



# Social Security Act 1975

## 1975 CHAPTER 14

### PART II

#### BENEFIT AND ITS ADMINISTRATION

### CHAPTER I

#### CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

#### *Widowhood*

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- (1) A woman who has been widowed shall be entitled to a widow's pension at the weekly rate specified in relation thereto in Schedule 4, Part I, paragraph 7, if her late husband satisfied the contribution conditions for a widow's pension specified in Schedule 3, Part I, paragraph 5. and either—
  - (a) she was, at the husband's death, over the age of 40 but under the age of 65 ; or
  - (b) she ceased to be entitled to a widowed mother's allowance at a time when she was over the age of 40 but under the age of 65.
- (2) The weekly rate of a widow's pension payable to a woman who was under the age of 50 at the time when her late husband died or, as the case may be, when she ceased to be entitled to a widowed mother's allowance shall be reduced by an amount equal to 7 per cent. of its amount apart from this subsection multiplied by the number of years by which her age at that time was less than 50 (any fraction of a year being counted as a year).
- (3) The period for which a widow's pension is payable to a woman shall be any period during which she is under the age of 65 and for which she is not entitled to a widow's allowance or a widowed mother's allowance:

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Provided that the pension shall not be payable for any period after the widow's remarriage or for any period during which she is cohabiting with a man as his wife.