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# **CHAPTER 20**

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2 (1) In this Schedule "relevant service" in relation to any...

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3 (1) This paragraph has effect as respects a person who... Part II — PENSION BENEFITS

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4 (1) An officer to whom this Schedule applies may be...

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5 An officer to whom this Schedule applies who retires on...

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6 An officer to whom this Schedule applies who—

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7 An officer to whom this Schedule applies may on retirement...

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8 (1) If an officer to whom this Schedule applies is...

#### Re-employment after retirement

9 (1) If a person to whom a pension has been...

# Allocation of benefit to spouse or dependant

- 10 (1) In this paragraph and paragraphs 11 and 12 below—...
- 11 (1) A derivative pension for the benefit of the spouse...
- 12 (1) Any suspension of a pension under paragraph 9 above...
- 13 The fact that Part II of this Act applies to...

## Allocation of benefit on marriage after retirement

- 14 (1) This paragraph has effect as respects an officer to...
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- 15 (1) This paragraph applies where an officer to whom this...
- 16 (1) Any annual allowance granted under paragraph 15 above to...
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## Temporary abatement of salary to be disregarded

18 Any reference in this Schedule to the salary of an...

Service in the armed forces

19 An officer to whom this Schedule applies shall not be...

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20 (1) Where on the death of an officer to whom...

Delegation of Minister's power to grant pensions or other benefits

21 The Treasury may, to such extent and subject to such...

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22 The decision of the Treasury shall be final on any...

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23 (1) Any pension benefit paid to or in respect of...

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# Interpretation

1 (1) In this Schedule— "authorised insurer" means— a person who...

# Regulations

2 Regulations for the purposes of this Schedule—

Other provisions about transfer values

3 Chapter 1 of Part 4ZA of the Pension Schemes Act... Part II — TRANSFERS OUT

#### Qualifying members

4 (1) Where the conditions mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) are satisfied,...

Qualifying member's right to a transfer payment

5 (1) When his qualifying service ends, a qualifying member acquires...

Method of taking cash benefit

6 (1) A qualifying member who acquires a right to a...

Calculation of cash equivalents

7 (1) Cash equivalents are to be calculated and verified in...

Time within which option must be exercised

8 (1) A qualifying member may only exercise his option on...

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## Option to be exercised in writing

9 (1) A qualifying member may only exercise his option by...

## Cancellation of exercise of option

10 (1) A qualifying member may cancel the exercise of his... Part III — TRANSFERS IN

Application to accept payment into scheme

11 (1) Where a member of a scheme has asked the...

#### Cancellation of request

12 (1) A member may, by notice in writing given to...

#### Regulations

13 Regulations may— (a) prescribe limits on the amounts which the...

# SCHEDULE 2 — TRANSITORY PROVISIONS Part I

# The Higher Judiciary

1 (1) In the case of a person holding high judicial...

#### Circuit judges

2 (1) Section 5 and the other provisions of this Act...

Stipendiary magistrates in England and Wales

- 3 In the case of a person who at a time...
- 4 This Act shall not apply to a pension or other...
- 5 In relation to persons who did not serve as stipendiary...

#### Application of Part II to certain abolished offices

6 (1) Section 16 of this Act shall have effect as...

# Officers within Schedule 1 to this Act

- 7 (1) This paragraph has effect as respects an officer of...
- 8 (1) This paragraph has effect as respects a county court...
- 9 (1) Schedule 1 to this Act shall not apply to...

#### High Court registry at Liverpool or Manchester

10 (1) The repeals made by this Act in the County...

## Judicial offices within Chapter II of Part I

11 Subject to the preceding provisions of this Schedule, Chapter II...
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Person serving on 15 December 1950: election against all derivative benefits

12 (1) This paragraph applies to a person in whose case...

Persons serving on 15 December 1950: election against benefits for widow and children

13 (1) This paragraph applies to a person in whose case...

Relevant service wholly before 18 April 1973

14 (1) Where the relevant service was wholly before 18 April...

Persons serving on 18 April 1973: election for application of paragraph 14 above

15 (1) Subject to paragraph 28 below, this paragraph applies in...

Pension not wholly attributable to service after 17 April 1973

16 (1) Subject to paragraph 28 below, this paragraph applies in...

Persons serving on 18 April 1973: election for pensions wholly attributable to service on or after that date

17 (1) This paragraph applies in relation to a person in...

Saving for provisions about elections

- 18 The repeals made by this Act shall not affect any...
  - Part III MODIFICATION OF PART II IN RELATION TO SERVICE BEFORE APRIL 1973
- 19 In the cases specified in paragraphs 14 and 15 above...

Widow's pension

20 In section 19(3) for "one half" substitute " one third...

Children's pension

21 In section 22 for subsections (2) and (3) substitute—

Contributions

- 22 Neither section 23, nor any regulations under that section, shall...
- 23 (1) The contribution shall take the form of a reduction...
  Part IV WIDOWER'S PENSIONS

General

24 In this Part of this Schedule—" the commencement date...

Service wholly before the commencement date

25 Subject to paragraph 26, no widower's pension shall be payable...

Members retiring between publication and commencement date

26 (1) A member who retires—(a) on or after the...

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Service partly before and partly after the commencement date

27 (1) No widower's pension shall be payable in respect of...

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28 (1) This paragraph applies to a member who, apart from... PART 5 — SURVIVING CIVIL PARTNERS' PENSIONS

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29 In this Part of this Schedule—" the relevant date...

Service wholly on or before the relevant date

30 No surviving civil partner's pension shall be payable in respect...

Service on and after the relevant date

31 (1) A member who— (a) holds judicial office on the...

# SCHEDULE 3 — CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925 (c. 49)

1 Section 118 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act...

Superannuation Act 1965 (c. 74)

2 In section 39A of the Superannuation Act 1965 (inserted by...

Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (c. 13)

3 (1) Schedule 1 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 shall...

Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1967 (c. 28)

4 (1) The Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1967 shall be amended...

Courts Act 1971 (c. 23)

- 5 In section 19(5) of the Courts Act 1971 for "the...
- 6 (1) Schedule 2 to the Courts Act 1971 shall be...

Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 (c. 56)

7 (1) The Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 shall have effect in...

Superannuation Act 1972 (c. 11)

8 (1) In section 13(1) of the Superannuation Act 1972 for...

Administration of Justice Act 1973 (c. 15)

9 In section 9(4) of the Administration of Justice Act 1973...

Social Security Act 1980 (c.30)

10 .....

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SCHEDULE 4 — REPEALS

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