

1971 No. 1329

FIRE SERVICES

The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1971

Made - - - 9th August 1971

Laid before Parliament 19th August 1971

Coming into Operation 1st September 1971

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 26 of the Fire Services Act 1947(a), (read with Article 2(1) of the Minister for the Civil Service Order 1968(b)), as amended and extended by section 42 of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act 1951(c) and section 15 of the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971(d), I hereby, with the approval of the Minister for the Civil Service and after consultation with the Central Fire Brigades Advisory Council and the Scottish Central Fire Brigades Advisory Council, make the following Order, which contains only such provisions as appear to me to be necessary or expedient in connection with the passing of the said Act of 1971:—

PART I

CITATION, OPERATION AND INTERPRETATION

1. This Order may be cited as the Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1971.

2. This Order shall come into operation on 1st September 1971.

3. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

“the Scheme of 1971” means the Firemen's Pension Scheme 1971, set out in Appendix 2 to the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order 1971(e);

“the Scheme of 1966” means the Firemen's Pension Scheme 1966, set out in Appendix 2 to the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order 1966(f), as amended(g) and in so far as it continues to have effect(h);

“the Scheme of 1964” means the Firemen's Pension Scheme 1964, set out in Appendix 2 to the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order 1964(i), as amended(j) and in so far as it continues to have effect(k);

(a) 1947 c. 41.

(c) 1951 c. 65.

(e) S.I. 1971/145 (1971 I, p. 320).

(g) The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1968/157, 1969/1001 (1968 I, p. 386; 1969 II, p. 2945).

(h) See S.I. 1971/145 (1971 I, p. 320).

(i) S.I. 1964/1148 (1964 II, p. 2574).

(j) The amending instruments are not relevant to the subject matter of this Order.

(k) See 1966/1045 (1966 II, p. 2504).

(b) S.I. 1968/1656 (1968 III, p. 4485).

(d) 1971 c. 56.

(f) S.I. 1966/1045 (1966 II, p. 2504).

“the Scheme of 1956” means the Firemen’s Pension Scheme 1956, set out in the Appendix to the Firemen’s Pension Scheme Order 1956(a), as amended(b) and in so far as it continues to have effect(c);

“the Scheme of 1952” means the Firemen’s Pension Scheme 1952, set out in Appendix 1 to the Firemen’s Pension Scheme Order 1952(d), as amended(e) and in so far as it continues to have effect(f), and

“the Scheme of 1948” means the Firemen’s Pension Scheme 1948, set out in the Appendix to the Firemen’s Pension Scheme Order 1948(g), as amended(h) and in so far as it continues to have effect(i).

PART II

AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES RELATING TO INTERPRETATION

4.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

Article 8(1) of the Scheme of 1971;

Article 82(1) of the Scheme of 1966;

Article 80(1) of the Scheme of 1964.

(2) The definition of the expression “relevant Pensions (Increase) Acts” shall be omitted from each of the said provisions.

PART III

AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES RELATING TO WIDOWS’ ORDINARY PENSIONS

5.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

Article 21(2)(b) of the Scheme of 1971;

Article 10(2)(b) of the Scheme of 1966;

Article 10(2) of the Scheme of 1964.

(2) The words “subject however to Schedule 4” shall be omitted from each of the said provisions.

6. In Article 10(1) of the Scheme of 1956 the words “and the Fourth Schedule” shall be omitted.

7.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

Article 4(1) of the Scheme of 1952;

Article 4(1) of the Scheme of 1948.

(2) For the words “and Sixteenth Schedules”, in both of the said provisions, there shall be substituted the word “Schedule”.

(a) S.I. 1956/1022 (1956 I, p. 953).

(b) The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1956/2014, 1959/802, 1962/729 (1956 I, p. 994; 1959 I, p. 1282; 1962 I, p. 744).

(c) See 1964/1148 (1964 II, p. 2574).

(d) S.I. 1952/944 (1952 I, p. 1003).

