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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 6

#### REDUCED RATE ELECTIONS: EFFECT ON RATE OF SECTION 4 PENSION

*Increased transitional rate for widows or divorcees etc.*

**3.—**(1) This paragraph applies to the woman if on reaching pensionable age she is not married or in a civil partnership but she has been married or in a civil partnership before.

(2) The transitional rate of the state pension for the woman is—

- (a) the rate determined for her under section 5, or
- (b) if higher, a weekly rate equal to the modified amount for her pre-commencement qualifying years alone.

(3) The modified amount for the woman's pre-commencement qualifying years alone is the amount that would be calculated under Schedule 1 for her pre-commencement qualifying years alone if the basic pension in any Category A retirement pension calculated for her for the purposes of paragraph 3 of that Schedule were equal to the full amount of the basic pension.

(4) “The full amount of the basic pension” is the amount of the basic pension specified in section 44(4) of the Contributions and Benefits Act on 6 April 2016.

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#### **Commencement Information**

**II** [Sch. 6 para. 3](#) in operation at 6.4.2016, see [s. 53\(1\)\(3\)](#)

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

- specified provision(s) transitional provisions for effects of commencing S.I. 2017/297, art. 2 by [S.R. 2017/58](#) Order