EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations, which are made in consequence of the National Insurance Act, 1954, and revoke and replace the National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Provisional Regulations, 1955, increase the rates of benefit payable under certain regulations made under the National Insurance Act, 1946, in order to bring them into conformity with the higher rates of benefits payable directly under that Act by virtue of the Act of 1954. Provision is also made to increase the amount of a maternity grant payable under regulations in certain cases, for altering the requirement as to weekly earnings in the case of a female person having the care of a child, for relaxing the earnings rule in the case of a widowed mother's allowance (where the rate thereof is less than the full weekly rate), with regard to the basis on which claims in respect of additional benefit arising under the Act of 1954 are dispensed with, and for the refund of contributions (in respect of weeks commencing on or after the 6th June, 1955) to persons electing not to be qualified for retirement pension. Special provision is made in relation to the payment of additional benefit in the case of persons not residing in Great Britain. The remaining provisions are of a minor or consequential character.

The preliminary draft of these Regulations was submitted to the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, and their report thereon dated the 10th March, 1955, is contained in House of Commons Paper No. 102 (Session 1954-55) published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

1955 No. 47

The National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Transitional) Regulations, 1955

Made - - - -	*7th January*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	*14th January*, 1955
Coming into Operation	*15th January*, 1955

The Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, in conjunction with the Treasury, in exercise of powers conferred by section 65 of the National Insurance Act, 1946(a), paragraph 10 (2) of the Second Schedule to the National Insurance Act, 1953(b) and section 4 of the National Insurance Act, 1954(c), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

PART I

GENERAL

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Transitional) Regulations, 1955, and shall come into operation on the 15th January, 1955.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—
"the principal Act" means the National Insurance Act, 1946;
"the Act of 1953" means the National Insurance Act, 1953;
"the Act of 1954" means the National Insurance Act, 1954;

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 67. (b) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 29. (c) 3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c. 1.

"the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations" means the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) Regulations, 1948(a), as amended(b);

"the Existing Contributors Regulations" means the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Contributors) (Transitional) Regulations, 1948(c), as amended(d);

"the General Transitional Regulations" means the National Insurance (General Transitional) Regulations, 1948(e), as amended(f);

"the Maternity Benefit Transitional Regulations" means the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations, 1953(g);

"the appointed day" means the 5th July, 1948;

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the principal Act, as amended by any other enactment, including the Act of 1954.

(3) References in these regulations to any enactment or regulations shall include references to such enactment or regulations as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations.

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1889(h), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

PART II

INCREASES IN RATES OF BENEFIT PAYABLE UNDER REGULATIONS

2. The existing rates of benefit referred to in this Part of these regulations payable by virtue of transitional regulations made under the principal Act and the Act of 1953 shall, in order to bring them into conformity with the increased rates of benefit payable directly under the principal Act by virtue of the Act of 1954, be increased in the manner and to the extent specified or referred to in this Part.

Increase in rates of retirement pensions for existing beneficiaries

3.—(1) As from the 25th April, 1955, paragraph (3) of regulation 9, as amended(i), of the existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which relates to rates of converted pensions for existing beneficiaries(j)) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part I of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In the proviso to the said paragraph (3)—

(*a*) for the words "29th September, 1952", there shall be substituted the words "25th April, 1955";

(*b*) in paragraph (*a*), for the words "thirty-two shillings and sixpence" and "twenty-one shillings and sixpence", there shall be substituted the words "forty shillings" and "twenty-five shillings" respectively.

(3) As from the 25th April, 1955, the revised Schedule set out in Schedule B to these regulations (being the Schedule there referred to as the "Third Schedule" and showing in italics in columns (3) and (5) the increased rates of retirement pensions for existing beneficiaries) shall be substituted for the Third

(a) S.I. 1948/55 (Rev. XVI, p. 36: 1948 I, p. 2822).
(b) S.I. 1949/1151, 1951/1232, 1952/1252, 1953/979 (1949 I, p. 2744; 1951 I, p. 1457; 1952 II, p. 2165; 1953 I, p. 1368).
(c) S.I. 1948/612 (Rev. XVI, p. 18: 1948 I, p. 2834).
(d) S.I. 1949/1150, 1412, 1951/538, 1232, 1952/1252, 2144, 1953/979 (1949 I, pp. 2746, 2748; 1951 I, pp. 1498, 1457; 1952 II, pp. 2165, 2154; 1953 I, p. 1368).
(e) S.I. 1948/1503 (Rev. XVI, p. 2: 1948 I, p. 2880).
(f) S.I. 1951/1232, 1952/1559 (1951 I, p. 1457; 1952 II, p. 2118).
(g) S.I. 1953/1154 (1953 I, p. 1360).
(h) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(i) *See* reg. 3 and Part I of Schedule A, S.I. 1952/1252 (1952 II, p. 2165).
(j) *See* s. 65 (2) (*b*), National Insurance Act, 1946.

Schedule, as amended(a), to the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which is referred to in the said regulation 9 of those regulations).

Increase in rates of retirement pensions in respect of wives, and for certain wives, of certain existing beneficiaries

4.—(1) As from the 25th April, 1955, regulation 10, as amended(b), of the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which relates to rates of increases in respect of wives, and of retirement pensions for certain wives, of certain existing beneficiaries) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part II of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In the said regulation 10—

(*a*) in paragraph (1), for the words " thirty-two shillings and sixpence " there shall be substituted the words " forty shillings " ;

(*b*) in the proviso to paragraph (2), for the words " 29th September, 1952 ", there shall be substituted the words " 25th April, 1955 ".

