

## 1972 No. 1654

## PENSIONS

**The Pensions Increase (Past Prime Ministers)  
Regulations 1972**

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The Minister for the Civil Service, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 5(3) and (4) of the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Pensions Increase (Past Prime Ministers) Regulations 1972, and shall come into operation on 1st December 1972.

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the 1971 Act” means the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971;

“basic rate” has the meaning given by section 17(1) of the 1971 Act.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if these Regulations and the Regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

3. The provisions of the 1971 Act shall apply in relation to—

(a) a pension payable under section 3 of the Ministerial Salaries Consolidation Act 1965(c) (pensions of Prime Ministers), and

(b) a pension payable under section 26 or 27 of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1972(d) to or in respect of a person who has held office as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury,

subject to the modifications and exceptions specified in the following provisions of these Regulations.

4.—(1) This Regulation applies to a pension payable under section 3 of the Ministerial Salaries Consolidation Act 1965.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) below, for the purposes of the 1971 Act a pension to which this Regulation applies shall—

(a) if it began not later than 31st March 1965, be treated as if it began on 1st July 1937; or

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(a) 1971 c. 56.  
(c) 1965 c. 58.

(b) 1889 c. 63.  
(d) 1972 c. 48.

(b) if it began after 31st March 1965 but not later than 31st March 1972, be treated as if it began on 1st April 1965.

(3) Any increase under the 1971 Act (as modified by paragraph (2) above) of a pension to which this Regulation applies shall not at any time exceed the amount by which the basic rate of the pension falls short of the rate of the pension to which the person in receipt of the pension would have been entitled under section 26 or 27 (as the case may be) of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1972 if the person in respect of whose service the pension is payable had, not earlier than that time, ceased to hold office as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury.

5. In relation to a pension payable under section 26 or 27 of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1972 to or in respect of a person who has held office as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury the 1971 Act shall have effect as if the pension were excepted from the provisions of the Act.

6. Any increase payable by virtue of these Regulations shall be payable in respect of any period beginning on or after 1st April 1972.

7. The Pensions Increase (Past Prime Ministers) Regulations 1971(a) are hereby revoked.

Given under the official seal of the Minister for the Civil Service on 3rd November 1972.

(L.S.)

*Kenneth Baker,*  
Authorised by the Minister  
for the Civil Service.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations, which revoke and replace the Pensions Increase (Past Prime Ministers) Regulations 1971, apply the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 to the pensions of Prime Ministers subject to the following modifications. In the case of Prime Ministers who last ceased to hold office before 1st April 1971, pensions which came into payment at different times but at the same basic rate will attract the same rate of increase, and the increase will be restricted so as to secure that the pensions concerned will not exceed the current

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(a) S.I. 1971/1690 (1971 III, p. 4617).

pension rate for former Prime Ministers. In the case of Prime Ministers who ceased to hold office on or after 1st April 1972, no increase will be payable.

In accordance with the powers conferred by section 5(4) of the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971, the Regulations provide for the increases to take effect from 1st April 1972.

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