(e) The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1952/1447, 1952/2166, 1954/1663 (1952 I, p. 1046; 1952 I, p. 1047; 1954 I, p. 909).

(f) See S.I. 1956/1022 (1956 I, p. 953).

(g) S.I. 1948/604 (1948 I, p. 1091).

(h) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1952/2166 (1952 I, p. 1047).

(i) See S.I. 1952/944 (1952 I, p. 1003).

PART IV**AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES RELATING TO WIDOWS' SPECIAL PENSIONS**

8.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

Article 22(2) of the Scheme of 1971;

Article 11(2) of the Scheme of 1966;

Article 11 of the Scheme of 1964.

(2) The words “subject however to Schedule 4” shall be omitted from each of the said provisions.

9. In Article 11 of the Scheme of 1956 the words “and the Fourth Schedule” shall be omitted.

10.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

Article 7(2) of the Scheme of 1952;

Article 7(2) of the Scheme of 1948.

(2) For the words “and Sixteenth Schedules”, in both of the said provisions, there shall be substituted the word “Schedule”.

PART V**AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES RELATING TO WIDOWS' AUGMENTED AWARDS**

11.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

Article 23(2) of the Scheme of 1971;

Article 11A(2) of the Scheme of 1966.

(2) The words “subject however, in either case, to Schedule 4” shall be omitted from both the said provisions.

PART VI**AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE RELATING TO CHILDREN'S ORDINARY ALLOWANCES**

12. In Article 5(1) of the Scheme of 1952 the words “and of the Sixteenth Schedule to this Scheme” shall be omitted.

PART VII**AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES RELATING TO CHILDREN'S SPECIAL ALLOWANCES**

13.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

Article 29 of the Scheme of 1971;

Article 17 of the Scheme of 1966;

Article 17 of the Scheme of 1964.

(2) The words “and to Schedule 4” shall be omitted from each of the said provisions.

14. In Article 17 of the Scheme of 1956 the words “and the Fourth Schedule” shall be omitted.

15. In Article 8(2) of the Scheme of 1952 the words "and of the Sixteenth Schedule to this Scheme" shall be omitted.

PART VIII

AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES RELATING TO AWARDS ON DEATH OF SERVICEMEN

16.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following Articles, namely:—

- Article 65 of the Scheme of 1971;
- Article 53 of the Scheme of 1966;
- Article 51 of the Scheme of 1964;
- Article 46 of the Scheme of 1956.

(2) For paragraph (4)(a) of each of the said Articles there shall be substituted the following provision:—

"(a) pay to the widow, in lieu of a gratuity, a pension at the rate of £148·27 a year, and".

(3) Each of the said Articles shall end with the words "qualifying injury" in paragraph (4)(b) and, accordingly, any words or provisions following those words are hereby revoked.

17.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following Articles, namely:—

- Article 37B of the Scheme of 1952;
- Article 37B of the Scheme of 1948.

(2) For paragraph (4)(a) of each of the said Articles there shall be substituted the following provision:—

"(a) pay to the widow, in lieu of a gratuity, a pension at the rate of £111·20 a year, and".

(3) In paragraph (4)(b) of each of the said provisions the words following the words "qualifying injury" shall be omitted.

18.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following Articles, namely:—

- Article 10 of the Scheme of 1952;
- Article 10 of the Scheme of 1948.

(2) For the proviso to paragraph (2)(i) of each of the said Articles there shall be substituted the following proviso:—

"Provided that where the said pension, after taking account of any increase provided for by or under the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971, is payable at a rate less than that of £111·20 a year, it shall be paid at the rate of £111·20 a year;".

(3) The provisos or proviso following paragraph (2)(iii) of each of the said Articles shall be omitted.

(4) At the end of each of the said Articles there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(5) Save as provided in paragraph (2)(i) of this Article, for the purposes of this Article no account shall be taken of any increase provided for by or under the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 so, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as precluding such an increase in a rate determined in accordance with this Article (otherwise than in accordance with the proviso to paragraph (2)(i))."

