

manager, or in Scotland a bank agent, a medical practitioner, a collector of customs and excise, an inspector of taxes.

5. The statement as to amounts in the declaration shall be made with reference to twelve months preceding the date of the declaration, provided that if the applicant shows to the satisfaction of the Pension Authority that there has been such a change of circumstances that his means in the ensuing year will be materially reduced, the Pension Authority may take such change into consideration.

6. Where in pursuance of an application an increase of pension is granted, the increase shall continue in force for twelve months unless in the meantime the pensioner dies or ceases to fulfil the statutory conditions:

Provided that in cases where the application is made before the first day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty, the period for which the increase granted in pursuance of such application will run will be the period of twelve months from the date as from which the increase is payable instead of a period of twelve months from the date of the grant.

7. Applications for the continuance and reassessment of increases of pensions, accompanied by a like declaration, shall be sent to the Pension Authority not more than three nor less than two months before the expiration of the first and every subsequent period of twelve months.

8. The means of a pensioner shall for the purposes of the Act include:—

(a) the pension in respect of which the increase is claimed;

(b) any other pension, grant, allowance or annuity (including Old Age Pension) received by the pensioner;

(c) the annual value of any land or house property, subject to the deduction of ground rent, mortgage or loan interest, or other annual charge;

(d) interest or dividends on stocks or shares or on mortgages or other securities or on bank deposits;

(e) profits or wages of any trade, business profession, office employment or vocation, including overtime pay and war bonus, if any; and

(f) the annual value of any other benefit or privilege whatsoever enjoyed by the pensioner.

9. For the purposes of the Act, a pensioner shall be deemed to reside in the British Islands if his permanent place of abode is in the British Islands and if he continues to dwell therein during the time the increase is payable, provided that a pensioner shall not be disqualified from receiving the increase by reason only that he or she is only temporarily absent from the British Islands for a period not exceeding three months in any one year or for such further period as the Pension Authority may determine that he or she has been prevented from returning by causes beyond his or her control.

10. The pensioner shall, if and when required by the Pension Authority, produce any birth, death or marriage certificate or such other documentary evidence relative to the fulfilment of the statutory conditions as the Authority may consider necessary.

11. Where the Pension Authority is satisfied by the certificate of a justice of the peace or minister of religion, and of a duly qualified medical practitioner, that a pensioner is of unsound mind or otherwise incapable of making a declaration in the prescribed form, it may accept a declaration made on behalf of the pensioner by any person who appears to the Authority a proper person to represent the pensioner.

12. Any question which may arise in connection with the fulfilment by the pensioner of the statutory conditions or any of them shall be determined by the Treasury, whose decision shall be final.

J. Towyn Jones.
William Sutherland.

Treasury Chambers,
30th August, 1920.

DECLARATION BY A PENSIONER CLAIMING AN INCREASE OF PENSION UNDER THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT, 1920.

Any person who knowingly makes a False Statement or False Representation for the purpose of obtaining or continuing an Increase of Pension, or for the purpose of obtaining or continuing such Increase at a Higher Rate than that appropriate to the Case, either for Himself or Herself or for any other Person, is liable on Summary Conviction to Imprisonment for a Term not exceeding Six Months, and, in the case of a Pensioner, to Forfeit any Pension or Increase of Pension Payable to Him or Her.

I declare that I am ^(a) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{married,} \\ \text{unmarried,} \\ \text{a widower with a child or children dependent on me,} \\ \text{a widow with a child or children dependent on me,} \end{array} \right.$ ^(b)
that my whole income for the twelve months ending the ^(a) _____ day of _____ from all sources
(including my Pension and the income of my ^(a) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{wife} \\ \text{husband} \end{array} \right.$) as stated in detail hereunder did not exceed £ _____, that my permanent place of abode is within the British Islands, and that I am _____ years of age, and I make this Declaration believing it to be true.

Signature of claimant _____

Pension or Establishment No. _____

Retiring Rank of ^(a) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Pensioner} \\ \text{Pensioner's husband} \end{array} \right.$ _____

Residence _____

Occupation _____

(a) Strike out unnecessary words.
(b) Including step children but not including adopted children.