

**THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR
GAZETTE**

No. 3,595 of 26th April, 2007

B. 22/07

BILL

FOR

AN ACT to amend the Social Security (Open Long-Term Benefits Scheme) Act 1997.

ENACTED by the Legislature of Gibraltar.

Title and commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Social Security (Open Long-Term Benefits Scheme) (Amendment) Act 2007. Sections 1, 2 and 4 shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 July 2006. Sections 3 and 5 shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 April 2007.

Amendment of section 4.

2. Section 4 of the Social Security (Open Long-Term Benefits Scheme) Act 1997 is amended by inserting after sub-section (8) the following sub-section—

“(9) No insured person over the age of 60 or one who has retired at age 55 by operation of law shall be liable to make contributions pursuant to the provisions of this Act. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this sub-section affects the application of this Act as it applies to employers.”.

Amendment of section 22(a).

3. Section 22(a) of the Social Security (Open Long-Term Benefits Scheme) Act 1997 is amended by omitting “£23.90” and substituting “£39.48”.

Amendment of Schedule 1.

4. In Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Open Long-Term Benefits Scheme) Act 1997 in between the reference “£16.33 per week” and “Apportionment of Contributions” insert the following words “Where the person employed is 60 years or over or one who has retired at age 55 by operation of law or is a married woman or widow who has elected not to make contributions or receive benefits, only the employer’s share of the contribution is payable.”.

Amendment of Schedule 2.

5. Schedule 2 to the Social Security (Open Long-Term Benefits Scheme) Act 1997 is amended by omitting Part 1, and substituting the following Part—

“PART 1

Section 11(2)(a)

**STANDARD RATES OF BENEFITS AND INCREASES FOR
DEPENDANTS**

Description of Benefit	Weekly Basic Rate	Increase for wife or adult dependant where payable	Increases for children not exceeding 4*, where payable for child
1. Widow’s Benefit:			
(a) Widow’s Allowance.	£93.67	-	£11.40
(b) Widowed Mother’s Allowance.	£78.97	-	£11.40*
(c) Widow’s Pension.	£78.97	-	Omitted
1A. Widower’s pension (incapable of self-support).	£78.97	-	£11.40
2. Guardian’s Allowance.	£20.15	-	-
3. Old Age Pensions:			
(a) where the pension is payable to a woman by virtue of a husband’s insurance, and he is alive, or where the pension is payable by virtue of his wife’s insurance to a man who is permanently incapable of self-support, and she is alive.	£39.48	-	£11.40
(b) in any other case.	£78.97	£39.48	£11.40

*Except in the case of a Widowed Mother’s allowance where there is no limit to the number of children in respect of whom increases may be paid.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill amends the Social Security (Open Long-Term Benefits Scheme) Act 1997 to exempt persons over 60 years of age or one who has retired at age 55 by operation of law from paying contributions. This implements the Government's 2006 budget commitments.

The Bill also increases the amount of pensions benefit payable.

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