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CONSTABULARY, IRELAND
**The Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions)
(Amendment) Regulations 1972**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	18th August 1972
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	31st August 1972
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	2nd October 1972

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 1 of the Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) Act 1954(a) (read with Article 2(1) of the Minister for the Civil Service Order 1968(b)), I hereby, with the consent of the Minister for the Civil Service, make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations 1972 and shall come into operation on 2nd October 1972.

2.—(1) For paragraph (1) of Regulation 3 of the Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) Regulations 1971(c) (interpretation) there shall be substituted the following provision:—

“(1) In these Regulations “the standard weekly rate” means the rate of £6.75 a week unless the widow is over the age of 80 years in which case it means the rate of £7.00 a week.”.

(2) The reference in paragraph (4) of the said Regulation 3 to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971(d) shall be construed as a reference to that Act as amended by the Superannuation Act 1972(e).

Robert Carr,

One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

15th August 1972.

Consent of the Minister for the Civil Service given under his Official Seal on 18th August 1972.

(L.S.)

W. G. Bristow,
Authorised by the
Minister for the Civil Service.

(a) 1954 c. 17.

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

(c) S.I. 1971/1469 (1971 III, p. 4147).

(d) 1971 c. 56.

(e) 1972 c. 11.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

Under the Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) Regulations 1971 there may be paid to certain widows of former members of the Royal Irish Constabulary a pension or an allowance supplementary to an existing pension. A pension or allowance is not payable under the 1971 Regulations unless the rate of any state insurance benefit received by the widow is less than the standard weekly rate of £6.00 or, where the widow is over the age of 80 years, of £6.25. Subject to a minimum rate of £0.25 a week in the case of a pension, such an award is to be at such rate as will secure that the combined rate of the Royal Irish Constabulary awards and the widow's state insurance benefit, if any, is equal to the standard weekly rate; for this purpose state insurance benefit means any benefit or pension under the National Insurance Act 1965 (c. 51) or the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act 1965 (c. 52) or similar benefit or pension paid out of public funds in Northern Ireland, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland.

The present Regulations increase the standard weekly rate to £6.75 a week in the case of a widow who is not over the age of 80 years and to £7.00 a week in the case of a widow who is over that age. They also provide that the reference in the 1971 Regulations to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 shall be construed as a reference to that Act as amended by the Superannuation Act 1972.