1980 No. 365

PENSIONS

Pensions (Belfast Corporation) Increase (Modification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made . . . . . *22nd October 1980*

Coming into operation . . . *24th November 1980*

The Department of the Civil Service (hereinafter referred to as "the Department"), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5(3) of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Pensions (Belfast Corporation) Increase (Modification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 24th November 1980.

Application of Act of 1971

2. The Department hereby directs that the provisions of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**c**) shall in relation to the Pensions Increase (Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980(**d**) and any subsequent Order under Part I of the Act apply to a pension payable under the Belfast Corporation Act (Northern Ireland) 1943(**e**) whatever the date of its beginning and whether beginning before or after the coming into operation of these regulations as if it was a pension beginning before 12th November 1979.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Civil Service for Northern Ireland on 22nd October 1980.

(L.S.) *J. S. H. Gaw*

Assistant Secretary

(**a**) 1971 c. 35 (N.I.) s. 5(3) was amended by the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15) Sch. 5 (para. 16)
(**b**) By S.R. 1976 No. 281 (II, p. 1339) Art. 3 and Sch. 1
(**c**) As amended by S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15) Art. 69 and S.I. 1979/396 (N.I. 5) Art. 10
(**d**) S.R. 1980 No. 364
(**e**) 1943 c. i (N.I.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The pensions payable under the Belfast Corporation Act (Northern Ireland) 1943 are flat-rate pensions and for some time past special modifying provision has been made annually for their increase by pension increase regulations.

These Regulations make a modification in general terms in respect of such pensions so that a pension which comes into payment on or after 12th November 1979 will be treated as having begun before 12th November 1979 and so will qualify for the increases authorised by the Pensions Increase (Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980 and any subsequent Order made under Part I of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 at the rate for which it would have qualified had it begun in 1943 when the pension was fixed.

The Pensions Increase (Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980 provides for percentage increases in the rates of various public service pensions, the amount of the percentage depending on the date of the beginning of the pension as defined in section 8(2) of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971.