



Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975

1975 CHAPTER 27

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}£2,000 a year more than the salary for the time being payable to the Lord Chief Justice] , . . . ^{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}£46,156] 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 [^{F4}by subsection (2) above as the annual amount by which the salary is to exceed that of the Lord Chief Justice or by subsection (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.
- (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.

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Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 1 power exercised by S.I. 1989/681
P2 S. 1(4): s. 1 (4) power exercised (19.12.1991) by S.I. 1991/2886

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(2) substituted by Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Act 1991 (c. 5, SIF 89), s. 3(1)
F2 Words repealed by Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c.41, SIF 76:1), ss. 84(d), 125(7), Sch. 20
F3 Amount in s. 1(3) substituted (1.1.1996) by S.I. 1995/2984, art. 4
F4 Words in s. 1(4) substituted by Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Act 1991 (c. 5, SIF 89), s. 3(2)

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[^{F5}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

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

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^{F6}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

F6 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

X1 The text of s. 5(3) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991

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