(3) As from the 25th April, 1955, the revised Schedule set out in Schedule C to these regulations (being the Schedule there referred to as the " Second Schedule " and showing in italics in column (2) the increased rates of retirement pensions in respect of wives, and for certain wives, of certain existing beneficiaries) shall be substituted for the Second Schedule, as amended(c), to the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which is referred to in the said regulation 10 of those regulations).

Increase in rates of benefit for existing beneficiaries who are widows

5. As from the 25th April, 1955, for the purpose of increasing the rates of benefit payable under regulation 8, as amended(d), of the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which relates to widowed mothers' allowances, widows' pensions and retirement pensions at reduced rates) and of giving effect to regulation 9 (which amends the provisions of paragraph (1) of regulation 11 of the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations relating to reductions in rates of benefit on account of earnings) the revised Schedule set out in Schedule D to these regulations (being the Schedule there referred to as the " First Schedule ", and showing in italics in columns (2) and (4) respectively the increased rates of widowed mothers' allowances and of widows' pensions and certain retirement pensions for existing beneficiaries who are widows, and in columns (3) and (5) respectively the rates below which such allowances and pensions shall not be reduced on account of earnings) shall be substituted for the First Schedule, as amended(e), to the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which is referred to in the said regulation 8 of those regulations).

Increase in rates of benefit for certain existing contributors

6. As from the 25th April, 1955, the revised Schedule set out in Schedule E to these regulations (being the Schedule there referred to as the " Fifth Schedule ", and showing in italics in the First and Second Tables and in columns (2) and (4) of the Third Table respectively the increased rates of retirement pensions for certain existing contributors(f), and their wives payable at less than the full appropriate weekly rate) shall be substituted for the Fifth Schedule, as amended(g), to the Existing Contributors Regulations

(a) *See* Schedule B, S.I. 1952/1252 (1952 II, p. 2165).
(b) *See* reg. 4 and Part II of Schedule A, S.I. 1952/1252 (1952 II, p. 2165).
(c) *See* Schedule C, S.I. 1952/1252 (1952 II, p. 2165).
(d) *See* reg. 5, S.I. 1952/1252 (1952 II, p. 2165).
(e) *See* Schedule D, S.I. 1952/1252 (1952 II, p. 2165).
(f) *See* s. 65 (2) (*a*), National Insurance Act, 1946.
(g) *See* Schedule E, S.I. 1952/1252 (1952 II, p. 2165).

(referred to in regulation 14 of those regulations, which relates to the reduction of the rates of retirement pensions of certain existing pensions contributors who attain pensionable age within five years from the appointed day and the wives of such contributors).

Increase in the rates of benefit for certain widows who are existing contributors

7.—(1) As from the 25th April, 1955, paragraph (4) of regulation 11, as amended(**a**), of the Existing Contributors Regulations (which relates to certain widows over the age of 50 on the appointed day) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part III of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In sub-paragraph (*a*) of the said paragraph (4) for the words "thirty-two shillings and sixpence", wherever they occur, there shall be substituted the words "forty shillings".

Increase in rate of maternity allowance continued under the Maternity Benefit Transitional Regulations

8.—(1) As from the 16th May, 1955, regulation 11 of the Maternity Benefit Transitional Regulations (which provides for continuing the payment of a maternity allowance in certain cases where the allowance is payable in accordance with the old provisions as defined for the purposes of Part II of the Second Schedule to the Act of 1953) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part IV of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In paragraph (ii) of the proviso to the said regulation 11, for the words "thirty-two shillings and sixpence" there shall be substituted the words "forty shillings".

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Relaxation of earnings rule for existing beneficiaries who are widows

9.—(1) As from the 25th April, 1955, paragraph (1) of regulation 11, as amended(**b**), of the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which relates to reductions in the rate of benefit on account of earnings) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part V of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In the said paragraph (1)—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (*a*), for the words "forty-three shillings" and "twenty shillings and sixpence" there shall be substituted the words "fifty-one shillings and sixpence" and "twenty-one shillings and sixpence" respectively;

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*c*), for the words "thirty-two shillings and sixpence" there shall be substituted the words "forty shillings".

Relaxation of earnings rule for widows of existing contributors

10.—(1) As from the 25th April, 1955, regulation 12, as amended(**c**), of the Existing Contributors Regulations (which relates to reductions in the rate of benefit on account of earnings) shall be amended in accordance with

(**a**) *See* reg. 7, and Part III of Schedule A, S.I. 1951/1232; reg. 7, S.I. 1952/1252 (1951 I, p. 1457; 1952 II, p. 2165).
(**b**) *See* reg. 8 and Part III of Schedule A, S.I. 1952/1252 (1952 II, p. 2165).
(**c**) *See* reg. 9 and Part IV of Schedule A, S.I. 1952/1252 (1952 II, p. 2165).

the provisions of the next following paragraph, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part VI of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In the said regulation 12—

(*a*) in paragraph (*a*), for the words "forty-three shillings" and "twenty shillings and sixpence" there shall be substituted the words "fifty-one shillings and sixpence" and "twenty-one shillings and sixpence" respectively;

(*b*) in paragraph (*c*), for the words "thirty-two shillings and sixpence" there shall be substituted the words "forty shillings".

