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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
**Act No. 25 of 1974**

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AN ACT to extend the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Ordinance to officers of certain specified Statutory Boards.

*[Assented to 2nd September, 1974]*

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, Enactment  
by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and  
House of Representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, and  
by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Widows' and Orphans' Short title  
Pensions Extension Act, 1974.

Interpretation

**2. In this Act—**

“Committee” means the Public Service Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions Committee established under section 4 of the Ordinance;

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“the Ordinance” means the Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions Ordinance;

Ord. 84-1961

“pensionable officer” or “officer” means the holder of an office in a Statutory Board specified in the Schedule to the Pensions Extension Ordinance;

“Scheme” means the Public Officers Widows and Orphans pensions scheme, which was established under the Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions Ordinance (cap. 84-1925 Revised Laws), and which is continued under and by virtue of the Ordinance, subject to the provisions of the Ordinance;

“Statutory Boards” means the Statutory Boards specifically named in the Schedule to the Pensions Extension Ordinance.

Widows’ and  
orphans’ of  
deceased  
pensionable  
officers  
entitled to  
pensions

**3. Notwithstanding any law in force at the commencement of this Act, but subject to this Act—**

- (a) the widows or orphans or both of deceased officers who had been accepted by the Committee, in the purported exercise of its functions under the Ordinance, as contributors to the Scheme shall be entitled to the payment of pensions in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance;
- (b) deceased officers of Statutory Boards who—
- (i) made contributions to the Scheme; and
  - (ii) died before they were accepted by the Committee as contributors to the Scheme (whether or not such officers had undergone the prescribed medical examination), shall be deemed to have been accepted by the Committee as contributors thereto and to have been entitled to the privileges and benefits of contributors under the Ordinance.

4. All officers who at the commencement of this Act are employed by the Statutory Boards and are contributing to the Scheme may, within six months of the commencement of this Act, elect, at their option exercisable by notice in writing to cease making such contributions or to continue making their contributions thereto.

Officers employed by Statutory Boards to be given option

5. An officer who elects—

- (a) to cease making contributions to the Scheme shall be refunded the total amount of his contributions without interest and subject to the deduction of any sums due by him to the Government; or
- (b) to continue making his contributions to the Scheme shall, subject to his being accepted by the Committee as a contributor to the Scheme, be entitled to the privileges and benefits of a contributor under the Ordinance.

Procedure where officers exercise right to elect

6. Where an officer who elects to continue making contributions to the Scheme is not accepted by the Committee as a contributor thereto, he shall be refunded the total amount of his contributions without interest and subject to the deduction of any sums due by him to the Government.

Procedure where officer who elects to continue making contributions is not accepted as a contributor

Passed in the House of Representatives this 26th day of July, 1974.

G. R. LATOUR  
*Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 30th day of July, 1974.

J. E. CARTER  
*Clerk of the Senate*