PART IX

AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES RELATING TO AWARDS IN RESPECT OF
WHOLE-TIME FIREMEN WHO ARE NOT REGULAR FIREMEN

19.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

Article 72(3) of the Scheme of 1971;

Article 60(3) of the Scheme of 1966;

Article 58(3) of the Scheme of 1964.

(2) The words “any increase in accordance with Schedule 4 being ignored” shall be omitted from each of the said provisions.

20. In Article 53(3) of the Scheme of 1956 the words “any increase in accordance with the Fourth Schedule to this Scheme being ignored” shall be omitted.

21. In Article 24(3) of the Scheme of 1952 the words “ignoring any increase in accordance with the provisions of the Sixteenth Schedule to this Scheme” shall be omitted from the proviso.

22. The following provisions, namely:—

Article 72(4) of the Scheme of 1971;

Article 60(4) of the Scheme of 1966;

Article 58(4) of the Scheme of 1964;

Article 53(4) of the Scheme of 1956;

Article 24(4) of the Scheme of 1952;

Article 24(4) of the Scheme of 1948,

are hereby revoked.

PART X

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES RELATING TO AWARDS TO OR
IN RESPECT OF PART-TIME FIREMEN

23.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

Article 55(3) of the Scheme of 1956;

Article 23A(2) of the Scheme of 1952.

(2) For the rates specified in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of each of the said provisions there shall be substituted, respectively, the rates of £5.51 a week and of £3.70 a week.

(3) For the rate specified in sub-paragraph (c) of Article 55(3) of the Scheme of 1956 there shall be substituted the rate of £2.88 a week.

24.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

Article 75(3) of the Scheme of 1971;

Article 63(3) of the Scheme of 1966;

Article 61(3) of the Scheme of 1964;

Article 56(1) of the Scheme of 1956;

Article 23B(1) of the Scheme of 1952.

(2) For the rates specified in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of each of the said provisions there shall be substituted, respectively, the rates of £2·04 a week, £3·06 a week and £4·61 a week.

(3) The proviso to Article 23B(1) of the Scheme of 1952 shall be omitted.

25.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

Article 76(3) of the Scheme of 1971;

Article 64(3) of the Scheme of 1966;

Article 62(3) of the Scheme of 1964;

Article 57(1) of the Scheme of 1956.

(2) For the rate specified in sub-paragraph (a) of each of the said provisions there shall be substituted the rate of £1·10 a week.

(3) For the rates first and last specified in sub-paragraph (b) of each of the said provisions there shall be substituted, respectively, the rates of £0·83 a week and of £1·10 a week.

26. For the rate specified in Article 23C(1) of the Scheme of 1952 there shall be substituted the rate of £1·10 a week.

27. The following provisions, namely:—

Article 77(3) of the Scheme of 1971;

Article 65(3) of the Scheme of 1966;

Article 63(3) of the Scheme of 1964,

are hereby revoked.

PART XI

AMENDMENTS OF SCHEDULES RELATING TO WIDOWS' ORDINARY PENSIONS.

28.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

Part I of Schedule 2 to the Scheme of 1971;

Part I of Schedule 2 to the Scheme of 1966.

(2) For paragraph 2 of each of the said provisions there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“2.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), where in respect of any period a widow so elects, her ordinary pension in respect of that period shall be of such amount that the rate of payment is—

(a) where the husband's last rank was not higher than that of sub-officer, £148·27 a year;

(b) where the husband's last rank was higher than that of sub-officer but not higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £193·62 a year;

(c) where the husband's last rank was higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £233·03 a year.

(2) Where the husband was entitled to reckon at least 10 years' pensionable service, the preceding sub-paragraph shall have effect as if for the rates of £148·27, £193·62 and £233·03 a year there were substituted, respectively, the rates of £158·27, £203·62 and £243·03 a year.”

