

Payments to  
be paid from  
National  
Welfare Fund.

“48B. Payments under this Part shall be made out of the Trust Account established under the *National Welfare Fund Act 1943* and known as the National Welfare Fund.

Offences.

“48C.—(1.) A person shall not—

- (a) make, either orally or in writing, a false or misleading statement in connexion with, or in support of, any claim for a payment under this Part;
- (b) obtain any payment under this Part which is not payable;
- (c) obtain any payment under this Part by means of any false or misleading statement; or
- (d) make or present to an officer doing duty in relation to this Part any statement or document which is false in any particular.

Penalty: Fifty pounds or imprisonment for six months.

“(2.) Any person convicted of an offence against this section may, in addition to the penalty imposed for the offence, be ordered to repay to the Commonwealth any amount paid under this Part in consequence of the act in respect of which he was convicted.”

Regulations.

19. Section fifty-five of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraphs (b), (d) and (g).

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## WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

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### No. 15 of 1943.

## An Act to amend the *Widows' Pensions Act 1942*.

[Assented to 29th March, 1943.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

Short title  
and citation.

- 1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Widows' Pensions Act 1943*.  
(2.) The *Widows' Pensions Act 1942\**, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Widows' Pensions Act 1942-1943*.

Commencement.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of April, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three.

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\* Act No 19, 1942.

3. Section four of the *Widows' Pensions Act 1942* is amended— Definitions.

(a) by omitting paragraph (a) of the definition of "child" and inserting in its stead the following paragraphs:—

"(a) a child of a woman and her husband ;  
(aa) a child of a dependent female and of the man in respect of whom she was a dependent female ;  
or";

(b) by omitting the definition of "*de facto* widow" and inserting in its stead the following definition:—

"'dependent female' means a woman who, for not less than the three years immediately prior to the death of a man (in this Act referred to as 'the man in respect of whom she was a dependent female'), was wholly or mainly maintained by him and, although not legally married to him, lived with him as his wife on a permanent and *bona fide* domestic basis ;";  
and

(c) by omitting paragraph (a) of the definition of "widow" and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

"(a) a dependent female ;".

4. Section eighteen of the *Widows' Pensions Act 1942* is amended by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (3.) the words "*de facto* husband" and inserting in their stead the words " , where the claimant is a dependent female, within three months after the date of the death of the man in respect of whom she was a dependent female". Provisions as to payment of pension.

5. Section twenty-six of the *Widows' Pensions Act 1942* is amended— Allowances to certain widows.

(a) by omitting the words "*de facto* husband" (first occurring) and inserting in their stead the words " , in the case of a dependent female, at the time of the death of the man in respect of whom she was a dependent female"; and

(b) by omitting the words "*de facto* husband" (second occurring) and inserting in their stead the words " , in the case of a dependent female, of the man in respect of whom she was a dependent female".

6. Section thirty of the *Widows' Pensions Act 1942* is amended by omitting from sub-section (3.) the words "*de facto* husband" and inserting in their stead the words " , where the claimant is a dependent female, within three months after the date of the death of the man in respect of whom she was a dependent female". Provisions as to payment of allowances.

7. Section thirty-five of the *Widows' Pensions Act 1942* is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) all the words from and including the words "which shall apply" and inserting in their stead the words "in accordance with the provisions of this section and the rate so determined shall apply in relation to the instalment of pension or allowance payable in respect of the first four-weekly period commencing after the expiration of the first month of that quarter and to all subsequent instalments until another rate so determined becomes applicable". Variation of pensions and allowances in accordance with price index numbers.