(3) As from the 25th April, 1955, the revised Schedule set out in Schedule F to these regulations (being the Schedule there referred to as the "Fourth Schedule", and showing in italics in columns (2) and (4) the rates in the case of widowed mothers' allowances and of widows' pensions and certain retirement pensions for widows of existing contributors below which such allowances and pensions shall not be reduced on account of earnings) shall be substituted for the Fourth Schedule, as amended(**a**), to the Existing Contributors Regulations (which is referred to in the said regulation 12 of those regulations).

Child's allowance for certain children outside Great Britain

11. The amount of a child's allowance which is or becomes payable under regulation 18 of the General Transitional Regulations or under paragraph 4(**b**) of regulation 6 of the Existing Contributors Regulations (which provisions relate to child's allowance for certain children outside Great Britain) shall not be affected by the passing of the Act of 1954 or the making of these regulations.

Relaxation of restrictions on the right to benefit of certain existing beneficiaries resident outside Great Britain

12.—(1) The provisions specified in paragraph (2) of this regulation (which contain modifications of and restrictions on the right to benefit of certain existing beneficiaries resident outside Great Britain) shall not apply in relation to a person resident outside Great Britain in respect of any benefit payable to him for any period after the 24th April, 1955, during which he is in Great Britain.

(2) The provisions referred to in the preceding paragraph are:—

(*a*) Paragraph (3) of regulation 16 of the National Insurance (Increase of Contributory Pensions) Regulations, 1946(**c**), as applied by paragraph (3) of regulation 9 of the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which relates to rates of converted pensions for existing beneficiaries);

(*b*) Paragraph (*a*) of regulation 9 of the National Insurance (Increase of Old Age Pensions) Regulations, 1946(**d**), as applied as aforesaid;

(*c*) Sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (4) of regulation 6, and paragraphs (1) and (2) of regulation 21, of the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations.

Dated this 6th day of January, 1955.

Osbert Peake,
Minister of Pensions and National Insurance.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1955.

Edward Heath,
Gerald Wills,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

(**a**) *See* Schedule F, S.I. 1952/1252 (1952 II, p. 2165).
(**b**) *See* S.I. 1951/538 (1951 I, p. 1498).
(**c**) S.R. & O. 1946/1502 (Rev. XVI, p. 246: 1946 I, p. 1066).
(**d**) S.R. & O. 1946/1604 (Rev. XVI, p. 266: 1946 I, p. 1081).

SCHEDULE A

CONTAINING PROVISIONS OF REGULATIONS UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ACT WHICH ARE AMENDED IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE ACT OF 1954*

PART I — Regulation 3

PARAGRAPH (3) OF REGULATION 9 OF THE EXISTING BENEFICIARIES REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

(3) A retirement pension to which an existing old age pensioner, or an existing widow pensioner who had attained pensionable age on the appointed day, becomes entitled by virtue of these regulations shall be at the rate of the pension to which that person would, but for the repeal of the Contributory Pensions Acts (and apart from any disqualification), have been entitled under or by virtue of those Acts and the Increase of Pensions Regulations, or in the case of a woman in receipt of an old age pension by virtue of her insurance as a special voluntary contributor as defined in subsection (5) of section 1 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1937, at the rate of the pension to which she would have been so entitled if the said regulations had applied in her case:

Provided that, as from the *25th April, 1955*—

(*a*) where the rate of retirement pension payable by virtue of the foregoing provision of this paragraph is the full weekly rate of twenty-six shillings or sixteen shillings, as the case may be, there shall be substituted therefor the rates of *forty shillings* and *twenty-five shillings* respectively;

(*b*) where the rate of retirement pension so payable is less than the full weekly rate of twenty-six shillings or sixteen shillings (being one of the rates specified in columns (2) and (4) of the Third Schedule to these regulations to which it was (or would as aforesaid have been) increased by the Increase of Pensions Regulations from the appropriate rate previously applicable (under or by virtue of the Contributory Pensions Acts) as specified in column (1) of that Schedule) there shall be substituted therefor the increased rate appropriate to the circumstances of the case specified in column (3) or column (5) of that Schedule; and

(*c*) where the rate of retirement pension so payable is calculated by reference to the provisions of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939, now repealed (which provided for modified widows' and old age pensions if certain dependants war pensions were payable), that method of calculation shall continue subject to the substitution of any increased rate ascertained in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this proviso for the rate of widow's or old age pension which (apart from the provisions of that section) was payable immediately before the appointed day.

PART II — Regulation 4

REGULATION 10 OF THE EXISTING BENEFICIARIES REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

Rates of increases in respect of wives, and of retirement pensions for certain wives of existing beneficiaries

10.—(1) Where the rate of retirement pension to which an existing old age pensioner, being a man (other than one to whom the next succeeding paragraph applies), is entitled by virtue of these regulations is at a rate less than *forty shillings* a week, that is to say at one of the rates set out in the first column of the Second Schedule to these regulations,—

(*a*) any increase in respect of his wife; and

(*b*) any retirement pension for his wife by virtue of his insurance, if she had not attained pensionable age at the appointed day;

shall be at the appropriate rate set opposite to that rate in the second column of that Schedule.

* The words substituted by these regulations are shown in italics.

