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The Ministry of Development, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 137 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following regulations:—

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Local Government (Compensation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"the Act" means the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972;

- "accrued pension", in relation to a pensionable officer who has suffered loss of employment, means—
 - (a) if his last relevant pension scheme provided benefits in which he had a right to participate, the pension to which he would have become entitled under that scheme according to the method of calculation (modified where necessary for the purpose of giving effect to these regulations) prescribed by that scheme if, at the date on which he ceased to be subject to that scheme, he had attained normal retiring age and complied with any requirement of that scheme as to a minimum period of qualifying service or contribution and completed any additional contributory payments or payments in respect of added years which he was in the course of making; and
 - (b) in any other case, such portion of the pension (if any) of which he had reasonable expectations as the compensating authority consider equitable, having regard to his age, the length of his employment at the date of loss and all the other circumstances of the case;
- "accrued retiring allowance", in relation to a pensionable officer who has suffered loss of employment, means—
 - (a) if his last relevant pension scheme provided benefits in which he had a right to participate, any lump sum payment to which he would have become entitled under that scheme according to the method of calculation (modified where necessary for the purpose of giving effect to these regulations) prescribed by that scheme, if, at the date on which he ceased to be subject to that scheme, he had attained normal retiring age and complied with any requirement of that scheme as to a minimum period of qualifying service or contribution and completed any additional contributory payments or payments in respect of added years which he was in the course of making; and

- (b) in any other case, such portion of the lump sum payment (if any) of which he had reasonable expectations as the compensating authority consider equitable, having regard to his age, the length of his employment at the date of loss and all the other circumstances of the case:
- "accrued incapacity pension" and "accrued incapacity retiring allowance" have the same respective meanings as "accrued pension" and "accrued
- retiring allowance" except that the reference to a person's attaining normal retiring age shall be construed as a reference to his becoming incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of his employment by reason of permanent ill-health or infirmity of mind or body;
- "added years" means any additional years reckonable by virtue of regulation 26 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1962(b) and includes any additional years which, having been granted thereunder or under any similar provision contained in any other enactment or scheme, have subsequently become reckonable under or by virtue of any enactment by an officer in relation to any such employment as is mentioned in paragraph (3) of regulation 18 of the said Regulations;
- "additional contributory payments" means any payment made for the purposes of regulation 22, paragraphs (3) and (4) of regulation 25 and regulations 27 and 28 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1962;
- "area board" means an Education and Library Board established under Article 3 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(c) or a Health and Social Services Board established under Article 16 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(d);
- "compensating authority", except as provided in Part VIII, means—
 - (a) in the case of any person or class of persons who suffers loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments which is attributable to the provisions of any Order under the Act, the authority to whose employment the person or class of persons was transferred by the Order; and
 - (b) in any other case, such authority or other body as the Ministry may determine;
- "compensation question" means a question arising under these regulations—
 - (a) as to a person's entitlement to compensation for loss of employment, or for loss or diminution of emoluments; or
 - (b) as to the manner of a person's employment or the comparability of his duties;
- "contributory employee", "contributing service", "non-contributing service", "local Act contributor" and "local Act scheme" have the same meaning as in the Local Government Superannuation Act 1937(e);
- "emoluments" means all salary, wages, fees and other payments paid or made to an officer as such for his own use, and also the money value of any accommodation or other allowances in kind appertaining to his employment, but does not include payments for overtime which are

⁽b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 210. (c) S.I. 1972, No. 1263 (N.I. 12).

⁽d) S.I. 1972, No. 1265 (N.I. 14). (e) 1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6 c. 68.

- not a usual incident of his employment, or any allowances payable to him to cover the cost of providing office accommodation or clerical or other assistance, or any travelling or subsistence allowance or other moneys to be spent, or to cover expenses incurred by him for the purposes of his employment; and
- (a) where fees or other variable payments were paid to an officer as part of his emoluments during any period immediately preceding the loss or diminution, the amount in respect of fees or other variable payments to be included in the annual rate of emoluments shall be the annual average of the fees or other payments paid to him during the period of five years immediately preceding the loss or diminution, or such other period as the compensating authority may think reasonable in the circumstances;
- (b) for the purposes of these regulations the annual rate of emoluments in relation to any employment which has been lost or the emoluments whereof have been lost or diminished shall be calculated as follows—
 - (i) in the case of emoluments payable monthly, the emoluments payable in respect of the last complete month immediately preceding the loss or diminution multiplied by twelve; and
 - (ii) in the case of emoluments payable weekly, the average of the emoluments payable in respect of the last 12 complete weeks immediately preceding the loss or diminution multiplied by fifty-two and one-seventh;
- "existing local authority" has the meaning given in section 131(4) of the Act;
- "last relevant pension scheme", in relation to a pensionable officer, means a pension scheme to which he was subject immediately before suffering loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments;
- "long-term compensation" means compensation payable in accordance with the provisions of Part IV for loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments;
- "material date", except as provided in Part VIII, in relation to any person who has suffered loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments, means the date on which the Order made under section 134 of the Act to which such loss or diminution was attributable was made or such other date or dates as may be specified in the Order in relation to him for all or any of the purposes of these regulations;
- "minimum pensionable age" means, in relation to a pensionable officer, the earliest age at which, under his last relevant pension scheme, he could have become entitled to receive payment of a pension, other than a pension payable in consequence of his redundancy or the termination of his employment in the interests of efficiency or his incapacity to discharge efficiently the duties of his employment by reason of permanent ill-health or infirmity of mind or body;
- "normal retiring age" means, in the case of a pensionable officer to whom an age of compulsory retirement applied by virtue of any enactment to which he was subject in the employment which he has lost or the emoluments of which have been diminished or by virtue of the conditions of that employment, that age, and in any other case, the age of sixty-five if the officer is a male, or sixty if the officer is a female;

- "officer" includes the holder of any place, situation or employment;
- "pensionable officer", in relation to a person who has suffered loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments, means a person who immediately before such loss or diminution was subject to a pension scheme;
- "pension scheme", in relation to a pensionable officer, means any form of arrangement associated with his employment for the payment of superannuation benefits, whether subsisting by virtue of Act of Parliament, trust, contract or otherwise other than benefits payable under any Act relating to National Insurance;
- "reckonable service", in relation to a person, means any period of wholetime or part-time employment in any relevant employment and includes any period of war service undertaken on his ceasing to hold such an employment;
- "relevant employment" means, subject to paragraph (2), employment—
 - (a) under the Crown or in the service of an existing local authority in Northern Ireland, or
 - (b) by any authority or body for the purposes of the Crown or of local government in Northern Ireland, or
 - (c) under any officer employed as mentioned in either of the foregoing paragraphs of this definition for the purposes of the functions of the employing authority or body, or
 - (d) preceding any of the foregoing employments which was reckonable for the purposes of any pension scheme associated with the employment which has been lost, or
 - (e) in such other service as the Ministry may, in the case of any named officer, approve;
- "resettlement compensation" means compensation payable in accordance with Part III for loss of employment;
- "retirement compensation" means compensation payable in accordance with the provisions of regulations 17, 18 and 19.
- "tribunal" means a tribunal established under section 13 of the Industrial Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1964(f);
- "war service" means war service within the meaning of the Local Government Staffs (War Service) Act (Northern Ireland) 1939(g) or employment for war purposes within the meaning of the Superannuation Schemes (War Service) Act (Northern Ireland) 1941(h) and includes any period of service in the First World War in the armed forces of the Crown or in the forces of the Allied or Associated Powers if that service immediately followed a period of relevant employment and was undertaken either compulsorily or with the permission of the employer in that employment.
- (2) The expression "relevant employment" shall not include service in the armed forces of the Crown.
- (3)(a) Where under any provision of these regulations an annual value is to be assigned to a capital sum or a capital value to an annual amount, the annual or capital value shall be ascertained in accordance with the tables set out in the Schedule insofar as they provide for the particular case.

⁽f) 1964. c. 18 (N.I.).

⁽h) 5 & 6 Geo. 6. c. 6 (N.I.).

- (b) Where the said tables do not provide for a case in which an annual value is to be assigned to a capital sum or a capital value to an annual amount, the annual or capital value shall be the value as may be agreed between the compensating authority and the person to whom the capital sum or annual amount is payable; and
- (c) For the purpose of determining the application of the said tables the headings and the note to each table shall be treated as part of the table.

PART II

ENTITLEMENT TO COMPENSATION

Persons to whom the regulations apply

- 3.—(1) These regulations shall (except as provided in paragraph (2)) apply to any person—
 - (a) who was employed immediately before the material date, for the whole or for part only of his time, as an officer of an existing local authority or under such an officer for the purposes of the functions of the existing local authority; or
 - (b) who was employed immediately before the material date, for the whole or part only of his time, as an officer of a body or association representative of existing local authorities.
- (2) These regulations shall not apply to any person who has become entitled to the benefit of the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1973(i) and of any regulations made under that Order.

Grounds of entitlement to compensation

4. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, any person to whom these regulations apply and who suffers loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments which is attributable to any provision of an Order made under section 134 of the Act shall be entitled to have his case considered for the payment of compensation under these regulations; and such compensation shall be determined in accordance with these regulations.

PART III

RESETTLEMENT COMPENSATION

Resettlement compensation for loss of employment

5. The compensating authority shall, subject to the provisions of these regulations, pay resettlement compensation to any person to whom these regulations apply and who satisfies the conditions set out in regulation 6.

