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ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY**Pensions**

ORDER, DATED 12TH DECEMBER 1972, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTABULARY AND POLICE (IRELAND) ACT 1919, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922 AND THE CONSTABULARY (PENSIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949.

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 section 4 of the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act 1919(a), section 2 of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland) 1922(b) and the Constabulary (Pensions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(c) by virtue of section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(d) and all other powers me thereunto enabling, and after consulting the Police Association and, in accordance with the Police Act 1969(e), the Police Council for the United Kingdom, do hereby order as follows:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Order 1972 and shall be construed as one with the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Orders 1949 to 1972 which shall have effect as if Article 3 were included therein.

(2) This Order shall have effect from 4th December 1972.

Interpretation

2. In this Order any reference to a paragraph is a reference to a paragraph of the Schedule to the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order 1949(f).

Entitlement to gratuity

3.—(1) This Article 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 which has been either increased under paragraph 12 (discretionary increase in widow's ordinary pension), paragraph 13B (discretionary increase in widow's special pension) or paragraph 17 (awards to widows whose husbands died before 5th July 1948), or granted under the said paragraph 17, where the increase or pension, as the case may be, is payable in respect of any period which includes a day in the week beginning with 4th December 1972.

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

(3) For the purposes of paragraph 30 (prevention of duplication), a gratuity under this Article shall be ignored.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 5 c. 68.

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

(c) 1949. c. 9.

(d) 1972. c. 22.

(e) 1969. c. 63.

(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949, No. 211.

(g) 1972. c. 75.

Dated this 12th day of December 1972.

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

The Ministry of Finance hereby signifies its concurrence in the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 14th day of December 1972.

C. F. Darling,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order provides for the payment of a gratuity of £10 in the case of a policeman's widow 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 Royal Ulster Constabulary pensions scheme provides for discretionary increases in widow's pensions where the widow would have been entitled to widow's benefit or a retirement pension under the National Insurance Acts had her husband satisfied the contribution conditions therefor or where he died before 5th July 1948.