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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security Pensions Act 1975
(Commencement No. 3) (Amendment) Order 1977**

Made - - - - - 5th September 1977

Laid before Parliament 12th September 1977

Coming into Operation 6th April 1978

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 67(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order, which may be cited as the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 3) (Amendment) Order 1977, shall come into operation on 6th April 1978.

(2) In this order “the No. 3 Order” means the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1975(b).

Variation of the No. 3 Order

2. After Article 2 of the No. 3 Order there shall be inserted the following Article:—

“Saving in connection with section 18 of the Social Security Pensions Act

3. Upon the coming into operation under this order on 6th April 1978 of section 18 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (rate of unemployment and sickness benefit for persons under pensionable age), the reference in subsection (2) of that section to £9·80 (the higher rate of unemployment or sickness benefit for persons under pensionable age provided for in the second column of paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Act 1975(c) as originally enacted) shall have effect as if it were a reference to £14·70 (the higher rate of unemployment or sickness benefit for persons under pensionable age provided for in the said second column as amended from 17th November 1977 by the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1977(d)).”

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

Stanley Orme,

Minister for Social Security,
Department of Health and Social Security.

5th September 1977.

(a) 1975 c. 60.

(c) 1975 c. 14.

(b) S.I. 1975/1689 (1975 III, p. 5771).

(d) S.I. 1977/1325 (1977 II, p. 3884).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order varies the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1975 so as to secure that when section 18 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (married women hitherto entitled to lower rate of unemployment and sickness benefit to be entitled to higher rate thereof which becomes the universal standard rate) is brought into operation by that Order on 6th April 1978, the higher weekly rate of unemployment and sickness benefit provided for under the Social Security Act 1975 as amended by the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1977 (£14.70) is not reduced to £9.80 which was the higher weekly rate of those benefits under the Social Security Act 1975 as originally enacted.

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