STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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CONSTABULARY, IRELAND

The Royal Irish Constabulary (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1973

Made - - -	*29th October* 1973
Laid before Parliament	*8th November* 1973
Coming into Operation	*26th November* 1973

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 1 of the Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) Act 1954(**a**), I hereby, with the consent of the Minister for the Civil Service(**b**), make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Royal Irish Constabulary (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1973 and shall come into operation on 26th November 1973.

2. In these Regulations any reference to the principal Regulations is a reference to the Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) Regulations 1971(**c**), as amended(**d**).

3. These Regulations shall be construed as one with the principal Regulations which shall have effect subject to the provisions of these Regulations.

4.—(1) This Regulation shall apply to a widow who has attained the age of 60 years on or before 2nd December 1973 and is in receipt of an allowance or pension under either of the following provisions of the principal Regulations, namely under—

(*a*) Regulation 4 (supplementary allowance payable to certain widow pensioners), or

(*b*) Regulation 5 (pension payable to certain widows not otherwise entitled to pension),

where the allowance or pension is payable in respect of a period which includes a day in the week beginning with 26th November 1973 and, in this Regulation, such an allowance or pension is referred to as a "relevant award" and such a period for which it is paid (or, if there is more than one such period, the first of those periods) is referred to as the "relevant period".

(**a**) 1954 c. 17.

(**b**) Formerly the Treasury; *see* S.I. 1968/1656 (1968 III, p. 4485).

(**c**) S.I. 1971/1469 (1971 III, p. 4147)

(**d**) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1973/1481 (1973 II, p. 4541).

(2) Except where a widow to whom this Regulation applies is entitled to a payment under section 1(1) of the Pensioners' Payments and National Insurance Act 1973(a), her relevant award shall be paid, in respect only of the relevant period, at such rate as will secure that the amount thereof for the relevant period exceeds by £10 the amount for that period which would have been paid had these Regulations not been made.

Robert Carr,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

26th October 1973.

Consent of the Minister for the Civil Service given under his Official Seal on 29th October 1973.

(L.S.)

K. H. McNeill,
Authorised by the Minister for the Civil Service.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations provide for the payment of an additional £10 in the case of a widow in receipt of an allowance or pension under the Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) Regulations 1971 during the week beginning with 26th November 1973 if she has attained the age of 60 years before the end of that week but is not entitled to a payment under section 1(1) of the Pensioners' Payments and National Insurance Act 1973.

The Regulations of 1971 provide that there may be paid to certain widows of former members of the Royal Irish Constabulary a pension or an allowance supplementary to an existing pension. A pension or allowance is not payable under the 1971 Regulations unless the rate of any state insurance benefit received by the widow is less than the standard weekly rate of £7·75 or, where the widow is over the age of 80 years, of £8·00. Subject to a minimum rate of £0·25 a week in the case of a pension, such an award is at such rate as will secure that the combined rate of the Royal Irish Constabulary awards and the widow's state insurance benefit, if any, is equal to the standard weekly rate; for this purpose state insurance benefit means any benefit or pension under the National Insurance Act 1965 (c. 51) or the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act 1965 (c. 52) or similar benefit or pension paid out of public funds in Northern Ireland, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland.

(a) 1973 c. 61.

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