(2) In the case of an existing old age pensioner to whom the provisions of subsection (3) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939 applied (which subsection provided for modified old age pensions where certain dependants war pensions were payable) any increase in respect of his wife and any retirement pension for his wife by virtue of his insurance, if she had not attained pensionable age at the appointed day, shall be at the same rate as that at which an old age pension would, but for the repeal of the Contributory Pensions Acts, have been payable to her under those Acts, and the Increase of Pensions Regulations:

Provided that, as from the *25th April, 1955,* the method of calculation of any retirement pension by reference to the said subsection (3) shall continue subject to the application thereto of the provisions of paragraph (*c*) of the proviso to paragraph (3) of regulation 9.

PART III Regulation 7

PARAGRAPH (4) OF REGULATION 11 OF THE EXISTING CONTRIBUTORS REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

(4)—(*a*) A widow to whom the provisions of subsection (2) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939 (which subsection provided that certain pensions should not be payable if a dependants war pension was payable) applied immediately before the appointed day, and who on attaining pensionable age is in receipt of a dependants war pension at a rate of less than *forty shillings* a week may, where she fails to satisfy the conditions of sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) of paragraph (1) of regulation 5, elect that the provisions of regulation 10 shall not apply to her, and in that event the provisions of this regulation shall apply in her case, subject to the qualification that if the total amount of the weekly rates of the retirement pension and the dependants war pension exceeds *forty shillings,* the weekly rate of the retirement pension shall be reduced by the sum by which the total amount exceeds *forty shillings;* and

(*b*) The provisions of this regulation shall also apply to any widow who would, but for the provisions of section 24 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936 (which section related to disqualification for cohabitation), have been entitled immediately before the appointed day to a widow's pension under that Act, and who fails to satisfy the conditions of the said sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*), if when she attains the age of sixty she is not cohabiting with a man as his wife.

PART IV Regulation 8

REGULATION 11 OF THE MATERNITY BENEFIT TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

Continuation of a maternity allowance payable in accordance with the old provisions

11. In any case where—

(*a*) in accordance with any provision of these regulations the old provisions apply to a claimant in respect of a confinement;

(*b*) the date of the confinement occurs after the expected week of confinement; and

(*c*) the payment to the claimant of a maternity allowance would have been continued by virtue of paragraph (*b*) of the proviso to subsection (2) of section 15 of the principal Act if the application of that paragraph had not been excluded by sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 10 of the Second Schedule to the Act of 1953;

the allowance shall continue to be payable until the expiration of the sixth week after the week in which the date of the confinement occurs:

Provided that—

(i) if the claimant dies, the allowance shall not be payable for any subsequent week;

(ii) as respects any period for which the payment of the allowance is so continued, the weekly rate thereof shall be *forty shillings.*

PART V Regulation 9

PARAGRAPH (1) OF REGULATION 11 OF THE EXISTING BENEFICIARIES REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

(1) In the application of the provisions of subsection (3) of section 17 or subsection (3) of section 21 of the Act to any widowed mother's allowance, widow's pension or retirement pension for a widow by virtue of her husband's insurance, to which a person is entitled by virtue of any of the foregoing provisions of these regulations, the weekly rate thereof shall not be reduced—

(*a*) in the case of a widowed mother's allowance at the rate of *fifty-one shillings and sixpence*, to less than *twenty-one shillings and sixpence* (exclusive of the amount of any increase in respect of any child or children other than the elder or eldest); or

(*b*) in the case of a widowed mother's allowance at one of the rates specified in the second column of the First Schedule to these regulations, to less than the rate set opposite thereto in the third column (exclusive of the amount of any increase in respect of any child or children other than the elder or eldest); or

(*c*) in the case of a widow's pension or such a retirement pension at the rate of *forty shillings*, to less than ten shillings; or

(*d*) in the case of a widow's pension or such a retirement pension at one of the rates specified in the fourth column of the said Schedule, to less than the rate set opposite thereto in the fifth column.

PART VI Regulation 10

REGULATION 12 OF THE EXISTING CONTRIBUTORS REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

Modification of provisions of the Act relating to reductions in rate of benefit on account of earnings

12. In the application of the provisions of subsection (3) of section 17 or subsection (3) of section 21 of the Act to any widowed mother's allowance, widow's pension or retirement pension for a widow by virtue of her husband's insurance, to which a person is entitled by virtue of any of the foregoing provisions of these regulations, the weekly rate thereof shall not be reduced if the marriage in respect of which the benefit is payable took place before the appointed day—

(*a*) in the case of a widowed mother's allowance at the rate of *fifty-one shillings and sixpence*, to less than *twenty-one shillings and sixpence* (exclusive of the amount of any increase in respect of any child or children other than the elder or eldest); or

(*b*) in the case of a widowed mother's allowance at one of the rates specified in the first column of the Fourth Schedule to these regulations, to less than the rate set opposite thereto in the second column (exclusive of the amount of any increase in respect of any child or children other than the elder or eldest); or

(*c*) in the case of a widow's pension or such a retirement pension at the rate of *forty shillings*, to less than ten shillings; or

(*d*) in the case of a widow's pension or such a retirement pension at one of the rates specified in the third column of the said Schedule, to less than the rate set opposite thereto in the fourth column.

SCHEDULE B — Regulation 3

SHOWING (IN COLUMNS (3) AND (5)) INCREASED RATES OF RETIREMENT PENSIONS FOR EXISTING BENEFICIARIES

(*Note*:—The following provisions are by regulation 3 incorporated in the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations as the Third Schedule thereto in substitution for the existing Third Schedule.)

