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#### ACTS REFERRED TO

Civil Service Regulation Act 1956 (No. 46)

Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993 (No. 8)

Data Protection Act 2018 (No. 7)

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Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 (No. 7)

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Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012 (No. 37)

Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 (No. 7)

Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts 2004 and 2018.

Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2011 (No. 9)

Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 (No. 26)



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# Bill

entitled

An Act to raise the age at which certain public servants are required to retire; to confer power on the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to raise that age by order; for those purposes to amend the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 and certain other enactments; and to provide for related matters.

#### Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

**Definition** 10

1. In this Act, "Principal Act" means the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004.

#### Amendment of section 1 of Principal Act

- 2. Section 1(1) of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following definitions:
  - " 'Act of 2012' means the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012;

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'relevant public servant' means a public servant who is not any of the following:

- (a) a member of either House of the Oireachtas or a member of the European Parliament;
- (b) the holder of a qualifying office;
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- (c) a new entrant;
- (d) a Scheme member;
- (e) a person to whom, if he or she were a Scheme member, section 13(4) or 26(1) of the Act of 2012 would apply;
- (f) a person who—
  - (i) before the coming into operation of *section 3* of the *Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018*, retired from a public service body upon or after attaining the age of 65 years, and
  - (ii) on the coming into operation of that section, is employed by a 30

#### public service body;

'Scheme member' has the same meaning as it has in the Act of 2012;".

#### Age of retirement for relevant public servants

- 3. The Principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 3:
  - **"3A.** (1) A relevant public servant shall retire from being a public servant at the latest upon attaining the age of 70 years or, where a higher age is prescribed by order under subsection (2), upon attaining that higher age.
    - (2) Subject to subsection (3), the Minister may, by order, prescribe an age, being higher than 70 years but not higher than 75 years, upon the attainment of which all relevant public servants shall, at the latest, retire.
    - (3) Before making an order under subsection (2), the Minister shall have regard to—
      - (a) the likely effect of the order on recruitment, promotion and 15 retention of staff in the public service as a whole,
      - (b) the pensionable age applicable at the time of making the order,
      - (c) any evidence of an increase in normal life expectancy in the State made available by the Central Statistics Office from time to time,
      - (d) the likely cost (if any) to the Exchequer that would result from the 20 order.
      - (e) any order made under section 13(2) of the Act of 2012, and
      - (f) such other matters as the Minister considers appropriate.
    - (4) For the purpose of supplementing subsection (1), the Acts referred to in columns 1 and 2 of Part 3 of Schedule 2 are amended to the extent specified in column 3 of that Part opposite the references to the Act concerned.
    - (5) In subsection (3)(b), 'pensionable age' means pensionable age within the meaning of section 2(1) (amended by section 7 of the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2011) of the Social Welfare Consolidation 30 Act 2005."

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#### Reckoning for superannuation purposes of service by relevant public servants

- 4. The Principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 13:
  - **"13A.** Subject to accruing a maximum pension as provided for by or under any enactment or public service pension scheme, any restriction on reckoning for superannuation purposes of service rendered to a public service body after a person reaches a specified age shall, in the case of a relevant public servant, be read as applying only to service rendered by that person to that body after the age of 70 years or, where a higher age is prescribed

#### Application to existing retirement provisions

- 5. The Principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 14:
  - **"14A.** The provisions of any statutory instrument (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 2005) which require, or the effect of which is to require, a person to retire or cease holding office or employment on grounds of age, shall be read subject to this Act and every such statutory instrument shall have effect accordingly."

#### Amendment of Schedule 1 to Principal Act

**6.** Schedule 1 to the Principal Act is amended—

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- (a) by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph 1:
  - "1A. A body corporate established by Act of Parliament before 6 December 1922 that, upon its establishment, was of a commercial character.",

and

(b) by the insertion of the following paragraphs after paragraph 18:

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- "18A. Shannon Group p.l.c.
- 18B. Teilifís na Gaeilge.".

#### Amendment of Schedule 2 to Principal Act

7. The Principal Act is amended by the insertion of the text set out in the *Schedule* as Part 3 of Schedule 2 to that Act.

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#### Short title, collective citation and commencement

- **8.** (1) This Act may be cited as the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018.
  - (2) This Act shall be included in the collective citation of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts 2004 and 2018.
  - (3) This Act shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform may by order or orders appoint either generally or with reference to any particular purpose or provision and different days may be so appointed for different purposes or different provisions.

