



Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975

1975 CHAPTER 27

An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the salaries of Ministers and Opposition Leaders and Chief Whips and to other matters connected therewith. [8th May 1975]

Commencement Information

II Act wholly in force at Royal Assent

1 Salaries.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act—
 - (a) there shall be paid to the holder of any Ministerial office specified in Schedule 1 to this Act such salary as is provided for by that Schedule; and
 - (b) there shall be paid to the Leaders and Whips of the Opposition such salaries as are provided for by Schedule 2 to this Act.
- (2) There shall be paid to the Lord Chancellor a salary (which shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom) at such rate as together with the salary payable to him as Speaker of the House of Lords will amount to [^{F1}£91,500] a year, . . . ^{F2}.
- (3) There shall be paid to the Speaker of the House of Commons a salary (which shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom) of [^{F3}£39,982] a year; and on a dissolution of Parliament the Speaker of the House of Commons at the time of the dissolution shall for this purpose be deemed to remain Speaker until a Speaker is chosen by the new Parliament.
- (4) Her Majesty may from time to time by Order in Council substitute another figure for that given by subsection (2) or (3) above or by Schedule 1 or 2 to this Act as the annual amount, or as the case may be the maximum or minimum annual amount, of any salary; but no recommendation shall be made to Her Majesty to make an Order in Council under this subsection unless a draft of the Order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament or, if it relates only to the salary to be paid to the Speaker of the House of Commons under subsection (3) above, by resolution of that House.

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- (5) A person to whom any salary is payable under subsection (1) above shall be entitled to receive only one such salary, but if he is the holder of two or more offices in respect of which a salary is so payable and there is a difference between the salaries payable in respect of those offices, the office in respect of which a salary is payable to him shall be that in respect of which the highest salary is payable.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Amount substituted by [S.I. 1989/681, art. 2](#)
F2 Words repealed by [Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 \(c.41, SIF 76:1\)](#), ss. 84(d), 125(7), [Sch. 20](#)
F3 Amount substituted by [S.I. 1990/2596, art. 4](#)

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[^{F4}1A Alteration of salaries.

- (1) For each year starting with 1st April, from 1998 onwards, the annual amount, or maximum or minimum annual amount, of any salary payable under section 1(1) or (3) of this Act shall be increased by the relevant percentage.
- (2) The relevant percentage is the average percentage by which the mid-points of the Senior Civil Service pay bands having effect from 1st April of the year concerned have increased compared with the previous 1st April.
- (3) The mid-point of a Senior Civil Service pay band is the point half way between the maximum and the minimum.]

Textual Amendments

- F4** [Ss. 1A, 1B](#) inserted (6.11.1997) by [1997 c. 62, s. 1\(2\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/11/1997

[^{F5}1B Power to make further alterations.

- (1) Her Majesty may from time to time by Order in Council make provision for changing the annual amount, or maximum or minimum annual amount, of any salary payable under section 1 of this Act.
- (2) An Order in Council under subsection (1) above may—
 - (a) specify a new amount, or
 - (b) provide for an amount to be determined, or to change from time to time, by reference to another amount or a specified formula.
- (3) An Order in Council under subsection (1) above may—
 - (a) make different provision for different circumstances, and
 - (b) make amendments to this Act.

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- (4) No recommendation shall be made to Her Majesty to make an Order in Council under subsection (1) above unless a draft of the Order has been approved—
- (a) by resolution of each House of Parliament, or
 - (b) in the case of a draft which relates only to the salary of the Speaker of the House of Commons, by resolution of that House.

Textual Amendments

F5 Ss. 1A, 1B inserted (6.11.1997) by 1997 c. 62, s. 1(2)

2 Opposition Leaders and Whips.

- (1) In this Act “Leader of the Opposition” means, in relation to either House of Parliament, that Member of that House who is for the time being the Leader in that House of the party in opposition to Her Majesty’s Government having the greatest numerical strength in the House of Commons; and “Chief Opposition Whip” means, in relation to either House of Parliament, the person for the time being nominated as such by the Leader of the Opposition in that House; and “Assistant Opposition Whip”, in relation to the House of Commons, means a person for the time being nominated as such, and to be paid as such, by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons.
- (2) If any doubt arises as to which is or was at any material time the party in opposition to Her Majesty’s Government having the greatest numerical strength in the House of Commons, or as to who is or was at any material time the leader in that House of such a party, the question shall be decided for the purposes of this Act by the Speaker of the House of Commons, and his decision, certified in writing under his hand, shall be final and conclusive.
- (3) If any doubt arises as to who is or was at any material time the Leader in the House of Lords of the said party, the question shall be decided for the purposes of this Act by the Lord Chancellor, and his decision, certified in writing under his hand, shall be final and conclusive.

3 Provision for payment of salaries.

- (1) The salaries payable under section 1(1)(a) of this Act shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament and, in the case of those payable in respect of the following offices, that is to say—
- (a) Treasurer, Comptroller and Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty’s Household; and
 - (b) Captain of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, Captain of the Queen’s Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard and Lord in Waiting;
- shall be paid out of money so provided as part of the expenses of the Treasury.
- (2) The sums payable out of money provided by Parliament in respect of the salary of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster shall be reduced by the amount of the salary payable to him otherwise than out of moneys so provided in respect of his office.
- (3) The salaries payable under section 1(1)(b) of this Act shall be charged on and payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

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4 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act—

“Junior Lord of the Treasury” means any Lord Commissioner of the Treasury other than the First Lord and the Chancellor of the Exchequer;

“Minister of State” and “Parliamentary Secretary” have the same meanings as in the ^{M1}House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975.

