

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. The said twelve months may be reckoned from a date not earlier than the date of application, or, in a case where the application is made within three months of the date of the Order applying the provisions of the Act to the applicant, from the 1st April, 1920, or the date on which the statutory conditions are fulfilled, if later.

7. Applications for the continuance and re-assessment 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 Minister of Health or in the case of a pensioner in receipt of a pension granted by a Pension Authority in Scotland by the Secretary for Scotland, whose decision shall be final.

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DECLARATION BY A PENSIONER IN RECEIPT OF A PENSION GRANTED BY A LOCAL OR OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITY (NOT BEING A POLICE AUTHORITY) 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) { married, unmarried, a widower with a child or children under the age of 16 dependent on me, a widow with a child or children under the age of 16 dependent on me, } ^(b)

[Give ages of children, if any]

that my whole income for the twelve months ending the _____ day of _____, from all sources (including my Pension and the income of my ^(a) { wife, husband } 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

Office held by ^(a) { Pensioner, Pensioner's husband } at the date of retirement

Residence.....

Present occupation

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