Conditions for payment of resettlement compensation

- 6.—(1) Without prejudice to any other requirement of these regulations, the conditions for the payment of resettlement compensation to any person are that—
 - (a) he has suffered loss of employment attributable to the provisions of any Order mentioned in regulation 4 on or after the material date but not later than ten years after the material date;

- (b) he had not at the date of the loss attained normal retiring age;
- (c) he had been for a period of two years immediately before the material date continuously engaged (disregarding breaks not exceeding in the aggregate six months) for the whole or part of his time in relevant employment;
- (d) he has made a claim for such compensation in accordance with the provisions of Part VII not later than thirteen weeks after the loss of employment which is the cause of his claim, or thirteen weeks after the coming into operation of these regulations, whichever is the later, or within such longer period as the compensating authority may allow in any particular case where they are satisfied that the delay in making the claim was due to ill health or other circumstances beyond the claimant's control;
- (e) the loss of employment which is the cause of his claim has occurred for some reason other than misconduct or incapacity to perform such duties as, immediately before the loss, he was performing or might reasonably have been required to perform;
- (f) he has not, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), been offered any reasonably comparable employment under the Crown or in the service of an area board or of a district council; and
- (g) he has not, subject to paragraph (3), been offered any suitable employment in the service of a district council, such employment being at the same place or in the same locality as that where he was employed immediately before the loss.
- (2) In ascertaining for the purposes of this regulation whether a person has been offered employment which is reasonably comparable with the employment which he has lost, no account shall be taken of the fact that the duties of the employment offered are in relation to a different service from that in connection with which his employment was held or are duties which involve a transfer of his employment from one place to another within Northern Ireland.
- (3) No account shall be taken for the purposes of this regulation of an offer of employment where the compensating authority are satisfied—
 - (a) that acceptance would have involved undue hardship to the person, or
 - (b) that he was prevented from accepting the offer by reason of ill-health or other circumstances beyond his control.

Amount of resettlement compensation

- 7.—(1) The amount of resettlement compensation which may be paid to a person shall be the amount described in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) whichever is the greater—
 - (a) subject to the provisions of paragraph (2), an amount equal to thirteen weeks' emoluments and, in the case of a person who has attained the age of 45, one additional week's emoluments for every year after attaining the age of 45 and before the loss of employment, subject to a maximum addition of thirteen such weeks;
 - (b) subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) and regulation 36(2) an amount equal to—
 - (i) one and one-half week's emoluments for each completed year of reckonable service in which the person was not below the age of 41;

- (ii) one week's emoluments for each completed year of reckonable service (not falling within (i) of this sub-paragraph) in which the person was not below the age of 22, and
- (iii) one-half week's emoluments for each completed year of reckonable service not falling within either (i) or (ii) of this sub-paragraph.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), if the loss of employment takes place within three years of the date on which he would have attained minimum pensionable age, the amount shall be reduced by the fraction of which
 - (i) the denominator is six, and
 - (ii) the numerator is the number of complete periods of six months in the period commencing with the date three years before that on which he would have attained minimum pensionable age and ending on the date of loss of employment;

but the amount payable to a person who, on the material date, has not been continuously engaged in relevant employment as described in regulation 10(1)(c) shall not by this paragraph be reduced to less than the equivalent of thirteen weeks' emoluments.

- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b)—
- (i) in the case of a person who has completed more than twenty years' reckonable service, only the period of twenty years immediately prior to the loss of employment shall be taken into account, and
- (ii) if the loss of employment takes place after attaining the age of 64 in the case of a man and after attaining the age of 59 in the case of a woman, the amount shall be reduced by the fraction of which the denominator is 12 and of which the numerator is the number of whole months in the period commencing with the date on which the person attained the age of 64 or 59, as the case may be, and ending with the date of loss of employment.
- (4) For the purposes of this regulation the weekly rate of a person's emoluments shall be deemed to be seven three hundred and sixty-fifths of those emoluments.

Adjustment of resettlement compensation

- 8. A person who is entitled to-
- (a) a redundancy payment under the Contracts of Employment and Redundancy Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(j), or
- (b) any similar payment in consequence of the loss of his employment under any other enactment or under any contract or arrangement with the authority by whom he was employed (other than payments by way of a return of contributions under a pension scheme), or
- (c) any payment under or by virtue of the provisions of any enactment relating to the reinstatement in civil employment of persons who have been in the service of the Crown,

shall--

(i) if the amount of any resettlement compensation that would, apart from this regulation, be payable exceeds the payment or payments specified in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c), be entitled to resettlement compensation equal to that excess, or

(ii) if the amount of any resettlement compensation that would apart from this regulation be payable is equal to or less than the payment or payments specified in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) or (c), not be entitled to resettlement compensation,

PART IV

LONG-TERM COMPENSATION

Long-term compensation for loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments

9. The compensating authority shall, subject to the provisions of these regulations pay long-term compensation to any person to whom these regulations apply and who satisfies the conditions set out in regulation 10.

Conditions for payment of long-term compensation

- 10.—(1) Without prejudice to any other requirement of these regulations, the conditions for the payment of long-term compensation to any person are that—
 - (a) he has suffered loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments attributable to the provisions of any Order as mentioned in regulation 4 not later than ten years after the material date;
 - (b) he had not, save as is provided in regulation 25, at the date of the loss or diminution attained normal retiring age;
 - (c) he had been, for a period of not less than five years immediately before the material date, continuously engaged (without a break of more than twelve months at any one time) for the whole or part of his time in relevant employment;
 - (d) he has made a claim for such compensation in accordance with the provisions of Part VII of these regulations not later than two years after the loss or diminution which is the cause of the claim or two years after the coming into operation of these regulations whichever is the later; and
 - (e) if the cause of the claim for compensation is loss of employment—
 - (i) the loss has occurred for some reason other than misconduct or incapacity to perform such duties as, immediately before the loss, he was performing or might reasonably have been required to perform; and
 - (ii) he has not been offered any reasonably comparable employment under the Crown or in the service of an area board or of a district council.
- (2) Regulation 6(2) and (3) (which relate to offers of employment) shall apply for the purposes of this regulation in ascertaining whether a person has been offered reasonably comparable employment.
- (3) Claims for long-term compensation for loss of employment shall in all respects be treated as claims for such compensation for the loss of emoluments occasioned thereby and the provisions of these regulations shall apply to all such claims accordingly.

Factors to be considered in determining payment of long-term compensation 11.—(1) For the purpose of determining whether long-term compensation for loss or diminution of emoluments should be paid to any person and, if

so, the amount of the compensation (subject to the limits set out in these regulations) the compensating authority shall have regard to such of the following factors as may be relevant, that is to say—

- (a) the conditions upon which the person held the employment which he has lost, including in particular its security of tenure, whether by law or practice;
- (b) the emoluments and other conditions, including security of tenure, whether by law or practice, of any work or employment undertaken by the person as a result of the loss of employment;
- (c) the extent to which he has sought suitable employment and the emoluments which he might have acquired by accepting other suitable employment offered to him; and
- (d) all the other circumstances of his case:

Provided that no account shall be taken of the fact that he entered the employment which he has lost or the emoluments of which have been diminished after—

- (i) 17th November 1971, where the loss or diminution was attributable to any provision of the Act, or
- (ii) after the making of any Order under the Act, where the loss or diminution was attributable to any provisions of that Order.
- (2) In ascertaining for the purposes of paragraph (1)(b) and (1)(c) the emoluments in respect of any work or employment that gives the employee or his widow, child or other dependant the right to benefit under a pension scheme under which the employee is not under an obligation to pay contributions, the amount of emoluments shall be increased by the amount of contributions which the employee would have to pay to secure equivalent benefits under a pension scheme in respect of which both the employer and the employee are under an obligation to pay equal contributions.
- (3) In ascertaining for the purposes of paragraph (1)(c) whether a person has been offered suitable employment, regulation 6(2) and (3) shall apply as they apply for the purpose of ascertaining whether employment is reasonably comparable with employment which has been lost.

Amount of long-term compensation payable for loss of emoluments

- 12.—(1) Long-term compensation for loss of emoluments shall, subject to the provisions of these regulations, be payable until the normal retiring age or death of a person to whom it is payable, whichever first occurs, and shall not exceed a maximum annual sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (2), (3) and (4).
- (2) The said maximum annual sum shall, subject to the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) and regulation 36(2), be the aggregate of the following sums, namely—
 - (a) for every year of the person's reckonable service, one-sixtieth of the emoluments which he has lost; and
 - (b) in the case of a person who has attained the age of forty years at the date of the loss, a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3) appropriate to his age at that date, but the said maximum annual sum shall in no case exceed two-thirds of the emoluments which the person has lost.

