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## The Gas (Pension Schemes) Regulations 1971

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| <i>Made</i> - - -             | 27th May 1971  |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | 10th June 1971 |
| <i>Coming into Operation</i>  | 16th June 1971 |

The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under section 58 of the Gas Act 1948(a) and of all other powers him enabling, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Gas (Pension Schemes) Regulations 1971 and shall come into operation on 16th June 1971.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Gas (Pension Scheme) Regulations 1949(b) as amended (c).

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(d) applies for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Removal of requirement for Secretary of State's approval*

2.—(1) The powers conferred on Area Gas Boards and the Gas Council by regulation 1 of the principal regulations for the purposes of section 58(1)(a) of the Gas Act 1948 to establish and administer pension schemes, and to participate in pension schemes shall be exercisable without the Secretary of State's approval being first obtained.

(2) Accordingly:

- (a) the principal regulations shall have effect as if in regulation 1 (as originally made) of those regulations the words “which has been approved by the Minister” and the word “approved” (in the second place where that word appears) were omitted, and as if in paragraph (3) of that regulation (inserted by regulation 1 of the Gas (Pension) (Amendment) Regulations 1953(e)) the words “with the approval of the Minister” were omitted;
- (b) the Gas (Pension Rights) Regulations 1950(f) shall have effect as if in regulation 9 (as originally made) of those regulations for the words “approved by the Minister” there were substituted the word “established”;
- (c) references in regulations made under the said section 58 to the principal regulations shall be construed as references to the principal regulations as amended by these regulations.

Dated 27th May 1971.

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Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

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(a) 1948 c. 67. (b) 1949/744 (1949 I, p. 1997). (c) 1950/742, 1953/1525, 1958/847 (1950 I, p. 828; 1953 I, p. 834; 1958 I, p. 1231). (d) 1889 c. 63.  
 (e) 1953/1525 (1953 I, p. 834). (f) 1950/1206 (1950 I, p. 814)

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations make it unnecessary for the Gas Council and Area Gas Boards either to obtain the approval of the Secretary of State to a pension scheme providing benefits for employees in the gas industry or to obtain his approval before participating in a pension scheme established by some other person in order to provide such benefits.