



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
**Act No. 23 of 1969**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to provide for the Payment of pensions to persons who have served as Prime Ministers and to the widows and children of such persons, and for matters connected with or incidental thereto.

*[Assented to 23rd July, 1969]*

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by Enactment 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 Prime Ministers' Short title Pensions Act, 1969.

## Interpretation

## 2. In this Act—

“child” includes—

- (a) a posthumous child;
- (b) an adopted child, adopted in a manner recognised by law, before the Prime Minister ceased to be Prime Minister;

“entitled child” means a person who, being a male has not attained the age of twenty-one years or being a female, has neither married while under the age of twenty-one years nor attained the age of twenty-one years;

“Prime Minister’s pension” means the pension payable under this Act to a person who has ceased to be Prime Minister;

“salary” means the emoluments provided in the estimates of expenditure of Trinidad and Tobago, exclusive of duty allowance, entertainment allowance or any other allowance whatever.

Prime Minister’s  
right to  
pension

3. (1) Every person who having been appointed Prime Minister on or after the 31st day of August, 1962, ceases at any time after such appointment to be Prime Minister shall be paid a pension under this Act with effect from the date on which he ceases to be Prime Minister and subject to the provisions of subsection (2) such pension shall continue to be paid during the lifetime of that person.

(2) The Prime Minister’s pension shall, if the person to whom it is payable becomes a legislator or is again appointed Prime Minister, cease to be payable during the period in respect of which that person is a legislator or holds the office of Prime Minister as the case may be.

(3) In subsection (2) “legislator” has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the Retiring Allowances (Legislative Service) Act, 1969.

4. The Prime Minister's pension payable under this Act to any person shall be two-thirds of the highest annual rate of salary paid to such person at any time as Prime Minister. Rate of Prime Minister's pension

5. (1) Where a person dies while he is Prime Minister or while he is entitled to receive the Prime Minister's pension and he leaves a widow, the widow shall, subject to the provisions of subsection (2), be paid a pension at an annual rate equivalent to two-thirds of the Prime Minister's pension. Widow's pension

(2) A widow mentioned in subsection (1) shall not be entitled to receive and shall not be paid a pension under this section in respect of any period after her re-marriage.

6. Where a person dies while he is Prime Minister or while he is entitled to receive the Prime Minister's pension, leaving entitled children, each of such children shall be paid, until he dies or ceases to be an entitled child, such pension at such rate as the Prime Minister shall determine; so, however, that Children's pension

(a) where there is one entitled child, the annual rate of pension payable shall not exceed one-sixth of the annual rate specified in section 4; or

(b) where there is more than one entitled child, the aggregate rate of pension payable shall not exceed one-third of the annual rate specified in section 4.

7. Any pension payable under this Act—

- (a) shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund;
- (b) shall be paid monthly in arrears in equal instalments. Source and method of payment of pensions

8. Any pension payable under this Act shall not—

- (a) be assignable or transferable except for the Protection of pensions

purpose of satisfying a debt due to the Government or an order of any court for the payment of periodical sums of money towards the maintenance of the wife, former wife, or child being a minor child of the person to whom the pension is payable; or

- (b) be liable to be attached, sequestered or levied upon for or in respect of any debt or claim whatever except a debt due to the Government or any sum recoverable pursuant to such order of any court as is mentioned in paragraph (a).

Passed in the House of Representatives this 20th day of June, 1969

G. R. LATOUR

*Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 1st day of July, 1969.

J. E. CARTER

*Clerk of the Senate*