

**LAWS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

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PENSIONS EXTENSION ACT**

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**An Act to extend the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act to officers of certain specified Statutory Boards.** 25 of 1974.

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Commencement.

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

2. In this Act—

Interpretation.

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

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

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“Scheme” means the Public Officers Widows' and Orphans' pensions scheme, which was established under the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act (Cap. 84—1925 Revised Laws), and which is continued under and by virtue of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, subject to the provisions of that Act;

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

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 Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, as contributors to the Scheme are entitled to the payment of pensions in accordance with the provisions of that Act;
- (b) the 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 the 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 Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act.

Officers employed by Statutory Boards to be given option.

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 the contributions or to continue making their contributions thereto.

Procedure where officers exercise right to elect.

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 Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act.

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

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.