- (3) The sum referred to in paragraph (2)(b) shall be—
- (a) in the case of a person who has attained the age of forty years but has not attained the age of fifty years at the loss, the following fraction of the emoluments which he has lost—
 - (i) where his reckonable service is less than ten years, one-sixtieth for each year of such service after attaining the age of forty years; or
 - (ii) where his reckonable service amounts to ten years but is less than fifteen years, one-sixtieth for each year of such service after attaining the age of forty years and one additional sixtieth; or
 - (iii) where his reckonable service amounts to fifteen years but is less than twenty years, one-sixtieth for each year of such service after attaining the age of forty years and two additional sixtieths; or
 - (iv) where his reckonable service amounts to twenty years or more, onesixtieth for each year of such service after attaining the age of forty years and three additional sixtieths;

but the sum so calculated shall not in any case exceed one-sixth of the said emoluments:

- (b) in the case of a person who has attained the age of fifty years but has not attained the age of sixty years at the date of the loss, one-sixtieth of the said emoluments for each year of his reckonable service after attaining the age of forty years, up to a maximum of fifteen such years; and
- (c) in the case of a person who has attained the age of sixty years at the date of the loss, one-sixtieth of the said emoluments for each year of his reckonable service after attaining the age of forty-five years.
- (4) Where a person has become entitled (whether immediately or prospectively on attaining some greater age) to a superannuation benefit by way of annual amounts under a pension scheme associated with the employment which he has lost, the maximum annual sum referred to in paragraph (1) shall be the maximum sum calculated under paragraphs (2) and (3) as if he had not become so entitled.
- (5) The amount of long-term compensation, which apart from this paragraph would become payable to a person, shall be reduced by the amount by which the aggregate of—
 - (a) the emoluments of any work or employment undertaken by him as a result of the loss of employment,
 - (b) any superannuation benefits being received by him, and
 - (c) the long-term compensation that would but for this paragraph be paid, exceeds the emoluments of the employment which has been lost.
- (6) Long-term compensation shall be payable to a person at intervals equivalent to those at which the emoluments of his employment were previously paid or at such other intervals as may be agreed between the person and the compensating authority.

Long-term compensation for diminution of emoluments

13.—(1) Long-term compensation for diminution of emoluments in respect of any employment shall, subject to the provisions of these regulations consist of an annual sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2).

- (2) The said annual sum shall not exceed such sum as would be the annual sum under the provisions of regulation 12(1) to (5) inclusive calculated on the assumptions—
 - (a) that there was a loss of employment, and
 - (b) that emoluments after diminution were emoluments of any work or employment undertaken as a result of a loss of employment within the meaning of regulation 11(1)(b).
- (3) Long-term compensation for diminution of emoluments shall be payable to a person at intervals equivalent to those at which the emoluments of his employment are or were previously paid or at such other intervals as may be agreed between the person and the compensating authority.

Period during which long-term compensation is to be payable

- 14.—(1) Long-term compensation shall be payable with effect from the date of the claim or from any earlier date permitted by the succeeding provisions of this regulation.
- (2) Where a claim for long-term compensation is duly made within thirteen weeks of the occurrence of the loss or diminution which is the cause of the claim, the award shall be made retrospective to the date on which the loss or diminution occurred.
- (3) Where a claim for long-term compensation is made after the expiry of the period mentioned in paragraph (2), the award may, at the discretion of the compensating authority, be made retrospective to a date not earlier than thirteen weeks prior to the date on which the claim was made:

Provided that if the compensating authority are satisfied that the failure to make the claim within the period mentioned in paragraph (2) was due to ill-health or other circumstances beyond the claimant's control, the award may be made retrospective to a date not earlier than that on which the loss or diminution occurred.

(4) Long-term compensation shall not be payable to a person for any period in respect of which compensation under Part V is payable to him.

PART V

RETIREMENT COMPENSATION AND PAYMENTS ON DEATH

Entitlement to retirement compensation and other payments

- 15.—(1) The compensating authority shall, subject to the provisions of these regulations, pay retirement compensation to any person to whom this part of these regulations applies, and shall make the other payments for which provision is made in regulations 22 to 26.
- (2) Save as is provided in regulation 25 this Part applies to a pensionable officer who satisfies the conditions set out in regulation 10.
- (3) Regulation 11 shall apply in relation to compensation under this part of these regulations as it applies in relation to compensation under Part IV.

Additional factors governing payment of retirement compensation

16.—(1) Where retirement compensation is payable under any one of regulations 17, 18 and 19, such compensation shall not be payable under any other of those regulations.

- (2) If a person has attained the age of forty years at the date on which he lost his employment or suffered a diminution of his emoluments, the compensating authority, in calculating the amount of the retirement compensation payable to him, shall credit him with an additional period of service on the following basis, namely—
 - (a) two years, whether or not he has completed any years of service after attaining the age of forty years; and
 - (b) two years for each of the first four completed years of his reckonable service between the date when he attained the age of forty years and the date of the loss or diminution; and
- (c) one year for each year of his reckonable service after the fourth, but the additional period so credited shall not exceed the shortest of the following periods, namely—
 - (i) such number of years as, when added to his pensionable service, would amount to the maximum period of service which would have been reckonable by him had he continued in his employment until attaining normal retiring age; or
 - (ii) the period of his reckonable service; or
 - (iii) fifteen years;
- and in calculating the amount of any retirement compensation payable to the person any period so added shall be aggregated with any period entailing reduction of the relevant pension or retiring allowance because of a retirement pension payable under section 29 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(k).
- (3) The benefit in respect of the additional period described in paragraph (2) shall be calculated at the same rate as is applicable for the day immediately preceding the loss or diminution.
- (4) When retirement compensation is awarded, or when an award is reviewed under regulation 31, the additional compensation payable in consequence of any period credited to a person under paragraph (2) may be reduced or withheld to such extent as the compensating authority may think reasonable having regard to the pension scheme (if any) associated with any further employment obtained by him.
- (5) If under his last relevant pension scheme the amount of any benefit to which a person might have become entitled could have been increased at the discretion of the authority administering the pension scheme or of any other body, the compensating authority may increase, to an extent not exceeding that to which his accrued pension, accrued retiring allowance, accrued incapacity pension or accrued incapacity retiring allowance might have been increased or supplemented, the corresponding component of any retirement compensation payable to him; and in this connection the compensating authority shall have regard to the terms of any relevant resolutions of the authority or body with regard to the increase of benefits and to the provisions of any enactment protecting the interests of that person.
- (6) If under his last relevant pension scheme a person would have been entitled to surrender a proportion of any pension which might have become become payable to him in favour of his spouse or any dependant, then, if he so desires and informs the compensating authority by notice in writing accordingly within one month after becoming entitled to retirement compensation under these regulations, he may surrender a proportion of so much of

the said compensation as is payable by way of an annual sum on the like terms and conditions and in consideration of the like payments by the compensating authority as if the said annual sum were a pension to which he had become entitled under the said pension scheme.

(7) In calculating for the purpose of regulations 17 or 18 the amount of the annual sum which is equal to a person's accrued pension, no account shall be taken of any reduction falling to be made in that pension by reason of the provisions of any Act relating to National Insurance until the person reaches the age at which under his last relevant pension scheme the pension would have been so reduced.

Retirement compensation for loss of emoluments payable to pensionable officer on attainment of normal retiring age

- . 17.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, when a person to whom this part of these regulations applies reaches normal retiring age, the retirement compensation payable to him for loss of emoluments shall be—
 - (a) an annual sum equal to the amount of his accrued pension, and
 - (b) a lump sum equal to the amount of his accrued retiring allowance (if any).
- (2) No compensation shall be payable under this regulation if the person has continued to pay superannuation contributions as if he had suffered no loss of emoluments.

Retirement compensation payable to pensionable officer on his becoming incapacitated or reaching minimum pensionable age

- 18.—(1) Where a person to whom this part of these regulations applies and who has suffered loss of employment before attaining what would have been his normal retiring age—
 - (a) becomes incapacitated in circumstances in which, if he had continued in the employment which he has lost, he would have become entitled to a pension under his last relevant pension scheme; or
 - (b) attains the age which, had he continued to serve in the employment which he has lost, would have been his minimum pensionable age,

he shall be entitled on the happening of either event to claim—

- (i) in the case mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) an annual sum equal to the amount of his accrued incapacity pension and a lump sum equal to the amount of his accrued incapacity retiring allowance (if any), and
- (ii) in the case mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) an annual sum equal to the amount of his accrued pension and a lump sum equal to the amount of his accrued retiring allowance (if any),

subject however to the conditions specified in paragraph (5).

- (2) On receipt of a claim under paragraph (1) the compensating authority shall consider whether the claimant is a person to whom that paragraph applies, and within thirteen weeks after the date of the receipt of the claim—
 - (a) if they are satisfied that he is not such a person, they shall notify him in writing accordingly, or
 - (b) if they are satisfied that he is such a person, they shall assess the amount of compensation payable to him and notify him in writing accordingly;

and any such notification shall, for the purposes of these regulations, be deemed to be a notification by the authority of a decision on a claim for compensation.

- (3) A compensating authority may require any person who makes a claim under paragraph (1)(a) to submit himself to a medical examination by a registered medical practitioner selected by that authority, and if they do so, they shall also offer the person an opportunity of submitting a report from his own medical adviser as a result of an examination by him, and the authority shall take that report into consideration together with the report of the medical practitioner selected by them.
- (4) If a person wishes to receive compensation under this regulation, he shall so inform the compensating authority in writing within one month from the receipt of a notification under paragraph (2) or, where the claim has been subject of an appeal, from the decision of the tribunal thereon; and the compensation shall be payable as from the date on which the compensating authority received the claim.
- (5) The calculation of compensation under this regulation shall be subject to the following conditions:—
 - (a) Where the compensating authority, by virtue of regulation 16, have credited the person with an additional period of service, no account shall be taken of any additional period beyond the period which he could have served, had he not lost his employment, before the date on which the claim was received by the compensating authority;
 - (b) if, by reason of any provision of the relevant pension scheme for a minimum benefit, the amount of any such pension or retiring allowance is in excess of that attributable to the person's actual service, no account shall be taken of any such additional service except to the extent (if any) by which they exceed the number of years represented by the difference between his actual service and the period by reference to which the minimum benefit has been calculated; and
 - (c) if the number of years by reference to which an accrued incapacity pension or accrued incapacity retiring allowance is to be calculated is less than any minimum number of years of qualifying service prescribed by the relevant pension scheme, the amount of such pension or retiring allowance shall, notwithstanding any minimum benefit prescribed by the pension scheme, not exceed such proportion of such minimum benefit as the number of years of pensionable service bears to the minimum number of years of qualifying service.