## "PART 3

## Section 3A

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## Consequential Amendments to ACTs relation to Section 3A

Number and Year	Short Title	Amendment	
No. 46 of 1956	Civil Service Regulation Act 1956	Section 8 is amended by—	
		(a) the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (b) of subsection (1):	10
		'(b) in relation to any other civil servant, 70 years or, where a higher age is prescribed by order under section 3A(2)	15
		of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 for the purposes of that Act, that age.',	20
		(b) the deletion of subsection (2), and	25
		(c) the deletion of subsection (4).	
No. 26 of 1980	Ombudsman Act 1980	Section 2 is amended by—	
		(a) the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (c) of subsection (3):	30
		'(c) shall in any case vacate the office on attaining the age of 70 years or, where a	
		higher age is prescribed by order under section 3A(2) of the Public Service Superannuation	35
		(Miscellaneous	40

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		Provisions) Act 2004 for the purposes of that Act, that age but, where the person is a new entrant (within the meaning of that Act) appointed on or	5
		after 1 April 2004, the requirement to vacate office on grounds of age shall not apply.',	10
		and	15
No. 9 of 1985	Dentists Act 1985	(b) the deletion of subsection (7).  Section 18 is amended by—  (a) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (1):	
		'(1) A person who is a permanent officer of the Council shall cease to be a permanent officer on	20
		attaining the age of 70 years or, where a higher age is prescribed by order under section 3A(2) of the Public Service Superannuation	25
		(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 for the purposes of that Act, that age but, where the person is a new entrant	30
		(within the meaning of that Act) appointed on or after 1 April 2004, the requirement to cease holding office on	35
		grounds of age shall not apply.',	40
		and	
		(b) the deletion of subsection (2).	
No. 7 of 1992	Environmental Protection Agency Act	Section 21 is amended by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (b) of	45

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	1992	subsection (14):	
		'(b) The Director General shall vacate the office of Director General on attaining the age of 70 years or, where a higher age is	5
		prescribed by order under section 3A(2) of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous	10
		Provisions) Act 2004 for the purposes of that Act, that age but, where the person is a new entrant (within	15
		the meaning of that Act) appointed on or after 1 April 2004, the requirement to vacate office on	20
		grounds of age shall not apply.'.	25
		Section 24 is amended by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (b) of subsection (10):	
		'(b) A director shall vacate his office of director on attaining the age of 70 years or, where a higher	30
		age is prescribed by order under section 3A(2) of the Public Service Superannuation	35
		(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 for the purposes of that Act, that age but,	40
		where the person is a new entrant (within the meaning of that Act) appointed on or after 1 April 2004,	45

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			the requirement to vacate office on grounds of age shall not apply.'.	4
No. 8 of 1993	Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993	Section 15 is amended in susubstitution of the following paragraph (a):		
		'(a)	The age of retirement	1
			of a person appointed	
			to the office of	
			Comptroller and	
			Auditor General after	
			1 October 1993 shall	1
			be 70 years or, where	
			a higher age is	
			prescribed by order	
			under section 3A(2)	
			of the Public Service	,
			Superannuation	
			(Miscellaneous	
			Provisions) Act 2004	
			for the purposes of	
			that Act, that age but,	2
			where the person is a	
			new entrant (within	
			the meaning of that	
			Act) appointed on or	
			after 1 April 2004,	-
			the requirement to	
			vacate office on	
			grounds of age shall	
			not apply.'.	
No. 14 of 1999	National Disability Authority Act 1999	Section 25 is amended in susubstitution of the following paragraph (a):		3

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		'(a) The Director shall, unless he or she earlier dies, resigns or retires at any stage after attaining the earliest age to retire in accordance with a scheme under section 28 or is earlier removed from office,	5
		hold office—  (i) for a period not exceeding 7 years, or	15
		(ii) for the period from the date of the appointment to the date on which he or she attains the age of 70	20
		years or, where a higher age is prescribed by order under section 3A(2) of the Public Service	25
		Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 for the purposes of that Act, that age,	30
		whichever is the shorter but, where the Director is a new entrant (within the meaning of that Act)	35
		appointed on or after 1 April 2004, the requirement to cease holding office on grounds of age shall not apply.'.	45

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No. 30 of 2000	Planning and Development Act 2000	Section 105 is amended by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (b) of subsection (13):	5
		'(b) The chairperson shall vacate the office of chairperson on	
		attaining the age of 70 years or, where a higher age is prescribed by order	10
		under section 3A(2) of the Public Service	1.5
		Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004	15
		for the purposes of that Act, that age but, where the person is a new entrant (within	20
		the meaning of that Act) appointed on or after 1 April 2004,	
		the requirement to vacate office on grounds of age shall not apply.'.	25
		Section 106 is amended by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (b) of subsection (13):	30
		'(b) A person shall vacate the office of ordinary	
		member on attaining the age of 70 years or, where a higher age is prescribed by	35
		order under section 3A(2) of the Public Service	40
		Superannuation (Miscellaneous	40
		Provisions) Act 2004 for the purposes of that Act, that age but,	45
		where the person is a new entrant (within the meaning of that	

