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**AN ACT to make provision for the increase of certain pensions and for the payment of benefits to survivors of deceased public officers and pensioners in certain cases.**

PART ONE

*Pension Increases*

## **1. Pension increases**

(1) A pension to which this Part applies awarded from a date earlier than the 1st day of April, 1969 and calculated by reference to a salary scale which was revised after the award shall, subject to the provisions of this Part, be increased with effect from the 1st day of April, 1969, in accordance with the scale set out in the Schedule.

(2) Where in the case of a pension to which this Part applies, the pensioner does not qualify to receive an increase under subsection (1) then if the pension which that person would have received is less than what would have been received if the pension had been calculated under subsection (1), the pension of that person shall be increased by an amount equal to the difference between the two pensions.

## **2. Pensions to which Part One applies**

This Part applies to the following classes of pension:

- (a) pensions awarded or continued under the Pensions Act, 1950(2) (Cap. 30),
- (b) pensions awarded before the 1st day of February, 1966 under the Armed Forces Act, 1962 (Act 105) or continued under that Act,
- (c) pensions under the Teachers' Pensions Act, 1955 (No. 23 of 1955),
- (d) pensions payable by the Government under any enactment to widows, children and dependants of deceased public officers,
- (e) pensions under the War Pensions Ordinance, 1943 (No. 1 of 1943).

## **PART TWO**

### *Benefits for Survivors*

## **3. Death within six years of retirement**

(1) If a pensioner under the Pensions Act, 1950 or the Teachers' Pensions Ordinance, 1955(3), dies within six years after the date, in this section called the retirement date, with effect from which the pension was awarded, an assessment shall be made of the amount of the pension which, if that person had survived for twelve years from the retirement date, would have been payable to that person for the unexpired period from the date of the death to the end of the twelve years.

(2) For the purpose of that assessment, the amount of pension for the unexpired period shall be calculated at the rate in force immediately before the date of death and any subsequent increase in rates of pension shall be ignored.

(3) The amount of the assessment may be paid by the pension authority by way of gratuity which shall be payable in the manner provided for by section 14 of the Pensions Act, 1950 or in the case of a teacher, section 11 of the Teachers' Pensions Act, 1955, and for this purpose the term "gratuity" in each of those sections shall be construed as including reference to a gratuity under this section.

## **4. Death in Service**

(1) Where a pensionable officer under the Pensions Act, 1950 or the Teachers' Pensions Act, 1955 dies in the relevant service in circumstances which, apart from this section, a pension would not be

payable as a result of the death, then pensions may be paid to the dependants in accordance with the provisions of this section, in addition to any grant which may be payable under the relevant enactment.

(2) A pension under subsection (1) of this section may be paid as provided for by section 15 of the Pensions Act, 1950 or section 14 of the Teachers' Pensions Act, 1955, as may be appropriate, and subsection (1) of each of those sections is hereby amended, accordingly, by the deletion of all words from "as a result of injuries" to "the nature of his duty".

## 5. Commencement of this Part

This Part of this Act shall come into operation on the date that the Minister responsible for Finance shall by legislative instrument appoint.

## PART THREE

### *General*

## 6. Charge on Consolidated Fund

Every payment to be made under this Act shall be a charge on the Consolidated Fund.

## 7. Interpretation

(1) In this Act, "pension authority" means the authority by whom a pension is payable.

(2) This Act, so far as it relates to the Pensions Act, 1950 or the Teachers' Pensions Act, 1955, shall be construed as one with the relevant Act.

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## Schedule

### SCALE OF PENSION INCREASES

[Section 1]

(i)	Up to N¢240 a year	Increase by 50 percent
(ii)	Exceeds N¢240 but not N¢480 a year	Increase N¢120
(iii)	Exceeds N¢480 but not N¢720 a year	Increase N¢144
(iv)	Exceeds N¢720 but not N¢960 a year	Increase N¢168
(v)	Exceeds N¢960 but not N¢1,200 a year	Increase N¢192
(vi)	Exceeds N¢1,200 but not N¢1,440 a year	Increase by N¢216.
(vii)	Exceeds N¢1,440 but not N¢1,680 a year	Increase N¢240
(viii)	Exceeds N¢1,680 but not N¢1,920 a year	Increase N¢264
(ix)	Exceeds N¢1,920 but not N¢2,160 a year	Increase N¢288
(x)	Exceeds N¢2,160 a year	Increase to N¢2,450.

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## Endnotes

### **1 (Popup - Footnote)**

1. This Act was assented to on 17th August, 1971.

### **2 (Popup - Footnote)**

2. [Cap. 30](#) of the 1951 Edition of the Laws of the Gold Coast.

### **3 (Popup - Footnote)**

3. No. 23 of 1955.