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## ULSTER SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

## Pensions

REGULATIONS, DATED 12TH DECEMBER 1972, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER THE SPECIAL CONSTABLES ACT 1914, AS EXTENDED AND AMENDED BY THE CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922.

I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM WHITELAW, M.C., M.P., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Special Constables Act 1914(a) as extended and amended by section 8 of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland) 1922(b), by virtue of section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(c), do hereby make the following Regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Ulster Special Constabulary Pensions (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1972 and shall have effect from 4th December 1972.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) These Regulations shall be construed as one with the Ulster Special Constabulary Pensions Regulations 1950(d) which shall have effect as if Regulation 3 of these Regulations were included therein.

(2) In these Regulations any reference to a Regulation is a reference to a Regulation of the said Regulations of 1950.

*Entitlement to gratuity*

3.—(1) This Regulation shall apply to a widow who has attained the age of 60 years on or before 10th December 1972 and is in receipt of a pension increased under any of the following provisions of the Ulster Special Constabulary Pensions Regulations 1950, namely under—

- (a) Regulation 15 (discretionary increase in widow's ordinary pension);
- (b) Regulation 17 (discretionary increase in widow's special pension), or
- (c) Regulation 21 (awards to widows whose husbands died before 5th July 1948), where the increase is payable in respect of a period which includes a day in the week beginning with 4th December 1972.

(2) Except where a widow to whom this Regulation applies is entitled to a payment under section 1(1) of the Pensioners and Family Income Supplement Payments Act 1972(e), she shall be entitled to a gratuity of £10.

(3) For the purposes of Regulation 34 (prevention of duplication), a gratuity under this Regulation shall be ignored.

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(a) 4 & 5 Geo. 5 c. 61.

(b) 12 & 13 Geo. 5 c. 8 (N.I.).

(c) 1972. c. 22.

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1950, No. 97.

(e) 1972. c. 75.

Dated this 12th day of December 1972.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,  
One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations provide for the payment of a gratuity of £10 in the case of the widow of a former member of the Ulster Special Constabulary who is in receipt of a discretionary increase in her police widow's pension during the week beginning with 4th December 1972 if she has attained the age of 60 years before the end of that week but is not entitled to a payment under section 1(1) of the Pensioners and Family Income Supplement Payments Act 1972.

The Ulster Special Constabulary pensions scheme provides for discretionary increases in the police pensions of the widows of former members of the Ulster Special Constabulary where the widow would have been entitled to widow's benefit or a retirement pension under the National Insurance Act had her husband satisfied the contribution conditions therefor or where he died before 5th July 1948.