"THIRD SCHEDULE — Regulation 9 (3)

Table showing rates of retirement pension payable under regulation 9 (3) and corresponding increased rates under paragraph (*b*) of the proviso thereto*

Rate at which an old age or widow's pension would, apart from the Increase of Pensions Regulations and but for the repeal of the Contributory Pensions Acts, have been payable (1)	Rate of retirement pension (except in a case where column (4) applies), being the rate at which an old age or widow's pension would, but for the repeal of the Contributory Pensions Acts, have been payable (2)	Corresponding increased rate of retirement pension (3)	Rate of retirement pension for wife by virtue of husband's insurance, where he is alive, being the rate at which an old age pension would, but for the repeal of the Contributory Pensions Acts, have been payable (4)	Corresponding increased rate of retirement pension (5)
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
9 0	23 0	*36 0*	14 0	*22 6*
8 3	21 0	*33 0*	12 6	*20 6*
8 0	20 0	*32 0*	12 0	*20 0*
7 3	18 6	*29 0*	11 0	*18 0*
7 0	18 0	*28 0*	11 0	*17 6*
6 6	16 6	*26 0*	10 0	*16 6*
6 0	15 0	*24 0*	9 0	*15 0*
5 9	14 6	*23 0*	9 0	*14 6*
5 6	14 0	*22 0*	8 6	*14 0*
5 0	13 0	*20 0*	8 0	*12 6*
4 6	11 6	*18 0*	7 0	*11 6*
4 3	11 0	*17 0*	6 6	*10 6*
4 0	10 0	*16 0*	6 0	*10 0*
3 9	9 6	*15 0*	6 0	*9 6*
3 6	9 0	*14 0*	5 6	*9 0*
3 3	8 6	*13 0*	5 0	*8 0*
3 0	8 0	*12 0*	5 0	*7 6*
2 9	7 0	*11 0*	4 6	*7 0*
2 6	6 6	*10 0*	4 0	*6 6*
2 3	6 0	*9 0*	3 6	*5 6*
2 0	5 0	*8 0*	3 0	*5 0*
1 9	4 6	*7 0*	3 0	*5 0*
1 6	4 0	*6 0*	2 6	*4 0*
1 3	3 6	*5 0*	2 0	*3 6*
1 0	3 0	*4 6*	2 0	*3 6*
0 9	2 0	*3 6*	1 6	*3 0*
0 6	1 6	*3 0*	1 0	*2 6*"

* The higher rates provided by these regulations are shown in italics.

SCHEDULE C Regulation 4

SHOWING IN COLUMN (2) INCREASED RATES OF RETIREMENT PENSIONS IN RESPECT OF WIVES, AND FOR CERTAIN WIVES, OF CERTAIN EXISTING BENEFICIARIES

(*Note*:—The following provisions are by regulation 4 incorporated in the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations as the Second Schedule thereto in substitution for the existing Second Schedule.)

"SECOND SCHEDULE Regulation 10 (1)

Table showing*:—

(1) in the first column, the rates of retirement pension payable to existing old age pensioners other than those to whom the provisions of subsection (3) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939 applied; and

(2) in the second column, the corresponding rates of an increase of retirement pension in respect of a wife of such a pensioner, or of a retirement pension payable to a wife of such a pensioner by virtue of her husband's insurance if she had not attained pensionable age at the appointed day.

Rate of retirement pension (1)	Corresponding rate of increase or retirement pension for a wife (2)
s. d.	s. d.
36 0	*22 6*
33 0	*20 6*
32 0	*20 0*
29 0	*18 0*
28 0	*17 6*
26 0	*16 6*
24 0	*15 0*
23 0	*14 6*
22 0	*14 0*
20 0	*12 6*
18 0	*11 6*
17 0	*10 6*
16 0	*10 0*
15 0	*9 6*
14 0	*9 0*
13 0	*8 0*
12 0	*7 6*
11 0	*7 0*
10 0	*6 6*
9 0	*5 6*
8 0	*5 0*
7 0	*5 0*
6 0	*4 0*
5 0	*3 6*
4 6	*3 6*
3 6	*3 0*
3 0	*2 6*"

* The figures substituted by these regulations are shown in italics.

SCHEDULE D

Regulation 5

SHOWING (IN COLUMNS (2) AND (4) RESPECTIVELY) INCREASED RATES OF WIDOWED MOTHERS' ALLOWANCES AND OF WIDOWS' PENSIONS AND CERTAIN RETIREMENT PENSIONS FOR EXISTING BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE WIDOWS AND (IN COLUMNS (3) AND (5) RESPECTIVELY) RATES BELOW WHICH SUCH ALLOWANCES AND PENSIONS SHALL NOT BE REDUCED ON ACCOUNT OF EARNINGS

(*Note*:—The following provisions are by regulation 5 incorporated in the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations as the First Schedule thereto in substitution for the existing First Schedule.)

" FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulations 8 and 11 (1)

Table showing*:—

(1) in the first column, the rate at which a widow's pension was or would, but for any disqualification, have been payable (apart from any additional allowance or increase) immediately before the appointed day; and

(2) in the second and fourth columns, respectively, the corresponding rates of widowed mother's allowance, and widow's pension or retirement pension for a widow by virtue of her husband's insurance; and

(3) in the third and fifth columns, the rates below which a widowed mother's allowance, and a widow's pension or such a retirement pension, respectively, shall not be reduced on account of earnings.

