

**2018 No. 279**

**PENSIONS**

**The Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2018**

*Made* - - - - *5th March 2018*

*Coming into force* - - *6th April 2018*

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions has reviewed the general level of prices in Great Britain for the period of 12 months commencing on 1st October 2016 as required by section 109(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993(a), and it appears to the Secretary of State that the general level of prices was greater by 3.0 per cent. at the end of that period than it was at the beginning of that period.

A draft of this Order was laid before Parliament in accordance with section 109(2) of that Act(b) and approved by a resolution of each House.

Accordingly the Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 109(4) of that Act.

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2018 and comes into force on 6th April 2018.

**Increase of guaranteed minimum pensions**

2. For the purposes of section 109(2) and (3) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993, the percentage by which there is to be an increase in the rate of that part of any guaranteed minimum pension which is attributable to earnings factors for the tax years in the relevant period(c) shall be 3.0 per cent.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

5th March 2018

*Kit Malthouse*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Work and Pensions

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(a) 1993 c. 48.

(b) Section 109(2) was amended by section 55(a) of the Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26) and paragraph 22 of Schedule 1 to S.I. 2005/2050.

(c) See section 109(3A) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 which was inserted by section 55(b) of the Pensions Act 1995 and amended by paragraph 40 of Schedule 13 to the Pensions Act 2014 (c. 19).

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order specifies 3.0 per cent. as the percentage by which that part of any guaranteed minimum pension attributable to earnings factors for the tax years 1988-89 to 1996-97 and payable by contracted-out, defined benefit occupational pension schemes is to be increased. Under section 109(3) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 (c. 48) the percentage to be specified is the actual percentage increase in the general level of prices in the period under review or 3 per cent., whichever is less.

A full impact assessment has not been published for this instrument as it has no new impact on business or civil society organisations.

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