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# 1976 No. 1356

## The Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order 1976

### Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order 1976, and shall come into operation on 1st December 1976.

### Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

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

“the 1974 Act” means the Pensions (Increase) Act 1974;

“basic rate” has the meaning given by section 17(1) of the 1971 Act, as amended by section 1(3) of the 1974 Act;

“the existing Orders” means the Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order 1972(1), the Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order 1973(2), the Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order 1974(3) and the Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order 1975(4);

“official pension” has the meaning given by section 5(1) of the 1971 Act;

“pension authority” has the meaning given by section 7(1) of the 1971 Act;

“qualifying condition” means one of the conditions laid down in section 3 of the 1971 Act, as amended by section 3(2) and (3) of the 1974 Act;

“widow's pension” means a pension payable in respect of the services of the pensioner's deceased husband.

(2) For the purposes of this Order the time when a pension “begins” is that stated in section 8(2) of the 1971 Act, and the “beginning date” shall be construed accordingly.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

### Pension increases

3.—(1) The annual rate of an official pension may, if any qualifying condition is satisfied or the pension is a widow's pension, be increased by the pension authority in respect of any period beginning on or after 1st December 1976, as follows:—

(a) a pension beginning on or before 1st July 1975 may be increased by 13.8 per cent. of the basic rate as increased by the amount of any increase under section 1 of the 1971 Act or under the existing Orders;

(b) a pension beginning in the six months following 1st July 1975 may be increased by 19.2 per cent. of the basic rate.

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(1) (1972 II, p. 3910).

(2) (1973 II, p. 4234).

(3) (1974 II, p. 5267).

(4) (1975 II, p. 4745).

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(c) a pension beginning in the six months following 1st January 1976 may be increased by 8.8 per cent. of the basic rate.

(2) For the purpose of showing the cumulative effect of the increases payable under section 1 of the 1971 Act, under the existing Orders and under paragraph (1) above, that section (as amended by section 3(3)(a) of the 1974 Act), with the effect of the existing Orders and paragraph (1) above incorporated in it, is set out in the Schedule to this Order.

#### **Increases of certain lump sums**

4. In respect of any lump sum or instalment of a lump sum which became payable in the six months ending with 1st July 1976, but for which the beginning date fell before 2nd January 1976, there may be paid an increase of 7.3 per cent. of the amount of the lump sum or instalment as increased by any increase under section 1 of the 1971 Act or under the existing Orders.

Given under the official seal of the Minister for the Civil Service on 16th August 1976.

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