



Pensions Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 19

PART 1

STATE PENSION

State pension at the transitional rate

4 Entitlement to state pension at transitional rate

- (1) A person is entitled to a state pension payable at the transitional rate if—
 - (a) the person has reached pensionable age,
 - (b) the person has at least the minimum number of qualifying years, and
 - (c) the person has at least one pre-commencement qualifying year.
- (2) The minimum number of qualifying years for a state pension payable at the transitional rate is to be specified in regulations and may not be more than 10.
- (3) A person entitled to a state pension payable at the transitional rate is not entitled to a state pension under section 2.
- (4) In this Part—
 - “post-commencement qualifying year” means a qualifying year beginning on or after 6 April 2016;
 - “pre-commencement qualifying year” means—
 - (a) a qualifying year beginning on or after 6 April 1978 and ending before 6 April 2016, or
 - (b) a reckonable year that would have been treated under regulation 13(1) of the Social Security (Widow's Benefit, Retirement Pensions and Other Benefits) (Transitional) Regulations 1979 (S.I. 1979/643) as a qualifying year for the purposes of determining the person's entitlement to an old state pension that is a Category A retirement pension.
- (5) A reckonable year mentioned in paragraph (b) of the definition of “pre-commencement qualifying year” counts towards the minimum number of qualifying

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years required by subsection (1)(b) (even though it does not come within the definition of “qualifying year” for the purposes of this Part).

- (6) For earnings factors, see sections 22 and 23 of the Contributions and Benefits Act.
- (7) There are provisions elsewhere that affect a person's entitlement to a state pension under this section or the rate at which it is payable.

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