Now, therefore, the Minister, with the consent of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the said subsection (1) and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

**1.** Payments under the Pensions (Polish Forces) Scheme, 1949 shall be limited to such as fall due for payment before the 27th March, 1957 and the reference to the 27th March, 1952 in Article 12 (1) thereof shall be construed as if it were a reference to the 27th March, 1957.

**2.** This Order shall be construed as one with the Pensions (Polish Forces) Scheme, 1949.

**3.** This Order may be cited as the Pensions (Polish Forces) Scheme (Extension) Order, 1951, and shall come into force on the 1st December, 1951.

Dated the 21st day of November, 1951.

*D. Heathcoat-Amory,*
Minister of Pensions.

We consent.

Dated the 21st day of November, 1951.

*T. G. D. Galbraith,*
*Edward Heath,*
Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

The Scheme of war pensions and allowances for certain members of the Polish forces, their widows and other dependants, made under the Polish Resettlement Act, 1947, which would otherwise have ended on the 26th March, 1952, is extended by this Order for a further five years.

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## The Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) Scheme, 1951

## 1951 No. 938

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| *Made* - - - - | 28*th May*, 1951 |
| *Laid before Parliament* | 28*th May*, 1951 |
| *Coming into Operation* | 1*st June*, 1951 |

With the consent of the Treasury, the Minister of Pensions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Sections 1 and 2 of the Personal Injuries (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939(a), hereby makes the following Scheme:—

**1.**—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In this Scheme the expression "the principal Scheme" means the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme, 1949(c).

(a) 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 82. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1949 (No. 2025) I, p. 3115.

(3) Subject as hereinafter appears, the principal Scheme and this Scheme shall be construed as one.

**2.** In Article 15 (2) of the principal Scheme (which provides for the supplementation of pension for unemployable pensioners) for the figures 30s. there shall be substituted the figures 35s.

**3.** In proviso (ii) to subparagraph (*d*) of Article 15 (3) of the principal Scheme (which provides for the payment of additional allowances for dependants of unemployable pensioners) for the figures 23s. 6d. there shall be substituted the figures 26s.

**4.** In Article 15 (3) of the principal Scheme, after the proviso to subparagraph (*e*) (ii) there shall be added the following subparagraph:—

" (*f*) Where the amount of the allowance in respect of the first child awarded under Article 11 of this Scheme or awarded or increased under subparagraph (*e*) of this paragraph is 7s. 6d. a week, a further allowance of 2s. 6d. a week may be awarded in respect of that child."

**5.** After Article 15 of the principal Scheme, amended as aforesaid, there shall be inserted the following Article:—

" **15A. Allowances for Comforts.**—Where a disabled person is in receipt of a pension under Article 10 of this Scheme in respect of disablement the degree of which is 100 per cent. and either he is in receipt of an allowance under Article 15 of this Scheme or he is a person, not in receipt of such an allowance, whose pension has been awarded in respect of multiple injuries which, in the opinion of the Minister, render the disablement so severe as to justify an award under this Article, he may be awarded an allowance for the provision of comforts at the rate of 10s. a week:

Provided that, in either case, he is also in receipt of an allowance under Article 13 of this Scheme or would be in receipt of such an allowance if he were not in a hospital or other institution."

**6.** In proviso (*b*) to Article 17 (1) of the principal Scheme (which provides for the payment of treatment allowances) for the words and figures " Article 12, 14 or 15 (2) " there shall be substituted the words and figures " Article 12, 14, 15 (2) or 15A ".

**7.** Article 17 (4) of the principal Scheme shall be deleted and there shall be substituted therefor the following paragraph:—

" (4) An additional allowance may be awarded in respect of an eligible dependant at the rate and subject to the conditions which would be appropriate under Article 11 of this Scheme if that dependant were an eligible member of the family and the degree of the disabled person's disablement were 100 per cent.:

Provided that—

(*a*) where that eligible dependant is a wife or a husband, the rate of the additional allowance in respect of that eligible dependant may be increased to the rate of 16s. a week, if the Minister thinks fit having regard to the financial circumstances of that eligible dependant;

(*b*) where an increased allowance is granted under paragraph (3) of this Article and the amount of the allowance awarded under the foregoing provisions of this paragraph in respect of the first child is 7s. 6d. a week, a further allowance of 2s. 6d. a week may be awarded in respect of that child."

**8.** In proviso (*b*) to Article 17 (5) of the principal Scheme (which provides for the payment of additional allowances during periods of approved treatment) for the figures 23s. 6d. there shall be substituted the figures 26s.

**9.** In the proviso to Article 19 of the principal Scheme (which provides for the payment of allowances for part-time treatment) for the words and figures "Article 12, 13, 14 or 15 (2)" there shall be substituted the words and figures "Article 12, 13, 14, 15 (2) or 15A".

**10.** In Article 24 (1) of the principal Scheme (which provides for the payment of rent allowances) for the figure 8s. there shall be substituted the figure 6s.

**11.** This Scheme may be cited as the Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) Scheme, 1951 and shall come into operation on the 1st June, 1951 so, however, that in relation to any award payable weekly the foregoing reference to the 1st June, 1951 shall be construed as a reference to the first normal weekly pay day following the 1st June, 1951.

Made by me, the Minister of Pensions, this 23rd day of May, 1951.

*G. A. Isaacs,*
Minister of Pensions.

We consent.

Dated this 28th day of May, 1951.

*Charles Royle,*
*H. W. Bowden,*
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of His Majesty's Treasury.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Scheme, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

1. This Scheme amends the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme, 1949 and introduces the following changes in the pensions provisions.

2. The allowance for unemployable pensioners has been increased from 30s. to 35s. a week.

3. The allowance for the first or only child of a pensioner has been increased from 7s. 6d. a week to 10s. a week where the pensioner has been awarded a special allowance either on the grounds of unemployability or because, during a course of approved treatment, he is not entitled to sickness benefit under National Insurance provisions.

4. An allowance of 10s. a week for the provision of comforts has been introduced for certain very severely disabled pensioners.

5. The number of widows who may receive rent allowances has been increased, and certain existing rent allowances have been raised, by a reduction of the qualifying rent figure from 8s. to 6s. a week.