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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order (Northern Ireland) 1993

Made	*4th May 1993*
Coming into operation . .	*3rd June 1993*

Whereas the Secretary of State for Social Security has made an order(**a**) under section 148(3) and (4) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**b**):

Now, therefore, the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 130 of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**c**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 3rd June 1993.

Revaluation of earnings factors

2. The earnings factors(**d**) relevant—

(*a*) to the calculation—

(i) of the additional pension in the rate of any long-term benefit, or

(ii) of any guaranteed minimum pension; or

(*b*) to any other calculation required under Part IV of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**e**) (including that Part as modified by or under any other enactment),

are directed to be increased for the tax years specified in the Schedule to this order by the percentage of their amount shown opposite those tax years in the Schedule.

(**a**) S.I. 1993/1159
(**b**) 1992 c. 5
(**c**) 1992 c. 8
(**d**) *See* sections 22 and 23 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7)
(**e**) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15); by virtue of Article 2(3), definitions in Schedule 17 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 (c. 15) apply to the exercise of certain powers conferred under this Order; *see also* paragraph 10 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 9)

Rounding of fractional amounts

3. Where any earnings factor relevant to the calculation specified in Article 2(*a*)(i) of this order, as increased in accordance with this order, would not but for this Article be expressed as a whole number of pounds, it shall be so expressed by the rounding down of any fraction of a pound less than one half and the rounding up of any other fraction of a pound.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 4th May 1993.

(L.S.) *G. Purdy*

Assistant Secretary

Tax year	*Increase*
1978-79	310·4 per cent.
1979-80	262·0 per cent.
1980-81	202·5 per cent.
1981-82	153·7 per cent.
1982-83	130·2 per cent.
1983-84	113·4 per cent.
1984-85	97·6 per cent.
1985-86	85·4 per cent.
1986-87	70·3 per cent.
1987-88	58·6 per cent.
1988-89	45·8 per cent.
1989-90	32·1 per cent.
1990-91	23·1 per cent.
1991-92	11·8 per cent.
1992-93	5·0 per cent.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This order, which corresponds to an order (S.I. 1993/1159) made by the Secretary of State for Social Security under section 148(3) and (4) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992, directs that the earnings factors relevant to the calculation of the additional pension in the rate of any long-term benefit or of any guaranteed minimum pension or to any other calculation required under Part IV of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 for the tax years specified in the Schedule are to be increased by the percentage of their amount specified in the Schedule. The percentage for the tax year 1992-93 is 5 per cent. and those for earlier years have been increased so that the earnings factors for those years are revalued at the 1992-93 earnings levels.

The order also provides for the rounding of fractional amounts for earnings factors relevant to the calculation of the additional pension in the rate of any long-term benefit. Rounding for the purpose of the calculation of any guaranteed minimum pension is not required by virtue of section 23(2) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992.