Retirement compensation for diminution of emoluments

- 19.—(1) A person to whom this part of these regulations applies and who has suffered a diminution of his emoluments shall be entitled to receive retirement compensation in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.
- (2) The provisions of regulations 17 and 18 shall apply to any such person as if he had suffered loss of employment immediately before the diminution occurred; but the amount of retirement compensation payable shall be the amount which would have been payable in respect of loss of employment multiplied by a fraction of which—
 - (a) the numerator is the amount by which his emoluments have been diminished; and

- (b) the denominator is the amount of his emoluments immediately before they were diminished;
- and for the purposes of this calculation no account shall be taken of any reduction which might otherwise fall to be made in the accrued pension or accrued incapacity pension because of a retirement pension payable under section 29 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966.
- (3) No compensation shall be payable under this regulation if the person has continued to pay superannuation contributions as if his emoluments had not been diminished.

Superannuation contributions

- 20.—(1) A person entitled to retirement compensation under regulation 17 or 18 shall pay an amount equal to any sum which was paid to him by way of return of superannuation contributions, including any interest, after ceasing to be employed—
 - (a) if the provisions of his last relevant pension scheme enable him to be credited with benefits attributable to that sum, to the fund authority,
 - (b) in any other case, to the compensating authority.
- (2) If the person does not pay as specified in paragraph (1), his retirement compensation shall be reduced by an annual amount the capital value of which is equal to the amount of the said superannuation contributions.
- (3) For the purposes of this regulation the expression "superannuation contributions" shall include payments made by the person in respect of added years and any additional contributory payments made by him.
- (4) Any sums paid to a compensating authority under this regulation in respect of returned contributions shall be applied for the payment of compensation which the authority is liable to pay under this part of these regulations.

Retirement compensation of a person who obtains further pensionable employment

- 21.—(1) Where a person to whom this part of these regulations applies, after suffering loss of employment or diminution of emoluments, enters employment in which he is subject to a pension scheme and thereafter becomes entitled to reckon for the purposes of that scheme any service or period of contribution which falls to be taken into account for the purpose of assessing the amount of any retirement compensation payable to him, his entitlement to retirement compensation shall be reviewed and, subject to the provisions of this regulation, no retirement compensation shall be payable in respect of such service or period unless the annual rate of the emoluments to which he was entitled immediately before the loss or diminution exceeds the annual rate on entry of the emoluments of the new employment, and any retirement compensation so payable to him shall, insofar as it is calculated by reference to remuneration, be calculated by reference to the difference between the said annual rates.
 - (2) If on entering new employment, a person described in paragraph (1)—
 - (a) becomes a contributory employee or local Act contributor; and
 - (b) becomes entitled to reckon as non-contributing service, or as service at half-length for purposes of a local Act scheme, any service or

period of contribution which immediately before the loss of employment or the diminution of emoluments was reckonable as contributing service or a period of contribution,

one-half of that service or period shall not be subject to the provisions of paragraph (1).

- (3) The provisions of this regulation shall not operate to increase the amount of any retirement compensation payable in respect of diminution of emoluments beyond the amount which would have been payable if the person had attained normal retiring age immediately before he ceased to hold the employment in which he suffered the diminution of emoluments.
- (4) No retirement compensation shall be payable in the circumstances mentioned in this regulation if the person has continued to pay superannuation contributions as if his emoluments had not been diminished.

Compensation payable to widow or dependant of a claimant

- 22.—(1) Where a person to whom this part of these regulations applies dies, payments in accordance with this regulation and regulations 23 and 24 shall be made to or for the benefit of his widow, child or other dependant or to his personal representatives or, as the case may be, to trustees empowered by him to stand possessed of any benefit under his last relevant pension scheme.
- (2) Where the last relevant pension scheme of that person provides for a prescribed proportion, if his widow, child or other dependant has become or, but for the loss of his employment, would have become entitled to a pension under his last relevant pension scheme, the widow, child or other dependant, as the case may be, shall be entitled to receive—
 - (a) in a case where retirement compensation was payable to the person under regulations 17 or 18 immediately before his death, compensation equal to the prescribed proportion of that retirement compensation, or
 - (b) in a case where the person dies before becoming entitled to receive retirement compensation under regulations 17 or 18—
 - (i) for the period during which the pension would have been a proportion of the person's pensionable remuneration, the prescribed proportion of the long-term compensation which was payable to him under regulation 12 or if that compensation was by these regulations subject to reduction, the compensation that would have been payable but for that reduction, and
 - (ii) for the period during which the pension would have been a proportion of the person's pension, the prescribed proportion of the compensation which he would have received under regulation 18 had he become entitled thereto immediately before his death.
- (3) Where the last relevant pension scheme of that person does not provide for a prescribed proportion, subject to the provisions of paragraph (4), the widow, child or other dependant, as the case may be, shall be entitled to receive an annual sum equal to the annual amount of the pension to which the widow, child or other dependant would have become entitled if he had died immediately before the date on which he suffered the loss of employment, having then complied with any requirements of the last relevant pension scheme as to a minimum period of qualifying service or contribution and completed any additional contributory payments or payments in respect of added years which he was then in the course of making.

- (4) The calculation referred to in paragraph (3) shall be made on the basis of the method prescribed by the last relevant pension scheme of the person in question for the calculation of benefits for a widow, child or other dependant and insofar as the age at which he died is relevant for the purposes of the said calculation, the calculation shall be made by reference to his age at the date of death.
- (5) Any sums payable to or for the benefit of a widow, child or other dependant under this regulation shall cease to be payable when a corresponding pension under the last relevant pension scheme would have ceased to be payable; and where that scheme provides for payment of the pension to any person on behalf of a child or other dependant, any sum payable under this regulation to a child or other dependant shall be paid to that person on behalf of the child or dependant in the like manner and for the like period as is provided in the pension scheme.
- (6) Except where the compensation has been reduced under regulation 20, compensation payable under this regulation and regulation 23 shall in the aggregate be reduced by an amount the capital value whereof is equal to the amount of any superannuation contributions as defined in regulation 20(3) returned to the person in respect of whom the compensation is payable and not paid to the compensating authority, the compensation under each of those regulations being reduced in proportion to the capital value of each amount.
 - (7) If the person in question suffered a diminution of emoluments, then—
 - (a) where his last relevant pension scheme provides for a prescribed proportion, the provisions of paragraph (2) shall apply with the substitution of references to diminution of emoluments for references to loss of employment, and the sums payable to his widow, child or other dependant shall be calculated, as if he suffered loss of employment and if the loss of emoluments occasioned thereby had been equivalent to the amount of the diminution; but no sum shall be payable under this sub-paragraph if the person has continued to pay superannuation contributions as if his emoluments had not been diminished; and
 - (b) where the scheme does not provide for a prescribed proportion, the provisions of paragraph (3) and of regulation 29(3)(a) shall apply with the substitution of references to diminution of emoluments for the references to loss of employment and of a reference to employment in which he has suffered such a diminution for the reference to employment which he has lost.
- (8) For the purpose of paragraph (2)(b)(i), "prescribed proportion" means the proportion which, by the provisions contained in the last relevant pension scheme of a person to whom Part IV applies, the pension payable to his widow, child or other dependant is to bear to that person's pensionable remuneration immediately before his death; and for all other purposes of this regulation, "prescribed proportion" means the proportion which, by the provisions contained in the last relevant pension scheme of a person to whom this part of these regulations applies, the pension payable to his widow, child or other dependant is to bear to that person's pension.

Compensation where death grant or gratuity would have been payable

23.—(1) If the widow, the personal representatives of a person to whom this part of these regulations applies or trustees empowered by such a person

to stand possessed of any benefit under his last relevant pension scheme, might have become entitled to a death grant or gratuity under that scheme, she or they, as the case may be, shall be entitled to receive a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of regulation 22(7) and paragraph (2) of this regulation.

- (2) The amount of the sum referred to in paragraph (1) shall be ascertained in accordance with the method of calculation prescribed by the last relevant pension scheme for the ascertainment of death grant or gratuity as if the person had died immediately before losing his employment, subject to the following modifications:—
 - (a) Account shall be taken of any additional period of service credited to him under regulation 16(2)—
 - (i) in the case of a person who had been in receipt of retirement compensation under regulation 18, to the extent of the period between the loss of employment and the date of the claim made under that regulation; and
 - (ii) in any other case, to the extent of the period between the loss of employment and the person's death;
 - (b) if the aggregate of the person's pensionable service and the additional period under regulation 16(2) is less than the minimum period of qualifying service prescribed by the pension scheme for the receipt of a death grant or gratuity, the said sum shall not exceed the proportion of the death grant or gratuity calculated as aforesaid as the aggregate service bears to the minimum period of qualifying service prescribed by the pension scheme; and
 - (c) there shall be deducted from such sum the amount of any retirement compensation paid to the person under regulation 17 or 18, or where any part of the compensation has been surrendered under regulation 16(6), the amount which would have been so paid but for such a surrender.
- (3) In calculating a death grant or gratuity under this regulation, any sum payable under regulation 22(2) or (7)(a) to or for the benefit of the widow, child or other dependant shall be deemed to be a pension payable to or for the benefit of the widow, child or dependant, as the case may be.
- (4) This regulation shall apply in the case of a person who has suffered a diminution of emoluments with the substitution of reference to diminution of emoluments for references to loss of employment, and the sum payable to the widow, personal representatives or trustees of such a person shall be calculated as if he had lost emoluments equivalent to the amount of the diminution; but no sum shall be payable under this paragraph if the person has continued to pay superannuation contributions as if his emoluments had not been diminished.