(2) The amount specified in this Act as being the amount of any salary payable thereunder out of money provided by Parliament shall be taken to be the maximum amount so payable, and accordingly, notwithstanding the provisions of this Act as to any such amount, the salary so payable in any year in respect of any office may be of a less amount than that so specified.

Marginal Citations

M1 1975 c. 24.

5 Short title, transitional provision and repeals.

(1) This Act may be cited as the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975.

(2) Any Minute of the Treasury regulating the remuneration of the Law Officers of the Crown which is in force immediately before the coming into force of this Act shall have effect as if the relevant salary stated in Schedule 1 to this Act were substituted for the salary specified in the Minute.

^{X1}(3) The enactments mentioned in Schedule 3 to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent mentioned in column 3 of the Schedule.

Editorial Information

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Section 1.

MINISTERIAL SALARIES

<i>Office</i>	<i>Salary</i>
	£
Part I	
Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury	[^{F6} 50,724]
Chancellor of the Exchequer	
Secretary of State	[^{F6} 48,381]
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	
Any of the following offices for so long as the holder is a member of the Cabinet:—	[^{F6} 48,381]
(a) Lord President of the Council;	
(b) Lord Privy Seal;	
(c) Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster;	
(d) Paymaster General;	
(e) Chief Secretary to the Treasury;	
(f) Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury;	
(g) Minister of State.	
Part II	
1. Any of the offices listed at (a) to (g) in Part I above for so long as the holder is not a member of the Cabinet	[^{F6} 26,962–43,010]
2. Minister in charge of a public department of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom who is not a member of the Cabinet, and who is not eligible for a salary under any other provision of this Act	[^{F6} 26,962–43,010]
3. Financial Secretary to the Treasury	
Part III	
Attorney General	[^{F6} 40,492]
Lord Advocate	[^{F6} 48,457]
Solicitor General	[^{F6} 33,201]

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Solicitor General for Scotland	[^{F6} 42,433] Part IV
Captain of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms	[^{F6} 43,010]
Parliamentary Secretary other than Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury	[^{F6} 36,066]
Captain of the Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard	[^{F6} 36,066]
Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household	[^{F6} 26,962]
Lord in Waiting	[^{F6} 32,519]
Comptroller of Her Majesty's Household	
Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household	[^{F6} 17,349]
Junior Lord of the Treasury	
Assistant Whip, House of Commons	

Textual Amendments

F6 Amounts substituted by [S.I. 1990/2596, art. 2, Sch 1](#)

PART V

- 1
 - (1) The salary to be paid to the holder of any office mentioned above in this Schedule shall be of the annual amount stated in relation to that office in column 2 or, as the case may be, of such annual amount not more than the upper figure or less than the lower figure so stated as the First Lord of the Treasury may determine.
 - (2) The date on which the holder of any office listed at (a) to (g) in Part I above becomes or ceases to be a member of the Cabinet shall be notified in the London Gazette, and any such notification (whether before or after the passing of this Act) shall be conclusive evidence for the purposes of this Schedule.
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In the case of the following offices a salary may be paid to more than one holder of the office at the same time, subject to the limitations expressed below, that is to say—

 - (a) Secretary of State, so long as not more than 21 salaries are paid at the same time in accordance with Part I above;
 - (b) Minister of State, so long as not more than 50 salaries are paid at the same time in accordance with Parts I and II above;
 - (c) Parliamentary Secretary other than Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury, so long as not more than 83 salaries are paid at the same time in accordance with Parts I and II above taken together with salaries to any Parliamentary Secretary in accordance with Part IV above;

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- (d) Junior Lord of the Treasury, so long as not more than 5 salaries are paid at the same time;
- (e) Assistant Whip, House of Commons, so long as not more than 7 salaries are paid at the same time;
- (f) Lord in Waiting, so long as not more than 5 salaries are paid at the same time.

SCHEDULE 2

OPPOSITION LEADERS AND WHIPS

PART I

<i>Position</i>	<i>Salary</i>
	£
In the House of Commons—	
Leader of the Opposition	[^{F7} 34,937]
Chief Opposition Whip	[^{F7} 26,962]
Assistant Opposition Whips	[^{F7} 17,349]
In the House of Lords—	
Leader of the Opposition	[^{F7} 36,066]
Chief Opposition Whip	[^{F7} 32,519]

Textual Amendments

F7 Amounts substituted by S.I. 1990/2596, art. 3, Sch. 2

PART II

- 1 The salary to be paid to any of the persons mentioned above in this Schedule shall be of the annual amount stated in relation to that person in column 2.
- 2 In the case of the Assistant Opposition Whips in the House of Commons, salaries may be paid to not more than 2 at the same time.
- 3 No salary shall be payable in accordance with this Schedule to a person who is in receipt of a pension under section 26(1) (past Prime Ministers) of the ^{M2}Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1972.

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Marginal Citations

M2 1972 c. 48.

X2 SCHEDULE 3

Section 5(3)

REPEALS

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Chapter	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
1972 c. 3.	The Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1972.	The whole Act.
1974 c. 21.	The Ministers of the Crown Act 1974.	Section 1.

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