29.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

- Part II of Schedule 2 to the Scheme of 1971;
- Part II of Schedule 2 to the Scheme of 1966;
- Part I of Schedule 2 to the Scheme of 1964;
- Part I of Schedule 2 to the Scheme of 1956.

(2) The first sentence of each of the said provisions shall end with the words “the higher pension” and, accordingly, any words following those words shall be omitted from the said sentence.

(3) For Scheme I of each of the said provisions there shall be substituted the following Scheme:—

“SCHEME I

The pension shall be of such amount that the rate of payment is—

- (a) where the husband’s last rank was not higher than that of sub-officer, £148·27 a year;
 - (b) where the husband’s last rank was higher than that of sub-officer but not higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £193·62 a year;
 - (c) where the husband’s last rank was higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £233·03 a year.”.
- (4) In Scheme II of each of the said provisions paragraph 2 shall be omitted.

30.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following Schedules, namely:—

- Schedule 3 to the Scheme of 1952;
- Schedule 3 to the Scheme of 1948.

(2) The words “after taking into account the increase, if any, conferred by virtue of the Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1944 and 1947” shall be omitted from the first sentence of each of the said Schedules.

(3) Subject in the case of the Scheme of 1948 to the following paragraph, for Scheme I of each of the said Schedules there shall be substituted the following Scheme:—

“SCHEME I

The pension shall be of such amount that the rate of payment is—

- (a) where the husband’s last rank was not higher than that of sub-officer, £111·20 a year;
- (b) where the husband’s last rank was higher than that of sub-officer but not higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £145·22 a year;
- (c) where the husband’s last rank was higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £178·27 a year.”.

(4) At the end of Scheme I of Schedule 3 to the Scheme of 1948, as set out in the preceding paragraph there shall be added the following proviso:—

“Provided that where the husband died before 5th July 1948 or the widow is not entitled in right of her husband’s insurance to widow’s benefit or a retirement pension under the National Insurance Act 1965(a) but would have

been so entitled had her husband not failed to satisfy the contribution conditions therefor (otherwise than by defaulting in the payment of contributions), this Scheme shall have effect as if for the rates of £111·20, £145·22 and £178·27 a year there were substituted, respectively, the rates of £148·27, £193·62 and £233·03.”.

(5) The proviso to paragraph 1 of Scheme II of each of the said Schedules shall be omitted.

PART XII

AMENDMENTS OF SCHEDULES RELATING TO WIDOWS' SPECIAL PENSIONS

31.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

- Part IV of Schedule 2 to the Scheme of 1971;
- Part V of Schedule 2 to the Scheme of 1971;
- Part IV of Schedule 2 to the Scheme of 1966;
- Part VI of Schedule 2 to the Scheme of 1966;
- Part III of Schedule 2 to the Scheme of 1964;
- Part III of Schedule 2 to the Scheme of 1956;
- Schedule 7 to the Scheme of 1952;
- Schedule 7 to the Scheme of 1948.

(2) Paragraph 2 shall be omitted from each of the said provisions.

PART XIII

AMENDMENTS OF SCHEDULES RELATING TO CHILDREN'S ALLOWANCES

32.—(1) For each of the following provisions, namely:—

- Part I of Schedule 3 to the Scheme of 1971;
- Part I of Schedule 3 to the Scheme of 1966;
- Part I of Schedule 3 to the Scheme of 1964;
- Part I of Schedule 3 to the Scheme of 1956;
- Part I of Schedule 5 to the Scheme of 1952,

there shall be substituted the provisions set out in the following paragraph.

(2) Subject in the case of the Scheme of 1952 to the following paragraph, the provisions referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be as follows:—

“PART I

CHILD'S ORDINARY ALLOWANCE

1. Subject to Part III of this Schedule, where the mother of the child is alive the child's ordinary allowance shall be of such amount that the rate of payments is—

- (a) where the father's last rank was not higher than that of sub-officer, £41·26 a year;

- (b) where the father's last rank was higher than that of sub-officer but not higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £49·26 a year;
- (c) where the father's last rank was higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £60·96 a year.