Rate (apart from additional allowance or increase) of widow's pension immediately before the appointed day	Corresponding rate of widowed mother's allowance	Rate below which widowed mother's allowance shall not be reduced on account of earnings	Corresponding rate of widow's pension or retirement pension for a widow by virtue of husband's insurance	Rate below which widow's pension or retirement pension for a widow by virtue of husband's insurance shall not be reduced on account of earnings
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
9 0	*47 6*	*20 6*	*36 0*	9 0
8 0	*43 6*	*19 6*	*32 0*	8 0
7 0	*39 6*	*18 6*	*28 0*	7 0
6 0	*35 6*	*17 6*	*24 0*	6 0
5 0	*31 6*	*16 6*	*20 0*	5 0"

SCHEDULE E

Regulation 6

SHOWING (IN THE FIRST AND SECOND TABLES AND IN COLUMNS (2) AND (4) OF THE THIRD TABLE RESPECTIVELY) INCREASED RATES OF BENEFIT FOR CERTAIN EXISTING CONTRIBUTORS AND THE WIVES OF SUCH CONTRIBUTORS

(*Note*:—The following provisions are by regulation 6 incorporated in the Existing Contributors Regulations as the Fifth Schedule thereto in substitution for the existing Fifth Schedule.)

* The figures substituted by these regulations are shown in italics.

"FIFTH SCHEDULE Regulation 14

REDUCTION OF RATES OF RETIREMENT PENSIONS OF CERTAIN EXISTING PENSIONS CONTRIBUTORS WHO ATTAIN PENSIONABLE AGE WITHIN FIVE YEARS FROM THE APPOINTED DAY AND THE WIVES OF SUCH CONTRIBUTORS*

PART I

Classes of existing pensions contributors affected

The provisions contained in Part II of this Schedule shall have effect in relation to the following classes of existing pensions contributors:—

(1) Persons other than special voluntary contributors to whom the provisions of subsection (3) or (4) of section 16 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936, and regulation 3 of the Modification Regulations (which provisions related to exempt persons) were of application immediately before the appointed day so that any old age pension to which any such person could, but for the repeal of the Contributory Pensions Acts, have become entitled under those Acts, together with any increase under the Increase of Pensions Regulations, would have been at a weekly rate of less than twenty-six shillings, that is to say at any of the rates specified in the first column of the first table of rates set out in Part III of this Schedule;

(2) Persons other than special voluntary contributors who before the appointed day had been granted a superannuation allowance on retirement from excepted employment and to whom the provisions of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (5) of section 17 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936, and regulation 4 of the Modification Regulations (which provisions related to persons formerly in excepted employment) were of application immediately before the appointed day so that any old age pension to which any such person could, but for the repeal of the Contributory Pensions Acts, have become entitled under those Acts, together with any increase under the Increase of Pensions Regulations, would have been at such a weekly rate as aforesaid;

(3) Persons other than special voluntary contributors—

(*a*) who immediately before the appointed day were employed in excepted employment by virtue of which contributions were payable in respect of them at the rates mentioned in Part IV of the First Schedule to the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936, or would have been so payable, if their rate of remuneration had not exceeded four hundred and twenty pounds a year, and who after that day are granted superannuation allowance on retirement from employment which would but for the Act have been such employment; and

(*b*) in respect of whom the said paragraph (*b*) and the said regulation 4 would, if the Contributory Pensions Acts had continued in force, have so applied that any old age pension to which any such person could have become entitled under those Acts, together with any increase under the Increase of Pensions Regulations, would have been at such a weekly rate as aforesaid;

(4) Persons to or in respect of whom a dependants war pension is at the appointed day or thereafter becomes payable and to whom the provisions of

* The figures substituted by these regulations are shown in italics.

subsection (3) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939 (which subsection provided for modified old age pensions where certain dependants war pensions were payable) applied or would, but for the repeal of the Contributory Pensions Acts, have applied so that any old age pension to which any such person could have become entitled under those Acts, together with any increase under the Increase of Pensions Regulations, would have been at such a weekly rate as aforesaid:

Provided that, in calculating for the purpose of this Part the rate at which a pension would have been payable under the said Acts, the application of the provisions of subsection (2) of section 5 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1937 (which subsection related to reductions for low averages of contributions) shall be disregarded.

PART II

Provisions applying the reduced rates

(1) Where an existing pensions contributor of one of the classes specified in Part I of this Schedule attains pensionable age at any time not more than five years after the appointed day, any retirement pension to which he may become entitled shall be at the rate appropriate to the circumstances of the case set out in columns (2) to (6) of the first table of rates contained in Part III of this Schedule:

Provided that—

(*a*) where the yearly average of the contributions paid by or credited to any such person is less than fifty, the pension shall not be payable at the appropriate rate in the said first table, but at the rate appropriate to the circumstances of the case set out in the second table of rates contained in the said Part III; and

(*b*) in the case of a person of the class specified in paragraph (4) of the said Part I, the pension shall be either—

(i) at the appropriate rate specified in the first or the second table, as the case may be, contained in the said Part III; or

(ii) at such higher rate, if any, as may be necessary to ensure that the aggregate of the weekly rate of the dependants war pension and the retirement pension shall not be less than the rate of retirement pension which would have been payable but for the dependants war pension.

(2) Where any such person becomes entitled to an increase in respect of his wife, or the wife of any such person becomes entitled to a retirement pension by virtue of his insurance during his life, the rate of such increase or wife's retirement pension shall be the rate in the second or fourth columns of the third table of rates contained in Part III of this Schedule set opposite to the rate of that person's retirement pension in the first or third column of that table; and for the purpose of this provision, where the husband's pension is payable under paragraph (ii) of proviso (*b*) to the foregoing paragraph, it shall be treated as if it were payable under paragraph (i) of the said proviso, and the said paragraph (ii) shall apply in the case of the wife of a person of the class specified in paragraph (4) of the said Part I in the same manner as it does to any such person.

