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SOCIAL SERVICES (PARITY)**Commencement Order (Northern Ireland) 1971**

ORDER, DATED 19TH JULY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE SOCIAL SERVICES (PARITY) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971.

WHEREAS it is provided by paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 to the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971(a) that the provisions of that Order (hereinafter referred to as "the Order of 1971") shall not come into force until such date or dates as the Minister of Health and Social Services may by order appoint for those provisions or any of them:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Right Honourable William Kennedy Fitzsimmons, Minister of Health and Social Services, hereby make the following order:

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 2, the date appointed for the coming into force of any provision of the Order of 1971 specified in column 1 of the Schedule, so far as that provision relates to any subject matter specified in column 2 of that Schedule, shall be the date specified in column 3 thereof in relation to that subject matter.

2.—(1) As respects the period beginning with 20th September 1971 and ending with 22nd September 1971, the rate of a person's unemployment or sickness benefit for any day in that period by virtue of section 18(3) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b), (which relates to unemployment and sickness benefit for persons over pensionable age and regulates the rate of benefit in such cases by reference to the rate of retirement pension) shall be determined as if the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Order of 1971 relating to higher rates of retirement pension under the said National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 were 23rd September 1971.

(2) In the case of a person to whom injury benefit under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(c) is payable for 22nd September 1971 at a reduced weekly rate by virtue of the provisions of section 29 of that Act (which relates to adjustments for successive accidents), the rate of that injury benefit and of any sickness benefit payable under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 shall be determined as if the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Order of 1971 relating to higher rates of those benefits were 22nd September and, where appropriate, as if the reference to 23rd September 1971 in paragraph (1) were a reference to 22nd September 1971.

3. This order may be cited as the Social Services (Parity) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971.

Given under my hand this 19th day of July 1971.

W. K. Fitzsimmons,
Minister.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 224.
(b) 1966, c. 6 (N.I.).

(c) 1966, c. 9 (N.I.).

SCHEDULE

Provisions of the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971 1	Subject Matter 2	Appointed Day 3
Article 1(1) and Schedule 1	Higher rates of flat-rate contributions under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966	20th September 1971
Article 1(2)	Higher aggregate graduated contributions under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966	21st September 1971
Article 1(3)	Higher income limit for exception from liability to pay contributions	20th September 1971
Article 1(3)	Relaxation of restrictions on crediting of contributions to persons excepted from liability on grounds of small income	6th September 1971
Article 1(4)	Payments to the National Insurance Fund out of money provided by Parliament in addition to Exchequer supplements	20th September 1971
Article 2(1) and Schedule 2	Rates of benefit under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 in the case of— (a) unemployment, sickness and invalidity benefit (b) maternity allowance (c) widow's benefit, guardian's allowance, retirement pension, age addition and child's special allowance (d) attendance allowance	23rd September 1971 20th September 1971 20th September 1971 6th December 1971
Article 2(2)	Earnings rule for retirement pensions	20th September 1971
Article 2(3)	Increase of retirement pension in respect of contributions paid after pensionable age	20th September 1971
Article 3	Invalidity benefit for chronic sick	23rd September 1971

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Article 4	Increase for adult dependants in the case of— (a) retirement pension (b) invalidity pension	20th September 1971 23rd September 1971
Article 5	Retirement pension and age addition for persons over the age of 80	20th September 1971
Article 6(1) and (3)	Calculation of earnings-related supplement and widow's supplementary allowance	20th September 1971
Article 6(2)	Application of earnings-related supplement where injury benefit is payable under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966.	23rd September 1971
Article 7 and Schedule 3	Higher rates of contributions under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966	20th September 1971
Article 8(1) and Schedule 4	Higher rates and amounts of benefit under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 in the case of— (a) injury benefit (including increases thereof) and in- creases of disablement pension in respect of children and adult depen- dants in the case of a beneficiary receiving, as an in-patient in a hospital or similar institution, medical treatment for the relevant injury or loss of faculty (b) disablement benefit (includ- ing increases of disable- ment pension other than those referred to in sub- paragraph (a)) (c) widow's pension under section 19, widower's pen- sion under section 20 and allowance under section 21 in respect of children of deceased's family	23rd September 1971 22nd September 1971 20th September 1971

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	(d) maximum under section 29(1)(a) of aggregate of weekly benefits payable for successive accidents	22nd September 1971
	(e) maximum disablement gratuity under section 12(4)	22nd September 1971
Article 8(2)	Death benefit in respect of a person formerly entitled to an increase of disablement pension because of the need for constant attendance	26th July 1971
Article 8(3)	Increases of disablement benefit for adult dependants—reduction in respect of dependant's earnings	22nd September 1971
Article 8(4)	Higher rate of pension under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 for certain widows	20th September 1971
Article 9	Increase of unemployability supplement	22nd September 1971
Article 10(1)	Adjustment of benefit payable under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 to or in respect of hospital in-patients	26th July 1971
Article 10(2)	The words from "but" onwards in section 15(2) of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 to cease to have effect	8th December 1971
Article 11	Higher maximum weekly rate of lesser incapacity allowance under the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(d)	22nd September 1971
Article 13	Expenses	20th September 1971

(d) 1966. c. 14 (N.I.).