2. Subject to Part III of this Schedule, where the father was the only surviving parent or in respect of the period after the death of the mother, the child's ordinary allowance shall be of such amount that the rate of payment is—

- (a) where the father's last rank was not higher than that of sub-officer, £61·58 a year or such higher rate not exceeding £81·28 as the fire authority may from time to time determine;
- (b) where the father's last rank was higher than sub-officer but not higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £73·27 a year or such higher rate not exceeding £97·29 as the fire authority may from time to time determine, or
- (c) where the father's last rank was higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £91·13 a year or such higher rate not exceeding £121·30 as the fire authority may from time to time determine.”.

(3) In Part I of Schedule 5 to the Scheme of 1952, as set out in the preceding paragraph, for the words “Part III of this Schedule”, in both places where they occur, there shall be substituted the words “Schedule 8A to this Scheme”.

33. Part II of Schedule 5 to the Scheme of 1952 is hereby revoked.

34.—(1) For each of the following provisions, namely:—

Part III of Schedule 3 to the Scheme of 1971;

Part III of Schedule 3 to the Scheme of 1966;

Part III of Schedule 3 to the Scheme of 1964;

Part III of Schedule 3 to the Scheme of 1956,

there shall be substituted the provisions set out in the following paragraph.

(2) The provisions referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be as follows:—

“PART III

VARIATION OF CHILD'S ALLOWANCE

1.—(1) Subject as hereinafter provided, where under any enactment specified in the first column of the following Table a payment specified in the second column is made to the recipient mentioned in the third column thereof, a child's ordinary or special allowance shall be reduced by so much as is necessary to reduce the allowance or, in the case of a special allowance, the increased allowance, by the weekly amount specified in the fourth column, and where that reduction is greater than the allowance determined under the preceding provisions of this Schedule, that allowance shall not be payable.

In this sub-paragraph the expression “increased allowance” in relation to a child's special allowance means the amount which would be payable in respect thereof by virtue of this Scheme and the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971, if this paragraph were not in force.

TABLE

1 Enactment	2 Type of Payment	3 Recipient	4 Weekly Reduction
National Insurance Act 1965, s. 27	Widowed mother's allowance	Child's mother	37p
National Insurance Act 1965, s. 29	Guardian's allowance in respect of the child ...	Child's guardian	60p
National Insurance Act 1965, s. 40	Increased widow's allowance	Child's mother	37p
National Insurance Act 1965, s. 40	Increased retirement pension	Child's mother	37p
Family Allowances Act 1965 (a)	Family allowance in respect of the child ..	Any person	25p
National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act 1965(b), s. 21	Death benefit in respect of the deceased's child at the higher weekly rate prescribed by that section.. .. .	Any person	37p

(2) Where a woman has 2 or more children who would apart from the provisions of this paragraph be entitled to a child's allowance, only the allowance of the elder or eldest of those children shall be reduced in respect of the payment to her of a widowed mother's allowance, increased widow's allowance or increased retirement pension.

(3) Where the child's allowance is an ordinary allowance, it shall not be reduced in respect of the payment of death benefit."

35.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of Schedule 8 to the Scheme of 1952.

(2) In paragraph 1 of Part I of the said Schedule after the words "Subject as hereinafter provided" there shall be inserted the words "and to Schedule 8A to this Scheme".

(3) Part II of the said Schedule is hereby revoked.

36. After Schedule 8 to the Scheme of 1952 there shall be inserted as Schedule 8A the provisions set out in Article 34(2) of this Order.

PART XIV

REVOCATION OF SCHEDULES RELATING TO INCREASES BY REFERENCE TO THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT 1952

37. The following provisions are hereby revoked, namely:—

- Schedule 4 to the Scheme of 1971;
- Schedule 4 to the Scheme of 1966;
- Schedule 4 to the Scheme of 1964;
- Schedule 4 to the Scheme of 1956;
- Schedule 16 to the Scheme of 1952;
- Schedule 16 to the Scheme of 1948.

