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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2010 No. 426**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Social Security (Maximum  
Additional Pension) Regulations 2010**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>18th February 2010</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>25th February 2010</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>6th April 2010</i>

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 52(3), 122(1), 175(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 <sup>M1</sup>.

The Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it <sup>M2</sup>.

**Marginal Citations**

- M1** 1992 c. 4. Section 52(3) re-enacts section 9(3) of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (c. 60). Section 122(1) is cited for the meaning of ‘prescribe’.
- M2** Section 173(1)(b) of the [Social Security Administration Act 1992 \(c. 5\)](#) provides that matter which would otherwise be referable to the Social Security Advisory Committee may not be so referred with the agreement of that Committee. These Regulations would otherwise be referable to the Committee by virtue of sections 170 and 172 of that Act.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Maximum Additional Pension) Regulations 2010 and shall come into force on 6th April 2010.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“applicable limit” has the meaning given by section 44(7)(c) <sup>M3</sup>;

[<sup>F1</sup>“relevant day” means the day on which the survivor would, but for section 43 (persons entitled to more than one retirement pension), have become entitled to both—

(a) a Category A retirement pension; and

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(b) a Category B retirement pension by virtue of the contributions of a spouse or civil partner who has died,

or would have become so entitled if the survivor’s entitlement to a Category A or Category B retirement pension had not been deferred;]

“relevant year” has the meaning given by section 44(7)(a);

“survivor” means surviving spouse or surviving civil partner.

(2) In these Regulations a reference to a section by number alone is a reference to the section so numbered in the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992.

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) inserted (6.4.2016 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(b)) by [The Pensions Act 2014 \(Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1985\)](#), arts. 1(2)(b), [33\(2\)](#)

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**M3** Section 44(7)(c) was inserted by section 12(2)(b) of the [Pensions Act 2007 \(c. 22\)](#) and amended by section 3(1) and (3) of the [National Insurance Contributions Act 2008 \(c. 16\)](#).

**Prescribed maximum additional pension**

**3.**—<sup>F2</sup>(A1) This regulation applies to a survivor whose relevant day is before 6th April 2016.]

(1) For the purposes of section 52(3) (increase of additional pension in the Category A retirement pension for surviving spouses) the maximum additional pension shall be the amount of additional pension to which a person is entitled where that person—

(a) has reached pensionable age on <sup>F3</sup>the survivor’s relevant day]; and

(b) in respect of each relevant year has an earnings factor specified in paragraph (3).

<sup>F4</sup>(2) .....

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b), the specified earnings factor is an earnings factor which—

(a) is equal to 53 times that year's applicable limit, before any increase under section 148 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (revaluation of earnings factors); and

(b) is derived from earnings on which primary Class 1 contributions were paid.

**Textual Amendments**

**F2** [Reg. 3\(A1\)](#) inserted (6.4.2016 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(b)) by [The Pensions Act 2014 \(Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1985\)](#), arts. 1(2)(b), [33\(3\)\(a\)](#)

**F3** Words in [reg. 3\(1\)\(a\)](#) substituted (6.4.2016 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(b)) by [The Pensions Act 2014 \(Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1985\)](#), arts. 1(2)(b), [33\(3\)\(b\)](#)

**F4** [Reg. 3\(2\)](#) omitted (6.4.2016 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(b)) by virtue of [The Pensions Act 2014 \(Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1985\)](#), arts. 1(2)(b), [33\(3\)\(c\)](#)

**[<sup>F5</sup>Prescribed maximum additional pension for survivors who become entitled on or after 6th April 2016**

**3A.—(1)** This regulation applies to a survivor whose relevant day is on or after 6th April 2016.

(2) For the purposes of section 52(3), the maximum additional pension shall be [<sup>F6</sup>£204.68]

**Textual Amendments**

- F5** Reg. 3A inserted (6.4.2016 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(b)) by [The Pensions Act 2014 \(Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1985\)](#), arts. 1(2)(b), **33(4)**
- F6** Sum in [Reg. 3A](#) substituted (with effect in accordance with arts. 1(4)(5), 7 of the amending S.I.) by [The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/316\)](#), arts. 1(3)(c), **14**

**Revocations**

**4.** The following instruments are revoked—

- (a) the Social Security (Maximum Additional Pension) Regulations 1978 <sup>M4</sup>,
- (b) the Social Security (Maximum Additional Pension) Amendment Regulations 1979 <sup>M5</sup>.

**Marginal Citations**

- M4** [S.I. 1978/949](#). Regulation 2 was substituted by [S.I. 1979/1428](#) and amended by [S.I. 1989/1642](#). References to “additional pension” were substituted for references to “additional component” by section 18(1)(b) of the [Social Security Act 1986 \(c.50\)](#), the repeal of which does not affect the substitutions (by virtue of paragraph 11 of Schedule 3 to the [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c.6\)](#)).
- M5** [S.I. 1979/1428](#).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

Department for Work and Pensions

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations prescribe a maximum additional pension for the purposes of 52(3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, which makes provision for the circumstances in which the additional pensions of the Category A retirement pensions of surviving spouses should be increased up to that maximum.

Regulation 2 defines “the applicable limit” by reference to section 44(7)(c) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 which in relation to any year before 2009-10 is the upper earnings limit and from 2009-10 onwards is the upper accrual point.

Regulation 3 sets the maximum additional pension to the amount of additional pension to which a person would be entitled based on annual earnings factors of 53 times the applicable limit.

Regulation 4 revokes the Social Security (Maximum Additional Pension) Regulations 1978 which had provided for a maximum additional pension based on the upper earnings limit.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- reg. 3A sum substituted by [S.I. 2024/242 art. 13](#)