Balances payable to claimant's widow or personal representatives

24.—(1) If no sum is payable to the widow, child or other dependant of any person under regulation 22(2) or (7)(a) and no sum is payable under regulation 23 and the person dies before he has received in the aggregate by way of retirement compensation a sum equivalent to the amount of any contributions repaid by him under regulation 20, together with compound interest thereon calculated—

- (a) at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum with half-yearly rests up to the date of his death as from the 1st April or 1st October following the half-year in which the amount was paid, or
- (b) in such other manner as may be provided by the last relevant pension scheme (whichever calculation gives the greater amount) there shall be paid to his personal representative the difference between the aggregate amount received by way of retirement compensation as aforesaid and the said equivalent sum.
- (2) If any sums become payable to a widow under regulation 22(2) or (7)(a) and on her remarriage or death those sums cease to be payable, and any sum payable to a child or other dependant under either of those paragraphs has ceased to be payable, and if the aggregate amount of the payments which were made as aforesaid to her husband by way of retirement compensation and to the widow or personal representatives or trustees under regulation 23 is less than a sum equivalent to the amount which would have been payable to the personal representatives under that regulation if no sum had been payable under either of the said paragraphs (2) or (7)(a), there shall be paid to her or her personal representatives the difference between such aggregate amount and the said equivalent sum.
- (3) For the purpose of this regulation a person who has surrendered any part of his retirement compensation under regulation 16(6) shall be deemed to have received during any period the amount of compensation for that period which he would have received but for such a surrender.

Compensation payable to non-pensionable officer on reaching retiring age

- 25.—(1) Where a person who is not a pensionable officer is receiving long-term compensation for loss of employment and attains retiring age, the compensating authority may, if satisfied that the person would, but for the loss, have continued in the employment he has lost for a substantial period beyond that age, continue to pay compensation to him for the remainder of his life at half its former rate.
- (2) Where a person who is not a pensionable officer suffers loss of employment on or after attaining normal retiring age, the compensating authority may, if satisfied that the person would in the normal course have continued in the employment he has lost for a further substantial period, pay compensation to him for the remainder of his life at half the rate to which he would have been entitled under regulation 12 had he not attained normal retiring age at the date on which he lost his employment.

Persons subject to policy schemes

- 26.—(1) Regulations 17, 18, 19 and 23 shall not apply to a person (in this regulation referred to as a "policy scheme participant") who had been participating in a scheme associated with his employment for providing superannuation benefits by means of contracts or policies of insurance, and who, after the loss of his employment or the diminution of his emoluments, continued to participate in that scheme, or became entitled to a benefit or prospective benefit thereunder other than a return of contributions.
- (2) If a policy scheme participant has lost his employment, the compensating authority may, if the relevant scheme so permits, make such payments to or in respect of him, whether by way of the payment of premiums or otherwise, as are actuarially equivalent to the amounts by which his retirement compensation might have been increased under regulation 16(2) or (5) had he been a person to whom regulation 17 or 18 applied.

- (3) If a policy scheme participant has suffered a diminution of his emoluments, the compensating authority may, if the relevant scheme so permits make such payments to or in respect of him, whether by way of the payment of premiums or otherwise, as will secure to him the like benefits as if his emoluments had not been diminished.
- (4) If a policy scheme participant becomes entitled to a benefit under such a scheme as is mentioned in paragraph (1) before reaching normal retiring age, the compensating authority may reduce any long-term compensation payable to him by the amount of such benefit.

Intervals for payment of compensation under Part V

27. Any compensation awarded under this part of these regulations to or in respect of any person, shall be payable at intervals equivalent to those at which the corresponding benefit would have been payable under the person's last relevant pension scheme or at such other intervals as may be agreed between the person entitled to receive the compensation and the compensating authority.

PART VI

ADJUSTMENT, REVIEW AND COMPOUNDING OF COMPENSATION

Adjustment of compensation where superannuation benefit is also payable

- 28.—(1) Where any period of service of which account was taken in calculating the amount of any compensation payable under Part IV or V is subsequently taken into account for the purpose of calculating the amount of any superannuation benefit payable to or in respect of any person in accordance with a pension scheme associated with any employment undertaken subsequent to the loss of employment or diminution of emoluments which was the subject of the claim for compensation, the compensating authority may in accordance with this regulation withhold or reduce the compensation payable.
- (2) If the part of any superannuation benefit which is attributable to a period of service mentioned in paragraph (1) equals or exceeds the part of any compensation which is attributable to the same period, that part of the compensation may be withheld, or if the part of the superannuation benefit is less than the part of the compensation, the compensation may be reduced by an amount not exceeding that part of the superannuation benefit.
- (3) In the case of a death benefit payable in respect of any person, the sum payable under regulation 23 may be reduced by an amount not greater than the proportion of the death benefit which the period of service mentioned in paragraph (1) bears to the total period of service of which account was taken in the calculation of the death benefit.
- (4) In addition to any reduction authorised by paragraph (2) or (3), if, in the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (1), compensation is attributable in part to any provision of the last relevant pension scheme for a minimum benefit, the compensation may be reduced by an amount not exceeding that part.
- (5) Where any additional period of service has been credited to a person under regulation 16(2), and that period is equal to or less than the period spent in the subsequent employment mentioned in paragraph (1), the compensation may be reduced (in addition to any other reduction authorised

by this regulation) by an amount not exceeding that attributable to the additional period of service credited or, if the period is greater than the period spent in the subsequent employment, by the proportion of that amount which the period spent in the subsequent employment bears to the additional period so credited.

- (6) In making any reduction under paragraphs (2) to (5), the amount of pension or, as the case may be, lump sum to be taken into account relating to the subsequent employment shall be the amount of such pension or lump sum reduced by a fraction of that pension or lump sum, where—
 - (i) the numerator of the fraction is equivalent to the aggregate of the amount of increases which would have been awarded under the provisions of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(1), during the period beginning with the day following loss of the employment for which compensation is payable and ending on the day the subsequent employment terminated, on an official pension (within the meaning of that Act) of £100 a year which commenced from the first mentioned day, and
 - (ii) the denominator of the fraction is equivalent to the aggregate of an official pension of £100 a year and the amount of the increases so determined.
- (7) Where compensation has been calculated in accordance with regulation 21 the provisions of this regulation shall only apply in relation to the part (if any) of the superannuation benefit which is attributable to annual emoluments in excess of those to which the person was entitled on entering the new employment referred to in regulation 21.
- (8) Where compensation is payable in respect of diminution of emoluments, the provisions of this regulation shall apply only in relation to the part (if any) of the superannuation benefit which is attributable to annual emoluments in excess of those to which the person was entitled immediately prior to the diminution.

Reduction of compensation in certain cases

- 29.—(1) If under a person's last relevant pension scheme any benefit for which the scheme provided would have been subject to reduction or suspension on his taking up other specified employment, any retirement compensation to which he is entitled for loss of employment or diminution of emoluments shall, where such employment is taken up, be reduced or suspended in the like manner and to the like extent; but in calculating the amount of the reduction there shall be aggregated with the emoluments of the employment taken up the amount of any superannuation benefit by way of annual amounts payable to the person under a pension scheme associated with the employment which he has lost or, as the case may be, the employment in which the emoluments were diminished.
- (2) There shall be deducted from the retirement compensation payable to any person any additional contributory payments remaining unpaid at the date when he suffered loss of employment that are not recovered in accordance with the provisions of the last relevant pension scheme; and any additional contributory payments not recovered at the date of his death shall be deducted from any compensation payable in respect of that person under regulations 22, 23 or 24(2).
- (3) Where compensation under these regulations is payable to or in respect of any person, and that person or his widow, child or other dependant

or his personal representatives or trustees as are mentioned in regulation 23(1) is or are also entitled (whether immediately or on the person's attaining some greater age) to a superannuation benefit under a pension scheme associated with the employment which he has lost—

- (a) any instalment of that compensation which is payable in respect of any period shall be reduced by the amount of the instalment of such superannuation benefit which is payable in respect of the same period, and
- (b) any of that compensation which is payable under Part IV or Part V and which is payable as a lump sum, shall be reduced by the amount of any lump sum superannuation benefit.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), no account shall be taken of any sum payable in consequence of the surrender by any person of part of his superannuation benefit under any provision in that behalf in the relevant pension scheme with a view to obtaining or increasing allowances for his widow, child or other dependant; and the person shall be deemed to have received during any period the amount of superannuation benefit which he would have received but for such a surrender.
- (5) Where in any week a person is entitled to long-term compensation for loss or diminution of emoluments and is also entitled to National Insurance benefit, there shall be deducted from the long-term compensation payable in respect of that week a sum equal to the amount by which the aggregate of—
 - (i) the National Insurance benefit that would be payable in respect of that week if calculated at the rate or rates applicable at the date of loss or diminution, and
 - (ii) the weekly rate at which the long-term compensation would be payable but for this regulation

exceeds two-thirds of the weekly rate of the emoluments of the employment which he has lost or in which the emoluments have been diminished.