(3) In the case of a person of the class specified in paragraph (1) of Part I of this Schedule or the wife of any such person, the provisions of this Part shall cease to apply as from the date on which that person attains the age of seventy.

PART III

First Table showing:—

(1) in the first column, the rates at which old age pensions would (subject to the satisfaction of the contribution conditions) have been payable under the Contributory Pensions Acts and the National Insurance (Increase of Contributory Pensions) Regulations, 1946, but for the repeal of those Acts and apart from the application of the provisions of sub-paragraph (*a*) (ii) of paragraph (3) of regulation 6 (which sub-paragraph provides alternative rates of old age pensions for persons to whom certain dependants war pensions are payable), and paragraph (1) of regulation 16 of those regulations (which paragraph excludes pensions for women special voluntary contributors from increase);

(2) in the remaining columns, the corresponding rates of retirement pensions where pensionable age is attained at a date within the periods specified in the headings to those columns.

FIRST TABLE

Rate at which an old age pension would, but for the repeal of the Contributory Pensions Acts, have been payable (1)	Corresponding rate of retirement pension where pensionable age attained during period:—				
	From 5th July, 1948 to 4th July, 1949 (2)	From 5th July, 1949 to 4th July, 1950 (3)	From 5th July, 1950 to 4th July, 1951 (4)	From 5th July, 1951 to 4th July, 1952 (5)	From 5th July, 1952 to 4th July, 1953 (6)
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
– – ...	*4 6*	*12 0*	*20 0*	*28 0*	*36 0*
3 0 ...	*8 0*	*16 0*	*24 0*	*29 6*	*37 0*
5 0 ...	*11 0*	*17 0*	*25 0*	*32 0*	*37 0*
8 0 ...	*16 0*	*20 0*	*26 6*	*33 0*	*37 0*
10 0 ...	*19 0*	*24 0*	*28 0*	*33 0*	*37 0*
13 0 ...	*22 0*	*26 6*	*32 0*	*34 6*	*38 6*
15 0 ...	*25 0*	*28 0*	*33 0*	*36 0*	*38 6*
18 0 ...	*29 6*	*32 0*	*34 6*	*37 0*	*38 6*
20 0 ...	*33 0*	*34 6*	*36 0*	*37 0*	*38 6*
23 0 ...	*37 0*	*37 0*	*38 6*	*38 6*	*38 6*

SECOND TABLE

Second Table showing:—

(1) In the first column, the yearly average of contributions paid by or credited to persons mentioned in Part I; and

(2) In the remaining columns, the corresponding rates of retirement pensions for such persons on attaining pensionable age within five years from the appointed day.

Rates at which retirement pensions would have been payable in accordance with the First Table if the yearly average had been fifty:—

Yearly average of Contributions paid or credited	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
	4 6	*8 0*	*11 0*	*12 0*	*16 0*	*17 0*	*19 0*	*20 0*	*22 0*	*24 0*	*25 0*	*26 6*	*28 0*	*29 6*	*32 0*	*33 0*	*34 6*	*36 0*	*37 0*	*38 6*

Corresponding rates of retirement pensions:—

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
48 and under 50 ...	*4 0*	*7 0*	*10 0*	*11 6*	*15 0*	*16 6*	*18 0*	*19 6*	*21 0*	*23 0*	*24 6*	*26 0*	*27 6*	*29 0*	*30 0*	*32 0*	*33 0*	*34 6*	*36 0*	*37 0*
46 „ „ 48 ...	*4 0*	*7 0*	*10 0*	*11 6*	*14 0*	*16 0*	*17 0*	*19 0*	*20 0*	*22 0*	*24 0*	*25 0*	*26 6*	*28 0*	*29 6*	*30 0*	*32 0*	*33 0*	*34 6*	*36 0*
43 „ „ 46 ...	*4 0*	*7 0*	*9 0*	*11 0*	*13 0*	*15 0*	*16 6*	*18 0*	*19 6*	*21 0*	*22 0*	*24 0*	*25 0*	*26 6*	*28 0*	*29 0*	*30 0*	*32 0*	*33 0*	*34 6*
40 „ „ 43 ...	*4 0*	*6 0*	*8 6*	*10 0*	*12 0*	*14 0*	*16 0*	*16 6*	*18 0*	*19 6*	*20 0*	*21 0*	*23 0*	*24 6*	*26 0*	*26 6*	*28 0*	*29 0*	*29 6*	*32 0*
37 „ „ 40 ...	*3 6*	*5 0*	*8 0*	*9 0*	*11 6*	*12 0*	*14 0*	*15 0*	*16 6*	*18 0*	*19 0*	*19 6*	*20 0*	*22 0*	*24 0*	*24 6*	*26 0*	*26 6*	*27 6*	*29 0*
34 „ „ 37 ...	*3 6*	*5 0*	*7 0*	*8 0*	*10 0*	*11 0*	*12 0*	*13 0*	*15 0*	*16 6*	*17 0*	*18 0*	*19 0*	*19 6*	*21 0*	*22 0*	*23 0*	*24 0*	*24 6*	*26 0*
30 „ „ 34 ...	*3 0*	*4 6*	*6 0*	*7 0*	*9 0*	*10 0*	*11 0*	*11 6*	*12 0*	*14 0*	*15 0*	*16 0*	*16 6*	*17 0*	*19 0*	*19 6*	*20 0*	*21 0*	*22 0*	*23 0*
26 „ „ 30 ...	*3 0*	*4 0*	*5 0*	*6 0*	*8 0*	*8 6*	*9 0*	*10 0*	*11 0*	*11 6*	*12 0*	*13 0*	*14 0*	*15 0*	*16 0*	*16 6*	*17 0*	*18 0*	*19 0*	*19 6*
22 „ „ 26 ...	*3 0*	*3 6*	*4 6*	*5 0*	*6 0*	*7 0*	*8 0*	*8 6*	*9 0*	*9 0*	*10 0*	*11 0*	*11 6*	*12 0*	*13 0*	*14 0*	*15 0*	*15 0*	*16 0*	*16 6*
18 „ „ 22 ...	*2 6*	*3 0*	*4 0*	*4 6*	*5 0*	*6 0*	*6 0*	*7 0*	*8 0*	*8 0*	*8 6*	*9 0*	*9 0*	*10 0*	*11 0*	*11 6*	*12 0*	*12 0*	*13 0*	*13 0*
13 „ „ 18 ...	*2 6*	*3 0*	*3 6*	*3 6*	*4 0*	*4 6*	*4 6*	*5 0*	*6 0*	*6 0*	*7 0*	*8 0*	*8 0*	*8 0*	*8 6*	*8 6*	*9 0*	*9 0*	*10 0*	*10 0*

