lieutenants of [<sup>F4</sup>each region and islands area]
  - (c) The chairman for the time being of every council of a [<sup>F4</sup>region and islands area] Provided that a [<sup>F4</sup>regional or islands] council may, if the chairman is unable or unwilling to act, appoint some other person in place of the chairman to be a member of the Corporation, and any person so appointed shall hold office for one year from the time of his appointment.
  - (d) Every person for the time being entitled to the style of Lord Mayor . . . <sup>F5</sup>[<sup>F6</sup>and the chairman of every district council in Northern Ireland established under the <sup>M1</sup>Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972].
  - <sup>F7</sup>(b) The lord-lieutenant for each county and the lord-lieutenant of Greater London.
  - (c) The chairman for the time being of the council of every county and every metropolitan district and of the Greater London Council:  
  
Provided that any such council may, if the chairman is unable or unwilling to act, appoint some other person to be a member of the Corporation, and any person so appointed shall hold office for one year from the time of his appointment.
  - (cc) The Lord Mayor of London and the mayor for the time being of every London borough.
  - (ccc) Any other person for the time being entitled to the style of Lord Mayor.]
  - (e) Every person for the time being entitled to the style of Lord Provost . . . <sup>F8</sup>
  - (f) Any number of persons not exceeding seven whom the council of the Corporation may think fit to co-opt as members, each of whom shall have been nominated as the representative of a charitable fund founded for the like purposes as the Corporation.
  - <sup>F9</sup>(g) Two members appointed on the recommendation of the Minister of Pensions by His Majesty by warrant under the sign manual.]

#### **Editorial Information**

**X1** Para. 1(b)-(ccc) next following para. 1(b)-(d) substituted for that paragraph (E.W.) by S.I. 1974/595

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#### Textual Amendments

- F4** Words substituted by [S.I. 1975/629](#)
- F5** Words repealed by [S.I. 1974/595](#)
- F6** Words substituted by S.R. & O. 1973/256 (N.I.)
- F7** [Para. 1\(b\)-\(ccc\)](#) substituted for [para. 1\(b\)-\(d\)](#) (E.W.) by [S.I. 1974/595](#)
- F8** Words repealed by [S.I. 1975/629](#)
- F9** [Para. 1\(g\)](#) added by [War Pensions \(Administrative Provisions\) Act 1918 \(c. 57\), s. 7](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C4** [Para. 1\(d\)-\(f\)](#) amended by [Naval and Military War Pensions, &c., Act 1915 \(c. 83\), s. 6](#)
- C5** Functions of Minister of Pensions now exercisable by Secretary of State: [S.I. 1953/1198](#) (1953 I, p. 1228), [Ministry of Social Security Act 1966 \(c. 20\), s. 2](#) and [S.I. 1968/1699](#)

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** [1972 c. 9 \(N.I.\)](#)

#### *Filling vacancies.*

- 2 . . . <sup>F10</sup> the appointed members shall be selected as follows; namely, six members shall be appointed by His Majesty by warrant under the sign manual, and the remaining six members shall be co-opted by the general council, and the members so appointed or co-opted shall hold office for a term of three years, but shall be eligible for re-appointment or co-optation by His Majesty or by the council.

Where any vacancy occurs by death, resignation, effluxion of time or otherwise in the office of any member so appointed or co-opted, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by His Majesty or by co-optation, as the case may be. Any member so appointed or co-opted shall hold office for three years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment or co-option.

#### Textual Amendments

- F10** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1927 \(c. 42\)](#)

#### *General council.*

- 3 The powers and duties of the Corporation shall be exercised and performed by the general council of the Corporation, consisting of the whole of the members, and by an executive committee appointed from among the members.

#### *Meetings of council.*

- 4 The general council shall meet once at least in every year, and shall also meet when required to meet by a requisition in writing signed by not less than ten members of the Corporation, and seven members shall constitute a quorum of the general council.

#### *President and vice-president.*

- 5 (a) One of the members of the Corporation appointed by the Crown shall be nominated by the Crown as president of the council.

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- (b) The chairman of the executive committee shall be elected by the committee and shall be the vice-president of the council.

*Executive committee.*

- 6 The executive committee shall consist of not less than twelve nor more than [F11twenty-two members] of the Corporation, of whom three shall constitute a quorum. Four members in the first instance, and thereafter one member of the committee shall be appointed by the Treasury, [F12four by the Secretary of State for Defence], and the remaining members shall be appointed by the general council.

**Textual Amendments**

- F11** Words substituted by [War Pensions \(Administrative Provisions\) Act 1918 \(c. 57\), s. 7\(2\)](#)  
**F12** Words substituted by [S.I. 1965/1126](#)

*Functions of the executive committee.*

- 7 The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted by the executive committee under the control of the general council, who may make general rules for, or give special directions to, the committee, but subject to any such rules or directions the committee shall regulate their own procedure. General rules made by the council may provide for the formation of local committees for purposes connected with the fund (the members of which need not be members of the Corporation), and may regulate the functions of those committees, and may provide for other matters incidental to the due conduct of the business of the Corporation.

*Treasurer of Corporation.*

- 8 The Paymaster-General shall be the treasurer of the Corporation, and he shall keep such accounts on behalf of the Corporation as the Treasury may from time to time direct.

*Deposit of Securities in Bank of England.*

- 9 All securities belonging to the Corporation shall be deposited in the Bank of England for the credit and at the disposal of the Corporation, and all interest and dividends accruing on such securities shall from time to time be received by the Bank of England, and shall be carried by them to the cash account of the Paymaster-General in their books.

*Proceeds of sale to be carried to account of Paymaster-General.*

- 10 On the sale at any time under the authority of the Corporation of any annuities, stocks, funds or securities standing to their account in the books of the Bank of England, and of any securities belonging to the Corporation deposited with the Bank of England, the proceeds of the sales shall be received by the Bank, and shall be carried by them to the cash account of the Paymaster-General in their books.

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*Audit of accounts.*

- 11 The accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Corporation shall be audited in such manner and by such persons as the Treasury may from time to time direct.

*Secretary, clerks, &c.*

- 12 The Corporation may employ a secretary, clerks and servants at salaries, and the said salaries and all other proper expenses of the Corporation shall be paid out of the funds at the disposal of the Corporation.

*Superannuation fund.*

- 13 The general council may establish a scheme of pensions for persons in the permanent employment of the Corporation, and for that purpose may create a superannuation fund, one half of which shall be furnished by contributions from the beneficiaries, and the other half of which shall be furnished from the funds at the disposal of the Corporation.

*Power to receive subscriptions.*

- 14 The Corporation may from time to time solicit and receive contributions from the public and donations of property for the purposes of the Corporation, and may also receive any such sums as may be granted by Parliament.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C6 [Para. 14](#) amended by Naval and Military War Pensions, &c., Act 1915 (c. 83), s. 6(4)

*Annual report of Corporation.*

- 15 The Corporation shall in each year make a report of their proceedings to His Majesty.

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*Interpretation*

[<sup>F13</sup>16 In paragraph 1, “executive”, “mayor and cabinet executive” and “mayor and council manager executive” have the same meaning as in Part II of the Local Government Act 2000.]

**Textual Amendments**

F13 [Sch.1 para. 16](#) inserted (E.) (6.5.2002) by [S.I. 2002/1057](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#)

SECOND SCHEDULE

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Textual Amendments

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