- (6) No deduction shall be made under paragraph (5) insofar as—
- (a) an equivalent sum is deducted from the emoluments of his current employment, and
- (b) such deduction from those emoluments has not occasioned an increase in his long-term compensation.
- (7) In paragraph (5) the expression "weekly rate" means seven three hundred and sixty-fifths of the relevant annual rate, and the expression "National Insurance benefit" means any unemployment, sickness, invalidity or injury benefit payable under any Act relating to National Insurance, other than a benefit claimable by him in respect of a dependant.

Notification of change of circumstances

30. Where—

- (a) a pensionable officer after suffering loss of employment or diminution of emoluments enters any employment referred to in regulation 21 or becomes entitled to any superannuation benefit on ceasing to hold such an employment, or
- (b) a person entitled to long-term compensation, whilst that compensation is liable to review in accordance with the provisions of regulation 31, enters any employment, or ceases to hold an employment, or receives any increase in his emoluments in an employment, or

- (c) a person entitled to retirement compensation enters employment in which the compensation is subject to reduction or suspension under regulation 29 or ceases to hold such an employment, or
- (d) a person entitled to long-term compensation starts to receive any benefit, any increase in benefit or any further benefit, under any Act relating to National Insurance,

he shall forthwith inform the compensating authority in writing of that fact.

Review of awards of long-term or retirement compensation

- 31.—(1) The compensating authority shall—
- (a) on the expiry of six months from the decision date, or
- (b) on the occurrence of any material change in the circumstances of the case,

whichever shall first occur, and thereafter within a period of two years after the decision date, or within any longer period specified in the subsequent provisions of this regulation, and at intervals of not more than six months, review its decision or, where the claim has been the subject of an appeal, the decision of the tribunal, and these regulations shall apply in relation to such a review as they apply in relation to the initial determination of the claim; and on such a review in the light of any material change in the circumstances of the case, compensation may be awarded, or compensation previously awarded may be increased, reduced or discontinued, subject to the limits set out in these regulations.

- (2) The person to whom the decision relates may require the compensating authority to carry out the review mentioned in paragraph (1) at any time mentioned in that paragraph if he considers that there has been a change in the circumstances of his case which is material for the purposes of these regulations.
- (3) The compensating authority shall carry out a review in accordance with paragraph (1), notwithstanding the expiration of the period of two years mentioned in the paragraph, if—
 - (a) the emoluments of employment or work undertaken as a result of the loss of employment had been taken into account in determining the amount of any compensation awarded, and
 - (b) that employment or work has been lost or the emoluments thereof reduced, otherwise than by reason of misconduct or incapacity to perform the duties which the person might reasonably have been required to perform, and
 - (c) the compensating authority is satisfied that such loss or reduction is causing him hardship.

and where any decision is so reviewed, the decision shall be subject to further review in accordance with paragraph (1) as if the review carried out under this paragraph had been the initial determination of the claim.

- (4) Paragraphs (1) and (2) shall apply in relation to any decision on a claim for long-term or retirement compensation in respect of diminution of emoluments as they apply in relation to any decision mentioned in paragraph (1) and as if in paragraph (1) "decision date" means the date on which any decision on a claim for long-term compensation for diminution of emoluments is notified to the claimant, but—
 - (a) where the person to whom the decision relates ceases to hold the employment in which his emoluments were diminished, a review shall

- be held within three months after that date, but no further review shall be held after the expiry of that period, and
- (b) while that person continues to hold that employment, there shall be no limit to the period within which a review may take place.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provision of this regulation, the compensating authority shall review a decison, whether of the authority or the tribunal, on a claim for long-term compensation for loss of employment or diminution of emoluments after the expiration of any period within which a review is required to be made if at any time—
 - (a) the person to whom the decision relates becomes engaged in any employment (hereinafter referred to as his "current employment") the emoluments of which are payable out of public funds and which he has undertaken subsequent to the loss or diminution; and
 - (b) the aggregate of the emoluments of his current employment, any superannuation benefit by way of annual amounts payable to him in respect of the employment which he has lost or the employment in which his emoluments have been diminished and the long-term compensation payable to him exceeds the emoluments of the employment which he has lost or, as the case may be, in which the emoluments have been diminished.
- (6) The compensating authority shall further review any decision reviewed under paragraph (5) whenever the emoluments of the person's current employment are increased.
- (7) If on any review under this regulation the compensation is reduced, it shall not be reduced below the amount by which the emoluments of the work or employment undertaken as a result of the loss of employment or diminution of emoluments, together with any superannuation benefit by way of annual amounts payable to him in respect of the employment which he has lost or the employment in which his emoluments have been diminished, falls short of the emoluments of the employment which he has lost, or, as the case may be, in which the emoluments have been diminished.
- (8) The compensating authority shall give to a person to whom a decision relates not less than fourteen days' notice of any review of that decision to be carried out under this regulation unless the review is carried out at his request.
- (9) In this regulation the expression "decision date" means the date on which any decision on a claim for long-term or retirement compensation for loss of employment is notified to a claimant under regulation 33.
- (10) On any review under this regulation, no reduction in long-term compensation shall be made on account of any increase in the emoluments of any work or employment undertaken as a result of the loss of employment or diminution of emoluments which—
 - (a) is made after the loss or diminution, and
 - (b) is attributable to a rise in the cost of living.
- (11) Nothing in this regulation shall preclude the making of any adjustment of compensation required by regulation 28 or 29.

Compounding of awards

32.—(1) In the case where an annual sum which has been or might be awarded under these regulations does not exceed £35, the compensating

authority may, at its discretion, compound its liability in respect thereof by paying a lump sum equivalent to the capital value of the annual sum and if any lump sum payment has been or might be awarded in addition to such sum under regulations 17, 18 or 19, the compensating authority may likewise discharge its liability in respect thereof by an immediate payment.

- (2) In any other case, if the person who has been awarded long-term or retirement compensation requests it to do so, the compensating authority may, after having regard to the state of health of that person and the other circumstances of the case, compound up to one quarter of its liability to make payments under the award (other than payments to a widow, child or other dependant under regulation 22) by the payment of an equivalent amount as a lump sum or, where any compensation has been awarded as a lump sum by increasing that compensation to such equivalent amount; and in calculating for this purpose the liability of the authority to make such payments, account shall be taken of the annual value of lump sum payments of compensation other than payments of compensation under Part III of these regulations.
- (3) The making of a composition under paragraph (2) in relation to an award of long-term or retirement compensation shall not prevent the subsequent making of a composition under paragraph (1) in relation to that award but, subject as aforesaid, not more than one composition may be made in relation to any award.

PART VII

PROCEDURE AND MISCELLANEOUS

Procedure on making claims

- 33.—(1) Every claim for compensation under these regulations and every request for a review of an award of long-term or retirement compensation shall be made in accordance with this regulation.
- (2) Every such claim or request shall be made to the compensating authority in writing and shall state whether any other claim for compensation has been made by the claimant under these regulations.
- (3) Resettlement compensation shall be claimed separately from any other form of compensation claimable under these regulations.
- (4) The compensating authority shall consider any such claim or request in accordance with the relevant provisions of these regulations and shall notify the person making the claim or request in writing of its decision—
 - (a) in the case of a claim for resettlement compensation, not later than one month after the receipt of the claim, and
 - (b) in the case of a claim for, or request for the review of an award of, compensation under Part IV or V not later than one month after the receipt of the claim or request, and
 - (c) in any other case, as soon as possible after the decision;
- but the decision of the compensating authority shall not be invalidated by reason of the fact that notice of the decision is given after the expiry of the period mentioned in this paragraph.
- (5) Every notification of a decision by the compensating authority (whether granting or refusing compensation or reviewing an award, or other-

wise affecting any compensation under these regulations) shall contain a statement—

- (a) giving a reason or reasons for the decision;
- (b) showing how any compensation has been calculated and, in particular, if the amount is less than the maximum which could have been awarded under these regulations, showing the factors taken into account in awarding that amount; and
- (c) directing the attention of the claimant to his right under regulation 40, if he is aggrieved by the decision, to institute proceedings before a tribunal and giving him the address to which the application instituting such proceedings should be sent.

Claimant to furnish information

- 34.—(1) Any person claiming or receiving compensation or whose award of compensation is being reviewed shall furnish all such information as the compensating authority may at any time reasonably require; and he shall verify that information in such manner, including the production of books or of original documents in his possession or control, as may be reasonably so required.
- (2) Any such person shall, on receipt of reasonable notice, present himself for interview at such place as the compensating authority may reasonably require; and any person who attends for interview may, if he so desires, be represented by his adviser.

Procedure on death of claimant

- 35.—(1) In the event of the death of a claimant or of a person who, if he had survived, could have been a claimant, a claim for compensation under these regulations may be continued or made, as the case may be, by his personal representatives.
- (2) Where any such claim is continued or made as aforesaid by personal representatives, the personal representatives shall, as respects any steps to be taken or thing to be done by them in order to continue or make the claim, be deemed for the purposes of these regulations to be the person entitled to claim, but, save as aforesaid, the person in whose right they continue or make the claim shall be deemed for the purposes of these regulations to be such person, and the relevant provisions of these regulations shall be construed accordingly.
- (3) The compensating authority may in any case where a person who, if he had survived, could have been a claimant has died, extend the period within which a claim under regulation 6 or 10 is to be made by his personal representatives.