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		Act) appointed on or after 1 April 2004, the requirement to vacate office on grounds of age shall not apply.'.
No. 37 of 2001	Local Government Act 2001	Section 147 is amended in subsection (1)—
		(a) in paragraph (b) by the substitution of 'the age of 70 years or, where a higher age is prescribed by order under section 3A(2) of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 for the purposes of that Act, that age' for 'such age as the Minister specifies by order', and
		(b) by the insertion of 'but, where the person is a new entrant (within the meaning of the aforementioned Act) appointed on or after 1 April 2004, the requirement to cease to hold the employment on grounds of age shall not apply' after 'ceases to hold the employment'.
		Section 158 is amended by the deletion of paragraph (c) of subsection (1).
No. 22 of 2002	Ombudsman for Children Act 2002	Section 4 is amended in subsection (3) by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (c):
		'(c) shall in any case vacate the office on attaining the age of 70 years or, where a higher age is
		prescribed by order under section 3A(2) of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004
		for the purposes of that Act, that age but, where the person is a

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		new entrant (within the meaning of that Act) appointed on or after 1 April 2004, the requirement to vacate office on grounds of age shall not apply.'	5
No. 32 of 2003	Official Languages Act 2003	The Second Schedule is amended in paragraph 2—	
		(a) in the Irish text by the substitution of the following subparagraph for subparagraph (c):	15
		'(c) éireoidh sé nó sí as oifig ar chaoi ar bith ar 70 bliain d'aois a shlánú nó, i gcás go	
		bhforordófar aois is airde ná sin le hordú faoi alt 3A(2) den Acht um Aoisliúntas	20
		na Seirbhíse Poiblí (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2004 chun críocha an	25
		Achta sin, ar an aois sin a shlánú ach, i gcás gurb iontrálaí nua an duine (de réir bhrí an Achta sin) arna cheapadh nó	30
		arna ceapadh an 1 Aibreán 2004 nó dá éis, ní bheidh feidhm ag an gceanglas maidir le héirí as oifig ar fhoras	35
		aoise.',	40
		and  (b) in the English text by the substitution of the following subparagraph for subparagraph (c):	
		'(c) shall in any case	45

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		vacate the office on attaining the age of 70 years or, where a higher age is prescribed by order under section 3A(2) of the Public Service	5
		Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 for the purposes of	10
		that Act, that age but, where the person is a new entrant (within the meaning of that Act) appointed on or after 1 April 2004,	15
		the requirement to vacate office on grounds of age shall not apply.'.	20
No. 25 of 2007	Medical Practitioners Act 2007	Section 26 is amended by—	25
		(a) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (1):	
		"(1) Subject to subsection (2), a person who is a permanent officer of the Council shall cease to be a permanent officer on attaining the age of 70 years or, where a higher age is prescribed by order under	30
		section 3A(2) of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 for the purposes of that Act, that age.',	35
		and	40
No. 41 of 2011	Nurses and Midwives Act 2011	(b) the deletion of subsection (3).  Section 30 is amended by—	
		(a) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (1):	45

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		'(1) Subject to subsection (2), an employee of the Board (including the chief executive officer) shall cease to be an employee on attaining the age of 70 years or, where a higher age is prescribed by order under section 3A(2) of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 for the purposes of that Act, that age.',	5
		and	15
		(b) the deletion of subsection (3).	
No. 30 of 2014	Freedom of Information Act 2014	Schedule 2 is amended in paragraph 2 by the substitution of the following subparagraph for subparagraph (c):	
		'(c) shall in any case vacate the office on attaining the age of 70 years or, where a	20
		higher age is prescribed by order under section 3A(2) of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous	25
		Provisions) Act 2004 for the purposes of that Act, that age but, where the person is a new entrant (within	30
		the meaning of that Act) appointed on or after 1 April 2004, the requirement to vacate office on grounds of age shall	35
		not apply.'.	
No. 7 of 2018	Data Protection Act 2018	Section 15(10) is amended by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (d):	
		'(d) cease to be a	

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		Commissioner on
		attaining the age of
		70 years or, where a
		higher age is
		prescribed by order
		under section 3A(2)
		of the Public Service
		Superannuation
		(Miscellaneous
		Provisions) Act 2004
		for the purposes of
		that Act, that age but,
		where the person is a
		new entrant (within
		the meaning of that
		Act) appointed on or
		after 1 April 2004,
		the requirement to
		cease to be a
		Commissioner on
		grounds of age shall
		not apply.'.

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Acht do mhéadú na haoise ag a bhfuil sé de cheangal An Act to raise the age at which certain public ar sheirbhísigh phoiblí áirithe dul ar scor; do thabhairt cumhacht don Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe chun an aois sin a mhéadú le hordú; chun na gcríoch sin, do leasú an Achta um Aoisliúntas na Seirbhíse Poiblí (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2004 agus achtacháin áirithe eile; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

servants are required to retire; to confer power on the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to raise that age by order; for those purposes to amend the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 and certain other enactments; and to provide for related matters.

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