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Circular 1/1979 :- Non-established State Employees Contributory Widows' and Children's Pension Scheme

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I am directed by the Minister for the Public Service to say that, following his acceptance of an agreed recommendation made by the General Council under the conciliation and arbitration scheme for the civil service, and discussions at the Joint Industrial Council for State Industrial Employees, he has agreed to the introduction of a contributory pensions scheme for widows and children of male members of the Non-contributory Pensions Scheme for non-established State Employees.

2. The benefits and contributions payable under the Scheme are the same as those applying under the corresponding Scheme for established staff (Circular 15/76), except that contributions and benefits are abated to take account of the full Social Welfare insurability of non-established employees. Full-time non-established employees serving in a pensionable capacity on 1 December 1978 will be given an option, which must be exercised by 31 March 1979, to stay out of the Scheme. Membership of the Scheme is a condition of appointment for all full-time non-established employees who are appointed to pensionable positions on or after 1 December 1978.

3. Any pensionable non-established employee who retires or dies in service on or after 1 December 1978 and not later than 31 March 1979, and who has not contracted out of the contributory scheme, is deemed to be a member of the Scheme unless and until evidence to the contrary is received.

4. Pensions under the Scheme will be payable with effect from the day following the date of death of the member. Periodic contributions (1½% of pensionable pay) will be payable as from 1 April 1979.

5. The Scheme itself, and comprehensive instructions in relation to its implementation, is being issued to Personnel Officers.

Mise le meas,
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