deceased husband, must have attained the age of forty years;

The pensioner must satisfy the Pension Authority that his means, including his pension, are less than one hundred and fifty pounds a year, if unmarried, or two hundred pounds a year, if married.

For the purposes of the statutory conditions, a widower or widow with one or more children under sixteen years of age dependent on him or her will be treated as married, and a widower or widow having no such children will be treated as unmarried.

2. An application for an increase of pension under the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as the Act), shall be made to the Authority through whom the existing pension is payable (hereinafter referred to as the Pension Authority).

3. An application in the case of a pensioner who fulfils the statutory conditions at the date of the making of these rules should be made as soon as practicable. In the case of a pensioner who fulfils the statutory conditions at a later date, the application may be made not more than three months before that date.

4. Every application must be in the form set out in the Schedule hereto, and the declaration on the form must be made before and witnessed by one of the following persons, that is to say—

A Justice of the Peace.

A Commissioner for Oaths.

A Commissioned Officer (not below the rank of Lieutenant-Commander in the Navy or Major in the Army).

A Barrister at Law.

A Minister of Religion.

A Bank Manager (or in Scotland a Bank Agent).

A Medical Practitioner.

A Collector of Customs and Excise.

An Inspector of Taxes.

A Police Officer not below the rank of Inspector.

5. The statement in the declaration as to the means of the applicant shall be made in respect of the twelve months preceding the date of the declaration, and the amount of any increase of pension to be granted under the Act shall be determined with reference thereto. Provided that if the applicant shows to the satisfaction of the Pension Authority that there has been such a change of circumstances that his means in the ensuing year will be materially reduced, the Pension Authority may take such change into consideration.

6. An application for the continuance or re-assessment of an increase of pension shall be made on 1st March in each year, or within one week before or after that date, in the prescribed form, and must be accompanied by a statement of the means of the pensioner during the preceding twelve months.

7. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the first grant of any increase of pension shall be payable as from the date when the statutory conditions were fulfilled, and any subsequent grant shall be payable as from 1st April; and the grant shall continue until 31st March next following, unless in the meantime the pensioner dies or ceases to fulfil the statutory conditions.

8. The means of a pensioner shall for the purposes of the Act include:—

(*a*) the pension in respect of which the increase is claimed;

(*b*) any other pension, grant, allowance or annuity (including Old Age Pension) received by the pensioner;

(*c*) the annual value of any land or house property, subject to the deduction of ground rent, mortgage or loan interest, or other annual charge;

(*d*) interest or dividends on stocks or shares or on mortgages or other securities or on bank deposits;

(*e*) profits or wages of any trade, business, profession, office, employment or vocation, including overtime pay and war bonus, if any; and

(*f*) the annual value of any other benefit or privilege whatsoever enjoyed by the pensioner.

9. For the purposes of the Act, a pensioner shall be deemed to reside in the British Islands, if his permanent place of abode is in the British Islands and if he continues to dwell therein during the time the increase is payable, provided that a pensioner shall not be disqualified from receiving the increase by reason only that he or she is only temporarily absent from the British Islands for a period not exceeding three months in any one year, or for such further period as the Pension Authority may determine that he or she has been prevented from returning by causes beyond his or her control.

10. The pensioner shall, if and when required by the Pension Authority, produce any birth, death or marriage certificate or such other documentary evidence relative to the fulfilment of the statutory conditions as the Authority may consider necessary.

11. Where the Pension Authority is satisfied by the certificate of a justice of the peace or a minister of religion, and of a duly qualified medical practitioner, that a pensioner is of unsound mind or otherwise incapable of making a declaration in the prescribed form, it may accept a declaration made on behalf of the pensioner by any person who appears to the Authority a proper person to represent the pensioner.

12. Subject to the provisions of the Act, any increase of pension shall be paid in the same manner and on the same conditions as the existing pension; and where the payment of an existing pension is apportioned between two or more police authorities the payment of any increase shall be similarly apportioned.

13. Any question which may arise in connection with the fulfilment by the pensioner of the statutory conditions or any of them shall be determined by the Secretary of State, or the Secretary for Scotland, as the case may be, whose decision shall be final.

Wm. Sutherland.

James Parker.

11th October, 1920.