

**FIRE SERVICES****Pensions Increase (Fire Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974**

REGULATIONS, DATED 5TH NOVEMBER 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER ARTICLES 2, 3(1), 3(2) AND 6 OF THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1974.

The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland, with the approval of the Department of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 2, 3(1), 3(2) and 6 of the Pensions (Increase) (Northern Ireland) Order 1974(a) (hereinafter called "the Order") as modified by regulation 4 of the Pensions Increase (Modification) (Fire Service) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation, commencement and effect*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Pensions Increase (Fire Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on 6th November 1974 and shall have effect from 1st December 1973.

*Fire service pensions increases*

2.—(1) A pension payable under section 17 of the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(c) is hereby prescribed for the purposes of Article 3(1) of the Order, and in relation to such a pension the relevant date is 7th November 1973.

(2) For the purposes of Article 3(2) of the Order such a pension payable to or in respect of a member of a Fire Brigade holding the rank of Chief Officer is specified as a pension as regards which, in the opinion of the Department, increases in the relevant emoluments mentioned in Article 3(2) were deferred as so mentioned; and, accordingly, paragraph (a) of Article 3(2) shall apply in the case of such a pension so payable.

(3) In this regulation the expression "regular fireman" has the same meaning as in the Firemen's Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1973 set out in Appendix 2 to the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1973(d) and any reference to a rank held by a member of a fire brigade is a reference to the rank held by him immediately before he ceased to serve as such.

(a) S.I. 1974, No. 1267 (N.I. 2).

(b) S.R. (N.I.) 1974, No. 284.

(c) 1969, c. 13 (N.I.).

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 393.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland this 5th day of November 1974.

(L.S.)

*B. D. Palmer,*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Department of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance this 5th day of November 1974.

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*J. S. H. Gaw,*  
Assistant Secretary.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations prescribe that fire service pensions qualify for increases under Article 3 of the Pensions (Increase) (Northern Ireland) Order 1974 and, in relation to such pensions, specify the "relevant date" for the purposes of that Order. They also provide that paragraph (a) of Article 3(2) of the Order shall apply in the case of a pension payable to or in respect of a chief officer of a fire brigade.

In pursuance of Article 6 of the Order the regulations have effect from 1st December 1973.