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PUBLIC SERVICE PENSIONS

**The Civil Service (Other Crown Servants) Pension Scheme
(Amendment) Regulations 2020**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>27th February 2020</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>5th March 2020</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st April 2020</i>

The Minister for the Civil Service makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of, and paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to, the Public Service Pensions Act 2013^(a).

In accordance with section 22(2)(a) of that Act, the Minister has consulted representatives of such persons as appear to him likely to be affected by these Regulations with a view to reaching agreement.

In accordance with section 22(2)(b) of that Act, the Minister has laid a report before Parliament.

In accordance with section 3(5) of that Act, these Regulations are made with the consent of the Treasury.

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Civil Service (Other Crown Servants) Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 1st April 2020.

Amendments to the Civil Service (Other Crown Servants) Pension Scheme Regulations 2016

2. The Civil Service (Other Crown Servants) Pension Scheme Regulations 2016^(b) are amended as follows.

Amendment of regulation 10

3. In regulation 10(c) (modifications to the 2014 Regulations insofar as they apply in relation to this scheme)—

(a) in paragraph (12)(d), after the table headed “Scheme Year 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 and Scheme Year 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020” omit “; and”;

(a) 2013 c.25.

(b) S.I. 2016/326, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(c) Regulation 10 was amended by S.I. 2019/906.

- (b) omit paragraph (12)(e);
- (c) after paragraph (12)(d) insert—
- “(f) in paragraph (8), for the table headed “Scheme Year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021” there was substituted—

“Scheme Year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 and subsequently

<i>Annualised rate of pensionable earnings</i>	<i>Member contributions rate</i>
Up to but not including £22,601	4.15%
£22,601 to but not including £54,901	5.00%
£54,901 to but not including £150,001	6.90%
£150,001 and above	7.60%”;

- (g) after paragraph (8) there were inserted—
- “(9) The figures in column 1 of the table headed “Scheme Year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 and subsequently” (except for the figure of £150,001) are to be increased on 1st April 2021 and on 1st April of each subsequent scheme year, if there is a relevant increase in the consumer prices index, by the appropriate percentage for the scheme year rounded up to the nearest £1.
- (10) There is a relevant increase in the consumer prices index for a scheme year if the consumer prices index for the month of September before that scheme year is higher than that for the previous September.
- (11) The appropriate percentage for the scheme year is the same percentage as any percentage increase in the consumer prices index over the period specified by paragraph (10).
- (12) For the purposes of paragraphs (9) to (11), “consumer prices index” means the all items consumer prices index established by section 1 of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007(a).
- (13) In respect of a member in a special post to whom regulation 43(4A)(a) applies, the member contributions rate is double the member contributions rate in the tables in paragraph (8) that would otherwise be applicable to them.”.

27th February 2020

Agnew
Minister of State
Cabinet Office

We concur

25th February 2020

Maggie Throup
Ian Stewart
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury

(a) 2007 c.18.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Civil Service (Other Crown Servants) Pension Scheme Regulations 2016 (the “2016 Regulations”) (S.I. 2016/326). The 2016 Regulations established a scheme for the payment of pensions and other benefits to civil servants employed by the Secret Intelligence Service and the Security Service. The scheme applies, with appropriate modifications, the rules set out in the Public Service (Civil Servants and Others) Pensions Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/1964), which established the Civil Service pension scheme, known as *Alpha*.

Regulation 3 sets out the revised annualised rate of pensionable earnings bands and provides for these bands to be updated by reference to the consumer prices index. Regulation 3 also provides for the member contributions rates for the scheme year ending on 31st March 2020 to apply to the 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 scheme year and subsequently. Since these Regulations involve a change to a protected element of the scheme, the Minister has consulted representatives of those likely to be affected by the change with a view to reaching agreement and has laid a report before Parliament.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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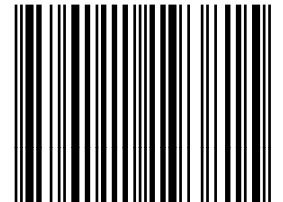
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