Provisions of the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971 1	Subject Matter 2	Appointed Day 3
Article 14 and Schedule 5	<p>Minor and consequential amendments to the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(e), the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966, the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(f), the National Insurance &c. (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(g) and the National Insurance (Old Persons' and Widows' Pensions and Attendance Allowance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(h) in the case of—</p> <p>(a) unemployment, sickness and invalidity benefit</p> <p>(b) maternity allowance</p> <p>(c) widow's benefit, guardian's allowance, retirement pension, age addition and child's special allowance</p> <p>(d) attendance allowance</p> <p>Minor and consequential amendments to the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 in the case of—</p> <p>(a) injury benefit (including increases thereof) and increases of disablement pension in respect of children and adult dependants in the case of a beneficiary receiving, as an in-patient in a hospital or similar institution, medical treatment for the relevant injury or loss of faculty</p> <p>(b) disablement benefit (including increases of disablement pension other than those referred to in sub-paragraph (a))</p> <p>(c) adjustments under section 29(2) for successive accidents</p>	<p>23rd September 1971</p> <p>20th September 1971</p> <p>20th September 1971</p> <p>6th December 1971</p> <p>23rd September 1971</p> <p>22nd September 1971</p> <p>22nd September 1971</p>

(e) 1948. c. 23.

(f) 1966. c. 28 (N.I.).

(g) 1969. c. 19 (N.I.).

(h) 1970. c. 28 (N.I.).

Provisions of the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971 1	Subject Matter 2	Appointed Day 3
Article 15 Article 16(1) (<i>other than paragraphs (a) and (b)</i>) and (2) Article 16(3) and Schedule 6 Article 16(3) and Schedule 7	Minor and consequential amendments to the National Insurance (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 specified in— (a) paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 5 to the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971 (b) paragraph 8(2) of that Schedule	8th December 1971 22nd September 1971
	Payment of benefit to third party	26th July 1971
	Interpretation	26th July 1971
	Citation, extent, etc.	26th July 1971
	Commencement	26th July 1971
	Transitory provisions relating to— Article 2(3) Article 6(2) Article 8(2) Article 9	20th September 1971 23rd September 1971 26th July 1971 22nd September 1971
	Repeals affecting— the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966— section 42(1), (4) and (5)	20th September 1971
	the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966— section 15(2)	8th December 1971
	the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1967— section 1(1)(d)	20th September 1971
	the National Insurance &c. (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969— section 1(1) and (4) and Schedule 1	20th September 1971

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	section 2(1) and Schedule 2 in the case of—	
	(a) unemployment and sick- ness benefit	23rd September 1971
	(b) maternity allowance	20th September 1971
	(c) widow's benefit, guardian's allowance, retirement pension and child's special allowance	20th September 1971
	section 3(1) and (2)	20th September 1971
	section 5 and Schedule 4	20th September 1971
	section 6 and Schedule 5 in the case of—	
	(a) injury benefit (including increases thereof) and increases of disablement pension in respect of children and adult depen- dants in the case of a beneficiary receiving, as an in-patient in a hospital or similar institution, medical treatment for the relevant injury or loss of faculty	23rd September 1971
	(b) disablement benefit (including increases of disablement pension other than those referred to in sub-paragraph (a))	22nd September 1971
	(c) widow's pension; widower's pension and allowance in respect of children of deceased's family	20th September 1971
	the National Insurance (Old Persons' and Widows' Pensions and Attendance Allowance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1970—	
	section 1(2)(b)	20th September 1971
	section 7(1)	20th September 1971
	Schedule 2, paragraph 10	8th December 1971

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PENSIONS

**The Members' Contributory Pension (Northern Ireland) Fund
(Increase of Benefits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971**

ORDER*, DATED 23RD JUNE 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 14(3) OF THE MINISTERIAL SALARIES AND MEMBERS' PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

WHEREAS it appears from the Actuary's Report dated 21st December 1970 made under Schedule 2 to the Ministerial Salaries and Members' Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(a) (in this Order referred to as "the Act") that there is a surplus in the operation of the contributory pension scheme established by Part II of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 14(3) of the Act and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Members' Contributory Pension (Northern Ireland) Fund (Increase of Benefits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on the day following the day on which it is approved by a resolution of the House of Commons.

Increase of rates of benefit

2. All the rates of benefit under Part II of the Act shall in respect of any period after the date of the coming into operation of this Order be increased by one-fifth of the rates in force immediately before that date.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of June 1971.

(L.S.)

R. M. MacDonald,
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1965. c. 18 (N.I.).

*This Order was approved by a Resolution of the House of Commons on the 7th day of July 1971.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Government Actuary's Report on the House of Commons Members' Contributory Pension (Northern Ireland) Fund having shown that there is a surplus in the operation of the Fund, this Order increases by one-fifth, with effect from its coming into operation, all the rates of benefit under the scheme.