PART XV

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULES RELATING TO FIREMEN SERVING
ON 10TH JULY 1956

38.—(1) This Article shall have effect for the purposes of the amendment of the following provisions, namely:—

- Schedule 10 to the Scheme of 1971;
- Schedule 10 to the Scheme of 1966;
- Schedule 9 to the Scheme of 1964;
- Schedule 8 to the Scheme of 1956.

(2) For sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 5 of each of the said provisions there shall be substituted the words "in paragraph (4)(a) for the words "£148·27 a year" there shall be substituted the words "£111·20 a year".

(3) For the last three paragraphs of each of the said provisions (numbered either 9, 10 and 11, or 8, 9 and 10) there shall, subject in the case of the Schemes of 1964 and 1956 to the following paragraph of this Article, be substituted the two following paragraphs:—

"9. For Scheme I of Part II of Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the following Scheme:—

"SCHEME I

1. The pension shall be of such amount that the rate of payment is—
 - (a) where the husband's last rank was not higher than that of sub-officer, £111·20 a year;
 - (b) where the husband's last rank was higher than that of sub-officer but not higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £145·22 a year; or
 - (c) where the husband's last rank was higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £178·27 a year."

10. For Part I of Schedule 3 there shall be substituted the following Part:—

"PART I

1. Subject to Part III of this Schedule, where the mother of the child is alive the child's ordinary allowance shall be payable at the following rate:—

- (a) where the father's last rank was not higher than that of sub-officer, £41·26 a year;
- (b) where the father's last rank was higher than that of sub-officer but not higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £49·26 a year; or
- (c) where the father's last rank was higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £60·96 a year.

2. Subject to Part III of this Schedule, where the father was the child's only surviving parent or in respect of the period after the death of the mother, the child's ordinary allowance shall be payable at the following rate:—

- (a) where the father's last rank was not higher than that of sub-officer, £61·58 a year or such higher rate not exceeding £81·28 a year as the fire authority may from time to time determine;
- (b) where the father's last rank was higher than that of sub-officer but not higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £73·27 a year or such higher rate not exceeding £97·29 a year as the fire authority may from time to time determine; or

(c) where the father's last rank was higher than that of divisional officer (Grade I), £91.13 a year, or such rate not exceeding £121.30 a year as the fire authority may from time to time determine."."

(4) In paragraph 9 of Schedule 9 to the Scheme of 1964 and in paragraph 9 of Schedule 8 to the Scheme of 1956, in both cases as set out in the preceding paragraph, for the words "For Scheme I of Part II" there shall be substituted the words "For Scheme I of Part I".

R. Maudling,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

9th August 1971.

Approval of the Minister for the Civil Service given under his Official Seal on 9th August 1971.

(L.S.)

J. E. Herbecq,
Authorised by the
Minister for the Civil Service.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order contains amendments to the Firemen's Pension Schemes of 1971, 1966, 1964, 1956, 1952 and 1948 which appear necessary or expedient in connection with the passing of the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971. It comes into operation on 1st September 1971 (the date from which increases authorised by the Act of 1971 are payable).

The principal changes are described below.

The Schemes contain provisions for the increase of certain earnings related widows' and children's awards by reference to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1952 (c. 45). These awards will qualify for increases under the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 which replace, *inter alia*, increases in accordance with the Act of 1952 and the Order revokes the provisions of the Schemes described above (Articles 5 to 15, 22, 31 and 37).

Under the Schemes the amounts of certain awards are determined by reference to specified flat-rates which, in some cases, are subject to provisions for their increase by reference to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1952. These awards do not qualify for increases under the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971. The Order increases these flat-rates and revokes the provisions of the Schemes described above (Articles 16, 17, 18, 23 to 26, 28 to 30, 32 and 38).