Calculation of service

- 36.—(1) For the purpose of determining the amount of any compensation payable in respect of the loss of an office to which, or of any two or more offices to which in the aggregate, a person devoted substantially the whole of his time, any previous period of part-time employment shall be treated as though it were whole-time employment for a proportionately reduced period.
- (2) For the purpose of making any calculation under regulation 7(1)(b) or 12(2) in respect of a person's reckonable service, all periods of such service shall be aggregated, and except where reference is made to completed years of service, if the aggregated service includes a fraction of a year, that fraction

shall, if it equals or exceeds six months, be treated as a year, and shall, in any other case be disregarded.

Emoluments of part-time employments

37. In ascertaining for the purposes of these regulations whether, and how far, the emoluments of alternative employment fall short of emoluments which have been lost where those emoluments were payable in respect of two or more part-time employments, the emoluments of the alternative employment or of the aggregate of two or more such employments shall be apportioned in the proportion which the emoluments of the part-time employments bore to each other.

Temporary variation of emoluments

- 38. In calculating for the purposes of these regulations the amount of any emoluments lost, or the amount by which any emoluments have been diminished, and in determining the resettlement and long-term compensation of any person who has suffered such a loss or diminution, no account shall be taken—
 - (a) of any temporary increase or decrease in the amount of the person's emoluments which is attributable to the passing or making of any provision mentioned in regulation 4 and which is made otherwise than in the ordinary course of his employment, and
 - (b) of any decrease in the amount of the persons emoluments which is attributable to his absence from duty owing to illness or injury.

Compensation not assignable

- 39.—(1) Subject to any statutory provision in that behalf, any compensation to which a person becomes entitled under these regulations shall be paid by the compensating authority and shall be payable to, or in trust for, the person who is entitled to receive it, and shall not be assignable.
- (2) Without prejudice to any other right of recovery, any compensation paid in error may be recovered by the compensating authority by deduction from any compensation payable under these regulations.

Right of appeal from decision of compensating authority

- 40.—(1) Every person who is aggrieved by any decision of the compensating authority with respect to a compensation question or by any failure on the part of the compensating authority to notify him of any such decision within the appropriate time prescribed by these regulations, may within thirteen weeks of the notification to him of the decision or the expiry of the prescribed time, as the case may be, institute proceedings for the determination of the question by a tribunal in accordance with the rules of procedure laid down in the Industrial Tribunals (Employment and Compensation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(m) and these regulations; and the tribunal shall determine the question accordingly.
- (2) For the purpose of any such proceedings described in paragraph (1) a person or persons may be appointed to sit with the tribunal as assessor or assessors.
- (3) The compensating authority shall give effect to the decision of a tribunal subject to any modifications that may be required in consequence of any appeal from that decision on a point of law.

PART VIII

COMPENSATING AUTHORITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

- 41.—(1) Notwithstanding the meaning assigned to "compensating authority" under regulation 2, where a person to whom these regulations apply by virtue of regulation 3(1)(b), the compensating authority shall be such Association of District Councils as may be formed.
- (2) Until such Association of District Councils as is mentioned in paragraph (1) is formed the compensation payable under that paragraph shall be paid by the Ministry of Development and recovered each half year from the district councils in proportion to the rateable valuation of each district.
- (3) For the purposes of this regulation, "material date" as it appears elsewhere in these regulations shall be taken to mean 30th June 1973.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Development for Northern Ireland this 31st day of August 1973.

(L.S.)

P. A. Sythes,
Deputy Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Secretary of State hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 31st day of August 1973.

(L.S.)

C. F. Darling,
Assistant Secretary.

TABLE 1(a)

The capital value of an annual amount of £1 per annum, payable for life, which attracts pensions increase when the officer attains age 55, or retirement age if greater

Age last	Capital value of £1 per increase attaching	annum, with pension g from age 55
birthday	Femal e	Male
30 31 32 33 34	£ p 14 82 14 86 14 91 14 95 14 99	£ p 14 34 14 37 14 39 14 41 14 42
35	15 03	14 43
36	15 06	14 44
37	15 09	14 44
38	15 12	14 43
39	15 14	14 42
40	15 15	14 40
41	15 16	14 37
42	15 15	14 33
43	15 14	14 29
44	15 12	14 23
45	15 09	14 16
46	15 05	14 08
47	14 99	13 99
48	14 92	13 88
49	14 83	13 75
50	14 72	13 61
51	14 59	13 45
52	14 43	13 26
53	14 25	13 04
54	14 04	12 79
55	13 79	12 52
56	13 54	12 24
57	13 28	11 95
58	13 01	11 66
59	12 74	11 36
60	12 46	11 06
61	12 17	10 76
62	11 87	10 45
63	11 57	10 14
64	11 27	9 82

TABLE 1(a)—continued

Age last	Capital value of £1 per annum, with pension increase attaching from age 55		
birthday	Female	Male	
	£ p	£ p	
65	10 96 10 64	· 9 51 9 19	
66 67	10 32	8 87	
68	10 00	8 5 6	
69	9 68	8 25	
70	9 36	7 94	
71	9 03	7 63	
72	8 70	7 32	
73 74	8 38 8 05	7 02 6 72	
75	7 73	6 43	
76	7 41	6 14	
77	7 09	5 86	
78	6 78	5 59	
79	6 47	5 32	

 ${\it Table} \ \ 1(b)$ The capital value of an annual payment of £1, payable for life, and attracting pensions increase from the outset

Age last	Capital value of £1 p pensions increase	er annum, attracting throughout life
birthday	Female	Male
23 24	£ p 18 59 18 52	£ p 18 24 18 15
25	18 44	18 05
26	18 36	17 95
27	18 28	17 85
28	18 19	17 74
29	18 10	17 63
30	18 00	17 51
31	17 90	17 38
32	17 79	17 25
33	17 68	17 12
34	17 57	16 98
35	17 45	16 83
36	17 32	16 68
37	17 19	16 52
38	17 05	16 35
39	16 91	16 18
40	16 76	16 00
41	16 61	15 81
42	16 45	15 62
43	16 29	15 42
44	16 12	15 21
45	15 94	15 00
46	15 76	14 78
47	15 57	14 56
48	15 37	14 33
49	15 17	14 09
50	14 96	13 84
51	14 74	13 59
52	14 51	13 33
53	14 28	13 07
54	14 04	12 80
55	13 79	12 52
56	13 54	12 24
57	13 28	11 95
58	13 01	11 66
59	12 74	11 36

TABLE 1(b)—continued

Age last birthday	Capital value of £1 pensions increase	per annum, attracti throughout life
	Male	Female
<i>c</i> 0	£ p	£ p
60 61	12 46 12 17	11 06 10 76
62	11 87	10, 45
63	11 57	10 43
64	11 27	9 82
65	10 96	9 51
66	10 64	9 19
67	10 32	8 87
68	10 00 9 68	8 56
69	9,00	8 25
70	9 36	7 94
71	9 03	7 63
72	8 70	7 32
73	8 38 8 05	7 02
74	8 03	6 72
75	7 73	6 43
76	7 41	6 14
77	7 09	5 86
78 79	6 78 6 47	5 59 5 32

··· TABLE 2(a)

Capital value of £1 per annum, ceasing at age 60 (females), 65 (males), which attracts pensions increase from age 55 or retirement age if greater

Age last	Capital value		
birthday	Female	Male	
30 31 32 33 34	£ p 12 11 12 01 11 91 11 80 11 68	£ p 12 92 12 87 12 81 12 75 12 68	
35	11 55	12 60	
36	11 40	12 51	
37	11 24	12 41	
38	11 07	. 12 30	
39	10 88	12 18	
40	10 67	12 04	
41	10 44	11 89	
42	10 19	11 72	
43	9 92	11 53	
44	9 63	11 33	
45	9 31	11 11	
46	8 96	10 86	
47	8 58	10 59	
48	8 16	10 30	
49	7 71	9 98	
50	7 22	9 62	
51	6 68	9 23	
52	6 09	8 80	
53	5 45	8 33	
54	4 75	7 81	
55	3 99	7 24	
56	3 18	6 64	
57	2 33	6 01	
58	1 43	5 35	
59	49	4 65	
60 61 62 63 64		3 91 3 13 2 30 1 42 48	

TABLE 2(b)

Capital value of £1 per annum, ceasing at age 60 (females), 65 (males), which attracts pensions increase from the outset of the pension

Age last	Capital	value
birthday	Female	Male
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64	£ p 16 68 16 51 16 33 16 14 15 94 15 74 15 52 15 29 15 05 14 80 14 54 14 26 13 97 13 66 13 301 12 29 11 90 11 49 11 07 10 63 10 16 9 67 9 15 8 04 7 45 8 04 7 45 8 99 8 17 8 99 8 17 8 99 8 17 8 99 8 17 8 99 8 18 9 17 9 18 9 17 9 18 9 18 9 18 9 18 9 18 9 18 9 18 9 18	£ p 17 24 17 10 16 95 16 79 16 63 16 28 16 28 15 89 15 89 15 46 15 23 15 00 14 75 14 42 13 94 13 33 13 01 12 67 12 31 11 56 11 16 10 74 10 30 9 38 8 88 8 88 7 7 12 1 46 6 01 5 35 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

Table 3

Capital value of an annual amount of £1, which attracts pensions increase from the outset, payable to a widow until death or remarriage