THIRD TABLE

Third Table showing:—

(1) in the first and third columns the rates of retirement pension, apart from any increase, payable to existing pensions contributors by virtue of regulation 14; and

(2) in the second and fourth columns the corresponding rates of an increase of retirement pension in respect of a wife, or of a retirement pension payable to a wife by virtue of her husband's insurance.

Rate of retirement pension (1)	Corresponding rate of increase or retirement pension for a wife (2)	Rate of retirement pension (3)	Corresponding rate of increase or retirement pension for a wife (4)
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
38 6	24 0	18 0	11 6
37 0	23 0	17 0	10 6
36 0	22 6	16 6	10 6
34 6	21 6	16 0	10 0
33 0	20 6	15 0	9 6
32 0	20 0	14 0	9 0
30 0	19 0	13 0	8 0
29 6	18 6	12 0	7 6
29 0	18 0	11 6	7 0
28 0	17 6	11 0	7 0
27 6	17 0	10 0	6 6
26 6	16 6	9 0	5 6
26 0	16 6	8 6	5 6
25 0	15 6	8 0	5 0
24 6	15 6	7 0	5 0
24 0	15 0	6 0	4 0
23 0	14 6	5 0	3 6
22 0	14 0	4 6	3 6
21 0	13 0	4 0	3 0
20 0	12 6	3 6	3 0
19 6	12 0	3 0	2 6
19 0	12 0	2 6	2 0"

SCHEDULE F Regulation 10

SHOWING (IN COLUMNS (2) AND (4)) RATES BELOW WHICH WIDOWED MOTHERS' ALLOWANCES, WIDOWS' PENSIONS, AND CERTAIN RETIREMENT PENSIONS FOR WIDOWS OF EXISTING CONTRIBUTORS SHALL NOT BE REDUCED ON ACCOUNT OF EARNINGS

(*Note*:—The following provisions are by regulation 10 incorporated in the Existing Contributors Regulations as the Fourth Schedule thereto in substitution for the existing Fourth Schedule.)

" FOURTH SCHEDULE Regulation 12

Table showing*:—

(1) in the first and third columns, the rates of widowed mother's allowance and widow's pension or retirement pension for a widow by virtue of her husband's insurance where the marriage took place before the appointed day; and

(2) in the second and fourth columns, the rates below which a widowed mother's allowance and a widow's pension or such a retirement pension, as the case may be, shall not be reduced on account of earnings.

Rate of widowed mother's allowance (1)	Minimum reduced rate (2)	Rate of widow's pension or retirement pension for a widow by virtue of husband's insurance (3)	Minimum reduced rate (4)
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
50 0	*21 0*	*38 6*	*9 6*
48 6	*20 6*	*37 0*	*9 0*
47 0	*20 0*	*35 6*	*8 6*
44 0	*19 6*	*32 6*	*8 0*
40 6	*19 0*	*29 0*	*7 6*
37 6	*18 0*	*26 0*	*6 6*
34 6	*17 6*	*23 0*	*6 0*
31 6	*16 6*	*20 0*	*5 0*
28 6	*15 6*	*17 0*	*4 0*
25 6	*15 0*	*14 0*	*3 6*
22 6	*14 0*	*11 0*	*2 6*"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations, which are made in consequence of the National Insurance Act, 1954, increase the rates of benefit payable under the transitional regulations made under the National Insurance Act, 1946, modifying the provisions of that Act in relation to existing beneficiaries and existing contributors, in order to bring them into conformity with the higher rates of benefits payable directly under that Act by virtue of the Act of 1954. Provision is made for relaxing the restrictions on the right to benefit of existing beneficiaries resident outside Great Britain in respect of benefit payable to them for any periods after the 24th April, 1955, during which they are in Great Britain. The remaining provisions are of a minor or consequential character.

* The figures substituted by these regulations are shown in italics.