



ST HELENA

A BILL

FOR

AN ORDINANCE

to amend the Social Security Ordinance, 2010, to allow years after age 65 as qualifying years for purposes of determining the basic island pension.

Enacted by the Governor of St Helena with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of St Helena.

Citation and commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Social Security (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015, and shall come into force on

Determination of qualifying years

2. Section 5 of the Social Security Ordinance, 2010, is amended—

(a) by repealing subsection (1)(a) and substituting the following therefor:

“(a) was over the age of 15 years;”; and

(b) by repealing paragraph (c) and substituting the following therefor:

“(c) for the whole year—

- (i) was engaged in employment (including self-employment) in St Helena and (in the case of self-employment) filed a tax return in respect of that year;
 - (ii) worked on a family farm or in a family business, regardless of whether or not he was paid for such work;
 - (iii) had a child under the age of five years or was caring for his disabled child; or
 - (iv) was in receipt of a disability allowance or carer’s allowance paid by the Government of St Helena, or, had the current rules for payment of such disability allowance or carer’s allowance applied at the time, he would have been entitled to such a pension or allowance..”.
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

This Ordinance amends the Social Security Ordinance, 2010, to also count years that a person complied with the requirements of section 5 of that Ordinance after the person reached the age of 65, as contributing years for purposes of determining of the basic island pension. It also amends the provisions to take into account any period during which a person was caring for a mentally disabled person in respect of whom he didn't at the time qualify for an allowance.