Age of widow at date of widowhood	Capital value	Age of widow at date of widowhood	Capital value
20 21 22 23 24	£ p 6 00 6 00 6 00 6 00 6 13	45 46 47 48 49	£ p 13 14 13 25 13 34 13 40 13 44
25 26 27 28 29	6 58 7 01 7 41 7 78 8 11	50 51 52 53 54	13 46 13 46 13 43 13 38 13 31
30 31 32 33 34	8 41 8 72 9 06 9 42 9 82	55 56 57 58 59	13 22 13 10 12 96 12 80 12 61
35 36 37 38 39	10 24 10 65 11 04 11 40 11 73	60 61 62 63 64	12 39 12 14 11 87 11 57 11 27
40 41 42 43 44	12 04 12 33 12 59 12 81 12 99	65 66 67 68 69 70	10 96 10 64 10 32 10 00 9 68 9 35

TABLE 4(a)

The annual amount, payable for life, on which pensions increase attaches from age 55, or retirement age if greater, equivalent in value to a lump sum of £100

Age	Annual amount, attracting pensions increase from age 55, and payable for life, equal in value to a lump sum of £100		
	Female	Male	
30 31 32 33	£ p 6 75 6 73 6 71 6 69	£ p 6 97 6 96 6 95 6 94	
34	6 67	6 93	
35	6 65	6 93	
36	6 64	6 93	
37	6 63	6 93	
38	6 61	6 93	
39	6 61	6 93	
40	6 60	6 94	
41	6 60	6 96	
42	6 60	6 98	
43	6 61	7 00	
44	6 61	7 03	
45	6 63	7 06	
46	6 64	7 10	
47	6 67	7 15	
48	6 70	7 20	
49	6 74	7 27	
50	6 79	7 35	
51	6 85	7 43	
52	6 93	7 54	
53	7 02	7 67	
54	7 12	7 82	
55	7 25	7 99	
56	7 39	8 17	
57	7 53	8 37	
58	7 69	8 58	
59	7 85	8 80	
60	8 03	9 04	
61	8 22	9 29	
62	8 42	9 57	
63	8 64	9 86	
64	8 87	10 18	

Table 4(a)—continued

Age	Annual amount, attracting pensions increase from age 55, and payable for life, equal in value to a lump sum of £100		
	Female	Male	
65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77	f p 9 12 9 40 9 69 10 00 10 33 10 68 11 07 11 49 11 93 12 42 12 94 13 50 14 10	£ p 10 52 10 88 11 27 11 68 12 12 12 59 13 11 13 66 14 25 14 88 15 55 16 29 17 06	
78 79	14 75 15 46	17 89 18 80	

TABLE 4(b)

The annual amount, attracting pensions increase throughout life, equivalent in value to a lump sum of £100 $\,$

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Age last birthday	Annual sum, attracting pensions increase throughout life, equal in value to a lump sum of £100		
	Female	Male	
23 24	£ p 5 38 5 40	£ p 5 48 5 51	
25	5 42	5 54	
26	5 45	5 57	
27	5 47	5 60	
28	5 50	5 64	
29	5 52	5 67	
30	5 56	5 71	
31	5 59	5 75	
32	5 62	5 80	
33	5 66	5 84	
34	5 69	5 89	
35	5 73	5 94	
36	5 77	6 00	
37	5 82	6 05	
38	5 87	6 12	
39	5 91	6 18	
40	5 97	6 25	
41	6 02	6 33	
42	6 08	6 40	
43	6 14	6 49	
44	6 20	6 57	
45	6 27	6 67	
46	6 35	6 77	
47	6 42	6 87	
48	6 51	- 6 98	
49	6 59	7 10	
50	6 68	7 23	
51	6 78	7 36	
52	6 89	7 50	
53	7 00	7 65	
54.	7 12	7 81	
55	7 25	7 99	
56	7 39	8 17	
57	7 53	8 37	
58	7 69	8 58	
59	7 85	8 80	

TABLE 4(b)—(continued)

Age last	Annual sum, attracting pensions increase throughout life, equal in value to a lump sum of £100		
birthday	Female	Male	
60	8 03	9 04	
61	8 22	9 29 0 57	
62 63	8 42 8 64	9 57 9 86	
64	8 87	10 18	
65	.9 12	10 52	
66	9 40	10 88	
67 : 68	. 9 69	11 27	
69	10 00 10 33	11 68 12 12	
70	10 68	12 59	
71	11 07	13 11	
72	11 49	13 66	
73 74	11 93	14 25 14 88	
/4	12 42	14 00	
75	12 94	15 55	
76	13 50	16 29	
77	14 10 14 75	17 06 17 89	
78. 79	14 75 15 46	18 80	

Table 5

The annual amount, which attracts pensions increase from the outset, payable to widow until death or remarriage, equivalent to a lump sum of £100

Age of widow at date of widowhood	Annual amount	Age of widow at date of widowhood	Annual amount
20 21 22 23 24	£ p 16 67 16 67 16 67 16 67 16 31	45 46 47 48 49	£ p 7 61 7 55 7 50 7 46 7 44
25	15 20	50	7 43
26	14 27	51	7 43
27	13 50	52	7 45
28	12 85	53	7 47
29	12 33	54	7 51
30	11 89	55	7 56
31	11 47	56	7 63
32	11 04	57	7 72
33	10 62	58	7 81
34	10 18	59	7 93
35	9 77	60	8 07
36	9 39	61	8 24
37	9 06	62	8 42
38	8 77	63	8 64
39	8 53	64	8 87
40	8 31	65	9 12
41	8 11	66	9 40
42	7 94	67	9 69
43	7 81	68	10 00
44	7 70	69	10 33
		70	10 70

TABLE 6

The capital value of each £100 of the total amount of long-term compensation, in which the annual payments attract pensions increase from age 55, according to the outstanding period of long-term compensation

Outstanding number of complete years of long-term compensation	Capital value	
	Female	Male
0 1 2 3 4	£ p 98 65 95 95 93 25 90 65 88 20	£ p 98 50 95 50 92 60 89 80 87 15
5	85 90	84 70
6	83 70	82 40
7	81 60	80 25
8	79 60	78 20
9	77 70	76 30
10	75 80	74 40
11	73 85	72 45
12	71 80	70 45
13	69 75	68 40
14	67 70	66 40
15	65 65	64 40
16	63 65	62 45
17	61 70	60 55
18	59 80	58 75
19	58 00	57 00
20	56 25	55 30
21	54 55	53 65
22	52 95	52 10
23	51 40	50 60
24	49 90	49 15
25	48 45	47 75
26	47 05	46 40
27	45 75	45 10
28	44 45	43 90
29	43 20	42 75
30	42 05	41 60

. EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

- . 1. These Regulations made under section 137 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 provide for the payment of compensation to or in respect of local authority employees who suffer loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments which is attributable to a reorganisation of local government brought about by an Order made under section 134 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972.
- 2. Part I of the Regulations contains definitions. Part II specifies the persons to whom the Regulations apply and the grounds of entitlement to compensation.
 - 3. The compensation payable is—
 - (a) resettlement compensation for loss of employment (Part III of the Regulations);
 - (b) long-term compensation for loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments (Part IV);
 - (c) retirement compensation for loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments (Part V);
 - (d) compensation to the widow, child, other dependant or personal representatives of a claimant who was a pensionable officer (Part V).
- 4. Resettlement compensation is payable in the form of a lump sum to officers with at least 2 years service in local government and other relevant employments. The qualifying conditions and factors to be considered are set out in regulation 6. The method of calculating the amount of compensation is contained in regulation 7. Adjustment of resettlement compensation is covered by regulation 8.
- 5. Long-term and retirement compensation are payable to officers with at least 5 years service in local government and other relevant employments. The qualifying and other conditions are set out in regulations 10 and 11.
- 6. The method of calculating the maximum amount of long-term compensation is laid down in regulation 12 (loss of emoluments) and 13 (diminution of emoluments). The compensation is payable from the date determined under regulation 4, but is not payable for any period in respect of which retirement compensation is payable. In the case of a nonpensionable officer, compensation not exceeding one half of the rate of long-term compensation may be paid beyond normal retiring age.
- 7. Retirement compensation for loss of emoluments payable to a pensionable officer is based upon his accrued pension rights (regulation 17), supplemented in the case of persons aged 40 or over at the date of loss by the addition of notional years of service (regulation 16). Special provision is made for any persons whose pension arrangements are by way of policies of insurance (regulation 26). Retirement compensation is ordinarily payable from normal retiring age but in certain circumstances may be put into payment earlier (regulation 18).
- 8. Compensation is payable to the widow, child, other dependant or the personal representative of a claimant who dies where such persons would have benefited under the relevant pension scheme (regulations 22 to 24).

- 9. Part VI of the Regulations provides for long-term and retirement compensation to be reviewed and for awards to be varied in the light of change in circumstances (regulation 31). It also contains provisions for the adjustment, suspension and compounding of compensation in certain circumstances.
- 10. Part VII contains provisions relating to the procedure for making claims and notifying decisions and to appeals by claimants who are aggrieved by a decision or the failure of a compensating authority to notify their decision. Appeals lie to a tribunal appointed by the Ministry of Health and Social Services.
- 11. Part VIII provides that where these regulations apply to a person formerly employed as an officer of a body or association representative of existing local authorities, the compensating authority shall be such new Association of District Councils as may be formed.