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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1977 No. 1316**

**The Vehicle and Driving Licences  
(Compensation to Officers) Regulations 1977**

**PART VII**

**PROCEDURE AND MISCELLANEOUS**

**Procedure on making claims**

**34.**—(1) Every claim for compensation under these regulations and every request for review of an award of long-term or retirement compensation shall be made in accordance with this regulation.

(2) Every such claim and request shall be made to the Secretary of State 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 Secretary of State 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 his 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 of these regulations, not later than thirteen weeks 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 Secretary of State 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 Secretary of State (whether granting or refusing compensation or reviewing an award, or otherwise affecting any compensation under these regulations) shall contain a statement—

- (a) giving 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 42, 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.

### **Claimants to furnish information**

**35.**—(1) Any person claiming or receiving compensation or whose award of compensation is being reviewed shall furnish all such information as the Secretary of State 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) Such a person shall, on receipt of reasonable notice, present himself for interview at such place as the Secretary of State 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**

**36.**—(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 that person, and the relevant provisions of these regulations shall be construed accordingly.

(3) The Secretary of State 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 7 or 11 is to be made by his personal representatives.

### **Calculation of service**

**37.**—(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 these regulations in respect of a person's reckonable service, all periods of that service shall be aggregated by reference to completed years and completed days; and any provision in these regulations requiring compensation to be calculated by reference to a year of reckonable service shall (unless the provision specifically state that compensation is payable in respect of completed years) be construed as including completed days, each completed day over and above a completed year being expressed as one 365th of a year.

### **General provisions as to emoluments**

**38.**—(1) In these regulations, subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) and regulations 39 and 40 the expression “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 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.

(2) 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 5 years immediately preceding the loss or diminution, or such other period as the Secretary of State may think reasonable in the circumstances.

(3) 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 the amount described in (a), (b) or (c) of this paragraph, whichever is the greater—

- (a) the emoluments received by him in the period of 12 months immediately preceding the loss or diminution;
- (b) 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 12; or
- (c) in the case of emoluments payable weekly, the emoluments payable in respect of the last complete week immediately preceding the loss or diminution multiplied by 52.

### **Emoluments of part-time employment**

**39.** 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 alternative employments shall be apportioned in the proportion which the emoluments of the part-time employments bore to each other.

### **Temporary variation of emoluments**

**40.** In calculating for the purpose 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 of any temporary increase or decrease in the amount of the person's emoluments which is attributable to section 1 of the Vehicle and Driving Licences Act 1969 and which occurs otherwise than in the ordinary course of his employment.

### **Compensation not assignable**

**41.—(1)** Subject to the provisions of any enactment in that behalf, any compensation to which a person becomes entitled under these regulations shall be paid by the Secretary of State 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 Secretary of State by deduction from any compensation payable under these regulations.

### **Right of appeal from decision of Secretary of State**

**42.—(1)** Every person who is aggrieved by any decision of the Secretary of State with respect to a compensation question or by any failure on the part of the Secretary of State to notify him of any such decision within the appropriate time prescribed by these regulations, may within 13 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—

- (a) in England and Wales, the Industrial Tribunals (Labour Relations) Regulations 1974(1); or
- (b) in Scotland, the Industrial Tribunal (Labour Relations) (Scotland) Regulations 1974(2)

and these regulations; and the tribunal shall determine the question accordingly.

(2) For the purpose of any proceedings instituted in pursuance of this regulation, a person or persons may be appointed to sit with the tribunal as assessor or assessors.

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(1) (1974 II, p. 5330).

(2) (1974 II, p. 5342).

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(3) The Secretary of State 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.